

SOUTHERN REGION FUNDRAISING FOR THE VANUATU MALARIA ELIMINATION PROGRAM

In Vanuatu incidence of Malaria has continued to decline relative to 2018 statistics

There are now cases in areas that haven't had transmission for years which are largely due to:

1. gaps in funding
2. significant human resource issues
3. inadequate management of LLIN distribution
4. malaria medication stockouts

Gains are fragile and action must continue to

1. reduce malaria in endemic provinces
2. prevent the re-establishment of transmission in elimination provinces

Major funding gaps for 2020 threaten to undermine progress. Eg provincial-based staff are not able to conduct essential activities such as case-based surveillance mainly due to a lack of transport and funding.

HOW is Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) supporting the Vanuatu Malaria Program?

An MOU was signed early in March between RAM and Vanuatu's Ministry of Health (MoH) prior to RAM funding core MoH activities (case management, surveillance, program management) to support the collection of baseline information to inform the development for an Application for a Rotary Global Grant to re-establish Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) in malaria foci areas commencing in 2021

Actions being undertaken jointly by RAM, Southern Region RAM and D9910 New Zealand are:

1. A Two-District RAWCS Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund (**RAOAF**) Registered Project has been set up where all contributions to the Vanuatu Project will be deposited.
([RAWCS Project 104-2019-20](#))
2. Along with New Zealand D9910, RAM will later this year apply for a Rotary Global Grant for approximately \$400,000 for implementation over a 3-year time frame.

HOW can you and/or your club support the Vanuatu Malaria Program?

RAM would really be grateful for awareness of this worthwhile Project to be raised and asks Rotarian clubs and individuals to consider contributing to our RAWCS Fundraising Project

