

APLMA'S GEDSI COMMITMENT

The Asia Pacific region is steadily approaching the last mile of malaria elimination. However, epidemiology data shows some communities are disproportionately impacted by malaria, and require tailored approaches to adequately respond to the needs of local communities. With less than a decade left for the 2030 elimination goal, APLMA is committed to play our part using our regional platform to elevate the inequities in malaria response and galvanize necessary resources to support country programmes and inform policy reforms.

Importantly, our inclusive GEDSI approach is not simply about who receives care, but also who leads the response. That marginalised social groups must be empowered is intrinsic to Agenda 2030; the needs of all social groups must be met through removing every obstacle, constraint, and limitation these groups might face and adopting targeted measures and actions.

The APLMA Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) strategy lays out four core components for our approach: build knowledge, develop capacity, target advocacy, and align operations.

- **Build Knowledge:** Improve **access to information** and data on the intersection between GEDSI and malaria to strengthen **evidence-based policy** by decision-makers in targeted geographies.
- **Develop Capacity:** Improve capacity of countries to design and implement policies for malaria elimination that are gender- and disability-sensitive and socially inclusive.
- **Target Advocacy:** Increase salience of GEDSI issues on the agendas of national and sub-national government in Asia Pacific
- **Align Operations:** Create an inclusive workplace **culture** that recognizes and values all backgrounds, voices, roles, and contributions within the APLMA Secretariat and the broader malaria network.

APLMA pledges to be responsive to the malaria needs of the region and global health ecosystem broadly. We will work closely with partners within the malaria network and beyond to deliver on the shared goal of SDG 3: *Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages*. APLMA hopes by delivering on the GEDSI strategy we will contribute to transformative changes for the rights of these marginalised communities and strengthen health systems.