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I. Introduction, Background and Summary of Country MOP

The President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and Malian health authorities developed a plan targeting indoor residual spraying (IRS) operations with funding beginning in FY08. The s ole holder of the IRS Indef inite Qu antity Contract (IQC), RTI International (R TI), is supported by a consortium of four organizations: the Medical Research Council of S outh Africa, Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health, Crown Agents a nd Howard Delaf ield International. This work plan describes project activities taking place between October 2007 and December 2008.

Although current National Malaria Control Program (PNLP) policy encourages IRS in epidemicprone areas, PMI does not support the wide use of IRS in epidemic prone areas. Rather, PMI encourages the use of IRS in an eas of seasonal malaria transmission, where it can dram atically reduce malaria transmission and mortality. PM I will support IRS to cover a population of approximately 431,000 people. The specific areas to be covered include Bla Circle (a Circle is a geographic unit similar to a district) with a population of approximately 259,000 and Koulikoro Circle with approximately 172,000 people.

Using funds allocated to RTI, a baseline en tomological assessment was conducted during the rainy season of 2007 by the Malaria Research and Training Center (MRTC) with technical support from CDC. RTI submitted the assessment report to USAID/Mali in March 2008.

RTI will be responsible for procurement and training while working in close collaboration with PNLP, PMI, the Regional Direction for Health (DRS), and the CSREF.

II. Overview of Strategy for IRS Country Support

The MOH in Mali has very lim ited human resource and technical cap acity to implement IRS. Therefore, in 2008 RTI will take the lead in all IRS activities. RTI's approach is to build capacity by im plementing all activities including training, ground ope rations, IEC, supervision, monitoring, and data collection alongside local counterparts. We will work in close collaboration with the PNLP and the DRS of Koulikoro and S egou, the head doctors of Bla and Koulikoro in the "Centre de Reference" CSREF, and the content of the "Centre Communautaire" CSCOM.

RTI will also work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment in Bamako and their counterparts in the two circles. RTI will procur e m aterials in cluding insecticide, sprayin g equipment, and personal protective clothing and e quipment for spray operators and supervisors. RTI will a lso cover ex penses f or traine rs and spray team s and ren tal of insecticide stor age facilities. T raining and supervision at the regional, district and community le vel will be implemented by RTI in close coordination with the PNLP, PMI, and DRS.

RTI will work in close collabor ation with PM I, PNLP, DRS, and CN IECS "Centre Nation al d'Information, Education, Communication du Mi nistere de la Sante" on IEC to infor m

beneficiaries, raise public awareness, and prom ote behavior change (i ncluding environm ental management and sanitation).

RTI has recomm ended that an IRS Task Force be put in place and chaired by th e Secretary General (SEGAL) of Health. RTI would report to the tas k force weekly or b iweekly on the operations on the ground. At the circle level, RTI will convene informal meetings, chaired by the Prefect, where IRS operations reported at the Task force level will also be reported at the circle level.

III. IRS Activities

Start-up

RTI's Home Office Technical Manager for Mali, Bijou Muhura, will travel to Bamako for office start up activities, including recruiting and hiring staff, meeting with key partners, and setting up standard operating procedures. Per the mission's request and mostly due to the proximity to the U.S. Embassy building, RTI's offices in Bamako are located in ACI 2000.

Our Bam ako office will have the f ollowing full ti me st aff: Chi ef of Part y (COP), Logistician, Finance Manager, Administrative Assistant, Technical Coordinator, and M&E Officer. All other staff, including an IEC Coordinator, a Project A ssistant and an Environmental Specialist, will be hired only on a short term basis. We will also establish and support regional offices in Koulikoro and Segou. These offices will serve the circles of Koulikoro and Bla. The circle of Koulikoro has 17 CSCOM and 251 villages and the circle of Bla has 25 CSCOM a nd 236 villages. Each CSCOM will be a s emi-autonomous operation with varying num bers of IEC m obilizers and spray operators, depending on the num ber of c ommunities and the size of population served. These sites will be supervised by a loca 1 he alth of ficer. Ther e will be 17 IRS activities in Koulikoro circle and 25 IRS activities in Bla c ircle. Sea sonal staff in the circ les will includ e: circle coordinator, circle lo gistician, finance assistant, da ta clerk, warehouse m anager, and warehouse clerks.

As part of the start-up process, RTI will open a corpo rate bank account in Bam ako. We will choose the bank based on location of bank branches close to the IRS target sites so that transaction of funds between villages can be facilitated in a safe manner.

Planning and Assessment

Logistics assessment: RTI's Operations Director, Kim Canelas (based in RTI's Nairobi Regional Office), will conduct a logistics assessment. During the assessment, he will gather key data to develop the budget and the operational strategic plan. The Home Office Technical Manager will accompany Mr. Canelas to the Koulikoro and Bla Circles to meet with regional and circle authorities and to visit a number of villages in each circle. The visit will provide our team with an understanding of the types and number of structures in the circles, the number of people per household, and the estimated size of rooms. This information is needed to plan spray operations. The findings will be used to assess the accuracy of the population targets set forth in the MOP and to determine the

number of IEC mobilizers and sprayers needed. (Note: The logistics assessment was completed between January 21-29, 2008.)

Environmental Assessment and Compliance: The environmental compliance visit will be undertaken by Environmental Specialists Tito Kodiaga and Jeanne Chabrier accompanied by the Home Office Technical Manager. Information for the assessment will be gathered from the MOH, the DNS, the PNLP, the Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Nature (MEPN), the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Institute of Geography (IGN), the Ministry of Health for the Region of Koulikoro (DRS Koulikoro), the National Direction for Decontamination and Pollution and Nuisance Control, the MRTC, the Regional Directions for the Protection of Vegetables of Koulikoro and Bla, World Vision in Bla, and the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILS).

The information gathered will be used to draft the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA). This information will include:

- Pesticide use in the country and regulatory guidelines pertaining to its use, misuse, storage and disposal.
- Background documentation and statistics related to the geography, hydrology, agriculture, environment, demography and health of Mali, and particularly of the *circles* in question.
- Visits to localities where IRS will be conducted to determine the field conditions and to identify possible environmental risks and concerns. During this visit storage facilities will be identified.
- Agricultural use and production of the circles of Koulikoro and Bla, including fishing activities and aquaculture; hydrology mapping; rainfall data; soil type; health statistics; the locations of CSCOMs in Koulikoro and Bla; agricultural export products; socioeconomic demographic statistics by commune; and types of vegetation and ecological zones (such as wetlands and elevation). This information will be analyzed to identify sensitive areas where special attention will be given in the preparation for IRS.

This information will be used to de sign the Pesticide Evaluation Report and Saf er Use Action Plan (PERSUAP) and IEC methods and fine tune them to Koulikoro and Bla.

Meetings will be held with:

- Key representatives of the Regional Directions of the circles of Koulikoro and Bla.
- MRTC and its panel of entomology and parasitology experts to obtain more information the process of pesticide selection.
- PNLP and Dr. Sitan Traore, the main entomologist at the PNLP.
- Ministry of Environment and Mr. Demba Sidibe, part of the Committee of Pesticide Management in Mali, to talk about roles and responsibilities in the safe usage, storage, and disposal of pesticides.

- Permanent secretary to CILS, Dr. Amadou Diarra, to determine the process by which
 pesticides must be registered in country and the regulatory measures to be followed
 regarding pesticide use.
- Ministry of Agriculture.
- Other relevant stakeholders and partners.

Health concerns will be addressed by the implementation of WHO and FAO protocols and the training of IRS operators and sprayers in these protocols. This information will also be disseminated to target populations through IEC.

The team will comply with Mali's national environmental regulations and will submit an Environmental Impact Study (Etude d'Impact sur l'Environnement), if necessary.

(Note: RTI completed the environmental assessment between February 4th - 15th, 2008. The Supplemental Evaluation Assessment (SEA) was submitted on April 22, 2008 to USAID and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was submitted to the Ministry of Environment on May 2, 2008 after it was modified based on comments of the RTI focal point person at the Ministry of Environment. Once comments and feedbacks are received from USAID environmental officer the report will be modified and resubmitted.)

• <u>Pesticide selection</u>: Pesticide selection will be completed by PNLP in collaboration with MRTC. MRTC will be required to conduct an entomological baseline survey.

Spray catch methods:

- Houses will be sprayed in test villag es. Where possible, ten to twenty ho uses will be sprayed per village.
- Mosquitoes will be sorted out by s pecies. The presence of species o ther than the Anopheles gambiae will be noted but only specimens of An. gambiae will be counted and recorded according to the abd omen stage (blood fed, unfed, half gravid and gravid).
- The number of people having spent the previous night in the house will be recorded.

The information collected will allow MRTC to estimate the infection rate, the relative vector densities, the man biting rate, and the entomological inoculation rate.

Once enough mosquitoes have been caught, two insecticides will be tested: Lambdacyhalothrin and Bendiocarb. Blood fed females will be used to conduct insecticide testing by bottle bio-assay (Brogdon,) and insecticide resistance. Based on the results obtained, the PNLP will choose which pesticide will be used for IRS.

(Note: The baseline survey was completed by MRTC between October 2007 and January 2008. In a February 29th 2008 meeting held by PNLP including MRTC, WHO, USAID, and DHPS representatives, it was decided that lambda-cyhalothrin will be the pesticide used for IRS in the circles of Bla and Koulikoro.)

Procurement and Logistics

• <u>Procuring pesticides and related supplies</u>: Below are the quantified items that will be procured for this round. These were determined on the basis of the logistics assessment (see above).

		Total Quantity
#	Name	to be procured
1	Spray pumps	500
2	Spray pump-repair kits	50
3	Spare nozzles	500
4	Spare filters	500
5	Gloves - Latex Nitrile without inside lining. Gloves should be all medium size.	3,000
6	Masks	20,000
7	Overalls (total 1000)	
	XL	50
	L	100
	М	700
	<u> </u>	150
8	Gum Boots (total 550)	
	L	82
	М	385
	<u> </u>	83
9	Helmets/face shields	550
10	Pregnancy test kits	180
11	Reflective jackets - Green (lime)	65
12	Reflective jackets - Red or Orange	30

 Table 1: Pesticides and Related Supplies to be Procured

 <u>Managing pesticides and related supplies</u>: All pesticides and related supplies will be stored in warehouses located close to the spray sites. A schedule will be developed for dispatching supplies by truck according to the proximity of the warehouses to spraying sites. Warehouse staff will maintain entry and exit records. Other facilities will also keep entry records verified by the RTI project Logistician or the District Logistician.

IEC development and Implementation

• <u>IEC material design and production</u>: A TOT manual and trainee manual will be developed by adapting existing IRS IEC materials to the Malian realities. The manual will be developed by the RTI IEC consultant who will work in close collaboration with the PNLP and CNIECS.

Once completed, the manuals will be validated by CNIECS, other stakeholders including PNLP, WHO, USAID, and representatives from the health regions of Segou (representing circle of Bla) and Koulikoro.

RTI will pay for development and production of all IEC materials.

(Note: The TOT manual was validated by all partners on April 15th, 2008 and suggested changes were made. The final document was produced on April 25th, 2008.)

<u>Training of trainers and IEC implementers</u>: The IEC TOT training will be held in the circles of Koulikoro and Bla for two days during the weeks of April 27th and May 1st, 2008. Two representatives from each of the 17 CSCOM in Koulikoro and two from the 25 CSCOM in Bla will be trained. In turn, the trainers will train the "relais" (IEC mobilizers) for 2 days in each circle the week of May 4th, 2008.

There are approximately 727 "relais" IEC mobilizers in the circle of Koulikoro and 1221 in circle of Bla. For the purpose of building the capacity of the "relais" system, the regional and circle Health Officers have requested that we train all 1948 relais and engage their services. Funding permitting, RTI proposes to implement a system of cascade training (training of trainers) that will allow all relais to be involved. If funding limitations do not allow the training of all relais, the trained relais will be organized in teams and will circulate throughout the villages served by of the CSCOM.

The training of "relais" will be conducted by the RTI IEC consultant and done in close collaboration with the PNLP and CNIECS. RTI will utilize existing communication channels and will work with the CSCOM and CSREF to identify IEC mobilizers.

The training of IEC mobilizers will be supervised by the RTI IEC consultant, the IEC coordinator from the PNLP, and representatives from the social mobilization staff of the health regional office.

 <u>IEC campaign implementation</u>: The IEC program will inform the population about the benefits and precautions associated with this malaria control intervention. In Mali, and more specifically in Koulikoro and Bla, RTI will utilize the government system of "relais" to implement the IEC campaign.

The implementation plan for the IEC campaign will be based on the information gathered by the RTI team during operations, logistic s and adm inistrative assessments and discussions held with various stakeholders in Bamako, the Circles of Bla and Koulikoro, and the municipalities to be sprayed.

IEC supervisors and "relais" will establish initial contact and brief village leaders, religious leaders, and other organizations and associations operating in the area. Then they will organize village gatherings and conduct door-to-door visits. They will explain to the population the purposes, benefits and precautions associated with the intervention; answer questions; and deliver simple pamphlets to the households.

- <u>Illustrative media for disseminating IEC messages</u>
 - Community Radio Highest reach based on listenership survey
 - Micro programs will be carried out to support quality of the IRS
 - Print Collaterals Essential for one on one communication
 - Public information campaigns at strategic places
 - Participation cultural media
 - TV (limited use) or video projection High impact but lower reach in some areas
 - Team Branding Immediate re cognition/acceptance by lo cal au thorities, re ligious associations, market place and youth and women's associations
 - Feedback from watch "groups", focus group discussions and meetings

Formal	Non formal	Mass med	Group med	Interpreter media	Traditional & popular media
Gov structures at national and village level. Health and agriculture extension	NGOs. Traditional authorities. Religious groups. Women's and,	Radio TV Folders Posters Banners	Video Meetings	Home visits	Theatre Comedians sketches
networks. Educational system. Development projects.	youth clubs.				

Table 2: IEC Illustrative Media

• <u>Coordination with spraying operations</u>: A geographical reconnaissance map will be created by the RTI Logistics Officer and regional district officers. This map will enable the mobilizers to know exactly where spray operations will be taking place and thus to notify homeowners of spray operations one or two days prior to the actual spraying.

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- <u>Geographic planning, recruitment and orientation for district leadership/administration</u>: Geographic planning will be done in close collaboration with the regional health officers. Recruitment of supervisors, however, will not take place, as RTI will utilize the system already in place in Mali. The "Service d'Hygiene" staff at the CSREF who have already been trained in outdoor spraying will supervise IRS spray operations. The recruitment of spray operators will be done by the head doctor at the "CSREF."
- <u>Environmental mitigation set-up</u>: RTI will work closely with the Regional and Circle
 offices of the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture to provide
 qualified staff to monitor environmental safety and compliance with respect to the
 environmental guidelines maintained by their respective agencies as well as those
 required by RTI. Monitors will be tasked with monitoring the safe handling of
 insecticide, the proper use of protective gear, and the proper construction and marking of

areas designated for washing equipment, disposal of rinse water, etc. This important function is also incorporated into the duties of our RTI Quality Control (QC) Monitors.

To mitigate adverse impacts, RTI will

- Anticipate adverse im pacts on hum an health and live stock to b etter avo id, minimize, m itigate, c ompensate and correc t bef ore cumulative ef fects are experienced;
- Provide WHO-standard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to all spray teams for IRS activities;
- Train all spray teams and drivers on good spraying techniques and how to respond in cases of emergency;
- Create awareness and sensitize targeted populations to the "do's and don'ts" before and after spraying to reduce exposure incidents;
- Procure pregnancy tests for all fem ale spray candidates. These will be given to the "chef de poste" at the CSCOM level who will perform the testing and do general physical testing for all spray teams.

RTI will conduct training for all surrounding health care facility personnel on emergency response to acute pesticide poisoning and al l surrounding health facilities will be equipped with the recommended antidotes for pesticide poisoning. RTI will also locate storage facilities in environmentally sound sites and ensure that they are secured to avoid incidences of pilferage. The team will ensure the sound disp osal of after-spray pesticide residue and that all empty pesticide sachets and un-used pesticides are locked securely until an appropriate disposal mechanism has been identified, such as shipping the sachets back to the manufacturer.

Note: Significant adverse impact could occur in the fishing village of N'Togosso, located in the circle of Bla, wh ere houses are located v ery close to the river and the river has a dam erected across it. Accidental spills when crossing the bridge or unintentional or deliberate exposure to spraying could contaminate the watter and harm fish, aquatic invertebrates, and the livelihoods of the village fisherm en. For this reason, the SEA recommends that N'Togosso be excluded from the IRS program and instead host an alternative intervention including but not limited to the use of ITNs. The potential risk for contamination is too high to mitigate effectively.

Compliance with the measures described in the PERSUAP will be monitored on a regular basis by P NLP and DNACPN Mali. RTI International will also conduct an internal compliance inspection and submit a compliance report to major program stakeholders. Finally, USAID health and environ ment staff will be invited to visit the program site periodically to determine the progress of the IRS campaign and to assess compliance with the SEA. Compliance with measures described in the E IA "Environmental Impact Assessment" will a lso be monitored on a regular basis by the Malian Environmental Ministry and relevant Koulikoro and Bla officials.

- Recruitment and training for spray teams: RTI will recruit spray operators or use the system of "relais" already in place. Spray operators will be selected at the CSCOM level and organized in teams. The number of operators and teams will vary based on the number of villages, population, and households to be sprayed within the time frame of the operation in this case, 40 actual work days. Training of spray operators will be conducted in a similar fashion to the IEC mobilizers. As with the IEC TOT program, personnel from the Region, CSREF and all CSCOMs will be trained at the CSREF for three days. Training of operators at CSCOM level will also be conducted in three days.
- Logistics support for spray operations: A major effort will be required to spray 72,000 homes, protect 450,000 people, and provide logistics support to 1,850 mobilizers and 413 spray personnel over a 40 day spraying period while working in a challenging environment. To facilitate this operation, RTI will locate office and warehouse space in the circles of Koulikoro and Bla and work with CSCOMs to identify facilities to store insecticide and spray equipment. If facilities are not provided by local authority, RTI will rent space and an adequate base of operations for spray teams in the CSCOM areas for the period of the spray round.

RTI will identify a source of adequate numbers of vehicles to transport spray teams. Team vehicles will be based at the CSCOM level for the purpose of transporting spray teams to the various villages within the radius of the CSCOM. We will also make provisions to transport supervisors and CSREF personnel involved in the duties of program monitoring.

Initial commodities will be delivered by Crown Agents to Bamako and released to RTI national staff. RTI's COP and Logistics Officer will make arrangements for an inventory and the delivery of the items to each circle. Circle/regional personnel will inventory and distribute the equipment and supplies to the various CSCOMs for use in the field.

All materials and equipment will be subject to strict control procedures with particular emphasis on the chain-of-custody of insecticide. RTI's process for insecticide control will be implemented in Mali. A standard operating procedure (SOP) on Security and Chain-of Custody for IRS Insecticide will be included in the operations plan.

 <u>Post-spraying operations</u>: Post spray operations will be conducted in collaboration with the PNLP and the Ministry of Environment. The data collected during spray operations will be presented to the IRS Task team and all relevant partners. RTI will then submit a report to USAID.

All equipment stored in the CSCOMs will be collected and stored in the warehouses of Koulikoro and Bla circle. All PPE will be cleaned, fixed and stored for use in the following round. Remaining pesticide will be stored based on the instructions from the USAID team in Mali, PNLP and the Ministry of Environment. Immediately after the end of each spray round, RTI staff will begin to work in collaboration with PNLP and MRTC to prepare for the next spray round. Preparations for a spray round and IRS planning activities should start at least 6 months before the next round.

Other Activities

- <u>Environmental compliance</u>: Environmental compliance will be monitored by the RTI environmental inspector from the Nairobi regional office and the RTI Environmental consultant based in Mali, working in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment.
- <u>Entomological monitoring</u>: Entomological monitoring will be carried out by PNLP and MRTC. RTI will not play an active role in the monitoring but will work with MRTC and PNLP in developing the data collection form.
- Capacity building in M&E: Each district will have a combination of monitoring personnel including Field Monitors from the CSREF and PNLP and as necessary, additional QC monitors provided by RTI to augment this vital component. This activity will be managed by the RTI's M&E officer. These individuals will be tasked with monitoring the quality of the IEC campaign, the quality of the spraying performed by the operators, and the proper use protective gear. They will provide on-the-spot corrections and/or dismiss personnel when necessary. In addition, they will perform unannounced roll calls to ensure everyone is present and audit spray cards against homes recorded. They will also interact with the population served and determine the level of service satisfaction in areas of IEC and spraying.
- Sustainability Plan: RTI Mali will work with the PMI in-country team, the PNLP and other key stakeholders to develop a capacity building and IRS sustainability plan that outlines how responsibilities for IRS activities will be transferred from RTI to the NMCP (and other partners) over the next 2-3 years.

IV. Management Plan

Staffing & In-country Structure, Roles and Responsibilities

The following chart dep icts the staffing structure in Bamako office and the seasonal staff in the circles. RTI staff will work in close collaboration with the MOH at the national and circle levels. Arrows in the chart represent the close c oordination betw een RTI and the MOH and MOE (Ministry Of Environment) at the national and circle levels.

Table 3: Organizational Chart

RTI		МОН	Ministry of Environment
National Office - Bamako			
Chief of Party (COP)		PNLP Director	
Office manager	RTI staff will work in close	PNLP Entomologist (RTI's fo	ocal point person)
Finance Manager	collaboration with the PNLP	PNLP IEC specialist	
Logistician			
M&E Officer			
IEC Coordinator		PNLP Community Officer, So Staff	ocial Development
Technical Coordinator			based at CSREF
			Region and Circle Environmental
Environmental Officer	F		Officer
Circle/Region Office (Each Circle will have the following seasonal staff)			
IRS Circle Coordinator		Regional Medecin Chef	
Circle finance clerk		District Medecin Chef	
Circle logistician		District Staff	
Transportation coordinator	-		
Maintenance experts (3)		CSREF/CSCOM Community officer	
Warehouse manager			
Warehouse assistants (3)			
Data entry clerk (2)			
Warehouse clerk (2)			

 Table 4: Total Spray Personnel

Location - District	Distance from District HQ	Number of locations	Estimated population	Estimated House- holds	Estimated rooms	No of IRS Operators (36 days)	No. of Team leaders	No. of Supervisors	Monitors	Total Spray personnel
KOULIKORO	NA	17	182,407	28,953	86,860	134	24	8	2	168
BLA	NA	25	269,121	42,718	128,153	198	33	11	3	245
Total		42	451,528	71,671	215,013	332	57	19	6	413

Strategic Technical Assistance and TDY plan

- Home Office Technical Manager Bijou Muhura undertook 4 trips to include office set up, facilitation of the logistics and environmental assessments, orientation for new staff, relationship building with stakeholders and partners, facilitation for during spray operations, management activities, and participation in the end of spray round.
- Operations Manager Kim Canelas undertook one trip from RTI's Nairobi regional office to work on the logistics assessment.
- Operations Director Suzanne Hoza will undertake one trip from RTI's Nairobi regional office to work to participate in the planning for the next spray round.
- Environmental Specialists Jeanne Chabrier and Tito Kodiaga undertook one trip to work on the environmental assessment.
- Crown Agents Specialist Ronald Hooper undertook one trip to research customs rules and facilitates the transportation of the pesticide to a final warehouse when it arrives in country.
- Nairobi Controller Sam Mesfin undertook one trip to train the first hired Finance manager. He will undertake one extra trip to train the new Mali Finance Manager on rules and regulations.
- Technical Director John Chimumbwa undertook one trip from Nairobi to do the TOT. He will undertake an additional trip to participate in the end of spray round activities.
- Environmental Inspector Gaspard Bikwemu undertook two trips from RTI's Nairobi regional office to conduct the pre environmental inspection; he will undertake one additional trip to do the post environmental inspection.

The following table represents RTI's plan for providing technical assistance:

Table 5: Strategic Technical Assistance and TDY Plan

Name, title and source of			No. of
traveler	Origin	Tasks undertaken/activities supported	trips
Bijou Muhura, Home Office Technical Manager, RTI employee	USA	Office set up, facilitated the logistics and environmental assessments, orientated new staff, consultation and relationship building with stakeholders and partners, facilitated spray operations start up activities, management activities	4
Kim Canelas, Operations Director, RTI employee	Nairobi I	o gistics assessment	1
Jeanne Chabrier and Tito Kodiaga, Environmental Specialists, RTI employees	USA	Environmental assessment (Note: Chabrier and Kodiaga traveled concurrently)	1 each
Ronald Hooper, procurement Specialist, Crown Agents (RTI IRS subcontractor)	UK	Researched customs rules and facilitated the transportation of pesticide to final warehouses (Note: This trip is embedded in the subcontract line item under crown agents)	1
Sam Mesfin, IRS Controller, RTI employee	Nairobi	Trained the IRS/Mali Finance Manager on rules and regulations	1
John Chimumbwa, Technical Director, RTI employee	Nairobi	Conducted the Training of Trainers (TOT)	1
Gaspard Bikwemu, Environmental Inspector, RTI employee	Nairobi	Conducted the pre- environmental inspection activities	2

STTA trips already completed

STTA trips to be conducted

Name, title and source of traveler	Origin	Tasks to be undertaken/activities to be supported	No. of trips
Sam Mesfin, IRS Controller, RTI employee	Nairobi	Train the newly hired IRS/Mali Finance Manager who started in September 2008 on rules and regulations	1
Suzanne Hoza, Operations Director, RTI employee	Nairobi	Participate in planning for the next spray round	1
John Chimumbwa, Technical Director, RTI employee	Nairobi	Participate in the end of spray round activities; provide technical guidance on forward program operations	1
Gaspard Bikwemu, Environmental Inspector, RTI employee	Nairobi	Conduct the post-spray round environmental inspection.	1

V. Monitoring and Evaluation

Indicators

PMI indicators:

A. Core indicators

- Percentage of sprayable structures found in the target area that were sprayed.
- Number of residents of sprayed structures
- Number of people trained to deliver IRS
- B. Additional indicators
 - Supervisory Ratio describing the number of team leaders and spray operators reporting to each supervisor
 - Number of insecticide sachets in stock
 - Percentage of empty sachets returned
 - Percentage of empty sachets disposed
 - Proportion of health facilities at which health workers who have been trained to treat cases of pesticide poisoning and exposure
 - Percentage of female spray operators tested for pregnancy during spray operations

Additional IRS/Mali indicators:

- Number of pregnant women sleeping under LLN the previous night
- Number of children under 5 years old sleeping under LLN the previous night
- Number of people who receiving training in malaria prevention (by gender)
- Number of national and local health officials who participated in leadership roles for IRS
 planning or implementation during the last reporting period

Information Collection Plan

Records and forms created by RTI as tools to ga ther information on the IRS project will be used for data collection. These forms are already used in all PMI countries by IRS and will be adopted in collaboration with the PNLP to the realities of the Malian health system. Gathered information will be compiled by the data clerks and sent to the M&E officer.

Reporting Plan

During the spraying season only, reports will b e sent every two days to the Mission, the IRS Task force team and other relevant partners, sh owing the num ber of houses that were sprayed and the villages sprayed.

During the spray season the COP and/or Technical Coordinator will have frequent meetings with the Mission and the PNLP director to keep them informed of operations on the ground.

During non-spray seasons, the COP will meet regularly with the Mission, the PNLP director, the task force team and other relevant partners as needed to keep them informed about post sp ray operations and preparations for the new spray round.

The Chief of Party will m eet regularly with the USAID/DC team to keep them informed on operations in the country.

RTI will send USAI D weekly country updates incl uding issues or drawbacks the project is facing.

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Attachment % Mali Implementation Plan and Timeline

For period from January 2008 to December 2008

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Component	Activity	Responsible	J	F	\mathbf{M}	A	\mathbf{M}	J	J	A	S	0	Ν	D	
Project Start-up/ Mobilization	Meet with key partners.	Bijou Muhura (Home Office Technical Manager), John Chimumbwa (Tech Director), USAID													Country work plan approved by USAID. MOU/aide memoire signed.
	Deploy key personnel - COP, Logistician, Finance Manager, Administrative Assistant, Technical Coordinator, and M&E Officer.	Bijou													
	Establish main office in Bamako. Establish satellite offices in Koulikoro and	Bijou Bijou, Moussa Traore													
	Segou. Open corporate bank account.	(logistician) Bijou													
Planning and	Visit authorities in Koulikoro and Bla Circles.	Bijou, PNLP													Logistics & baseline
Assessment	Conduct logistics assessment.	Kim Canelas, Bijou, PNLP													entomology assessments completed.
	Conduct environmental assessment.	Jeanne Chabrier, Tito Kodiaga, Bijou, PNLP													SEA approved. Pesticide selected.
	Visit IRS localities to gather information on the field conditions.	Bijou, Moussa, Mamadou Djire (M&E), Sekou Traore (Tech Coordinator), PNLP													
	Meet with stakeholders, including MRTC, PNLP, MOE, CINIECS, DNS, CILS, and other stakeholders	Bijou													
	Submit Supplemental Environmental Assessment.	Jeanne													
	Submit Environmental Impact Study.	Bijou													
	Conduct baseline survey and test pesticides.	MRTC													
	Select pesticide.	MRTC, PNLP, WHO, DNS													
Procurement and	Develop technical specifications.	Crown Agents, RTI													Technical specifications
Logistics	Release tender notice for procurements.	Crown Agents													released.
	Review and select vendors.	Crown Agents													Vendors selected.
	Receive and inventory insecticide, PPE, and equipment.	Crown Agents													Insecticide, PPE and equipment delivered
	Transport equipment and materials to storage facilities and conduct inventory.	Crown Agents													

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	Maintain records of entry and exit in storage facilities.	RTI	Ū	-							2				
IEC Development & Implementation	Submit training of trainers' manual to CNIECS for approval.	RTI													Needs assessment completed.
	Recruit IEC implementers.														IEC materials produced.
	Conduct training of IEC implementers.	RTI IEC consultant, PNLP IEC coordinator, CNIECs													Training completed. Campaign launched.
	Establish contact and brief village leaders.	Bijou, PNLP													
	Conduct village gatherings and door-to-door visits.	IEC implementers													
	Disseminate IEC messages through media.	RTI IEC consultant													
	Develop geographical reconnaissance map to inform IEC activities during spraying.	Moussa (logistician), Regional health office, CSCOM, CSREF													
Spraying Operations	Conduct geographic planning.	RTI and Regional health office													District staff recruited and trained. Medical check-ups completed. Training completed. Spraying launched.
	Mobilize Service d'Hygiene staff from the CSREF to train spray operators.	RTI, PNLP, CSREF, Regional district													
	Train health personnel and equip health centers to respond to pesticide poisoning.	RTI, CSREF													
	Locate and secure storage facilities in each CSCOM and in Region of Segou and Koulikoro	Moussa													Spraying completed. Equipment and supplies
	Rent vehicles for transportation of spray teams.	Moussa													recaptured.
	Recruit spray operations	CSREF, CSCOM, Regional health office													
	Train spray operators.	RTI, PNLP, Regional health office, CSREF, Trained Service d'hygiene, MOE													
	Conduct spraying & Supervise spraying	Trained sprayers, RTI, MOE, PNLP, Supervisors													
	Visit program site periodically to determine the progress of the IRS campaign.	USAID													
	Collect, clean, and store equipment and remaining pesticide for next round of spraying.	RTI, MOE, PNLP, Regional health Office													
Monitoring & Evaluation	Conduct monitoring at each level of IEC campaign and spray operations.	RTI IEC consultant, PNLP, Trained supervisors, CSCOM, CSREF, MOE, Trained												M	E reports submitted to USAID. Post-round evaluation completed.

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		Service d'hygiene													
	Conduct an internal compliance inspection and submit report to stakeholders.	Gaspard Bikwemu (RTI inspector													
	Conduct monitoring of number of people trained on the IRS project	Mamadou Djire (M&E), PNLP													
	Conduct monitoring of number of insecticide sachets used per household sprayed	Mamadou, RTI spray supervisors, RTI warehouse manager													
	Prepare end of spray report, submit to USAID and present it to IRS Task force	Bijou & COP													
Other Activities:	Send weekly report of activities	Bijou, COP													Monthly technical reports
Reporting	Weekly meeting with the mission to report on IRS operations	COP, Sekou Traore (technical coordinator)													submitted. Quarterly financial reports
	Regular reporting during spray operations	Bijou, COP													submitted.
															End-of-round report(s) submitted.
Other Activities:	Collaborate with MRTC on the larviciding and IRS project in Koulikoro and Bankumana	RTI, MRTC, PNLP													
	End of spray activities – store all equipment and have everything accounted for, do end of spray evaluations	RTI													
	Start preparing at least 6 months in advance for next spray round	RTI, PNLP													

Attachment 2: Mali Countdown Calendar

For period from October 2007 to December 2008

-		Date to be	Status (e.g.,	
Component	Key Milestone	Completed	date achieved)	Antecedent to:
Project Start-up/	Country work plan approved by USAID.	May 2008		Producing MOU and/or aid memoires
Mobilization	MOU/aide memoire signed with government and/or key partner.	June 2008		Initiating planning activities with government and/or key partners
Planning and Assessment	Logistics assessment completed.		Completed on January 29 th , 2008	Planning scope and scale of operations and procurement to be required
	Baseline entomology assessment completed.		Completed December 2007	Pesticide selection
	Agreement reached with USAID and government on pesticide selection.		Letter sent to RTI to inform about the selected pesticide on April 8 th , 2008	Permission for spray operations
	Supplemental Environmental Assessment completed.		Completed April 22, 2008	Finalization of EA and approval
	SEA approved by USAID		Waiting for Approval	Permission for spray operations
	EIA approved by national environmental agency, if required	Waiting	for Approval	Procurement
Procurement & Logistics	Technical specifications for tenders approved and released.		March 2008	Ordering supplies for spraying
8	Vendor selection and procurement process completed.		April 2008	Delivery of supplies for spraying
	Compression sprayers delivered		June 2008	Spray operator training
	Insecticide and PPE delivered	Tax exemption process to be done by mission in order to bring PPE and Waiver needed from MOA to bring pesticide in	June 2008	Initiation of spray operations

		country		
IEC Development &	IEC needs assessment completed.		Completed on March 3rd, 2008	IEC material design
Implementation	IEC material designs and implementation plan approved.	Со	mpleted on March 17 th , 2008	Production of materials
	IEC materials produced and delivered to project.	Printing of Materials to be completed in May 2008	IEC TOT manual validated and approved by all partners on April 15 th , 2008.	Training of IEC implementers
	Training of IEC implementers completed.		Scheduled for week of May 4 th , 2008	Implementation of IEC campaign
	IEC campaign launched.	May 2008	IEC launched in Bamako on April 26 th , 2008	Spraying operations
Spraying Operations	Geographic reconnaissance completed	June 2008		Team assignments and logistics arrangements
	District staff recruited, oriented and trained.	June 2008		Completion of operational logistics and EM set up
	Operational logistics and environmental mitigation set up at operational sites.	June 2008		Spraying operations
	Medical check-ups (including pregnancy tests) for sprayers, supervisors, warehouse staff, cleaners, etc. completed.	June 2008		Permission to spray
	Training of spray operators completed.	July 2008		Spraying operations
	Spray operations launched. Spraying operations completed.	July 2008 July-Sept 2008		Recapture and proper management of equipment and supplies
	Equipment and supplies recaptured and securely disposed or stored.	July-Sept 2008	Env	ironmental compliance
	Post-spraying evaluation conducted.	June – Sept 2008	Fi	nal report production
	End of spray report produced and submitted to USAID.	Oct 2008		
Other Operations	Initiate activities for next spray round (this needs to be initiated at least 6 months prior)	Nov - Dec 2008		