

The following measures are to be ensured for effective implementation of the Malaria Elimination Programme in the states/ UTs:

1. A dedicated State Programme Officer (SPO) with minimum three years of services left should be appointed.
2. A dedicated District VBD Officer is required in each district for effective implementation of the program for the vector borne diseases on the road to elimination viz. Malaria, Filariasis and Kala azar.
3. Create adequate posts of Multi Purpose Health Workers (MPWs) - male and fill them so as to ensure that every Sub-centre is manned by one MPW-male. In case male MPW is not available, one out of 2 ANMs sanctioned by NHM may be assigned work related to Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) including malaria surveillance, till the MPW male post is created or filled up.
4. All the sanctioned posts need to be filled on priority basis.
5. Emphasis on capacity building on the newly recruited staff as well as re orientation training to the already in position staff. Training needs assessment is a crucial activity which should be carried out in timely manner.
6. A total of 78 entomological zones have been created in the country under State VBD programme, however, only 37 of them are fully functional as yet. Entomological data is crucial for deciding and implementing appropriate vector control measures and thus emphasis should be given on making these entomological zones fully functional.
7. Establishing one laboratory at each PHC, equipped with binocular microscope and a trained Lab Technician.
8. Regular logistics and supply chain management.
9. Enumerate the total number and types of private health care providers, NGOs, Civil Society Partners and other stakeholders.
10. Inter-sectoral coordination with other departments i.e. AYUSH, agriculture, irrigation, finance, education, DCGI, urban and rural development and Ministry of Tribal Affairs their involvement in program implementation activities .
11. Ownership of the Programme by the District Collector is of utmost importance and to give priority to the same for resource allocation and regular monitoring of elimination activities.
12. Convergence with other sectors through District Collectors and Commissioners of Municipal Corporation.
13. Ensuring timely funds flow and its management at state / district and sub district level.
14. Developing a strong and robust management information system.