

## **Malaria No More inks MoU with Odisha Govt to accelerate malaria elimination efforts**

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### **To achieve the national goal of malaria elimination by 2030**

Malaria No More (MNM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha to eliminate malaria from the state. The tripartite partnership also included Prayatna, a grassroots organisation that is the implementing and fiduciary partner of the MNM India programme of Malaria No More.

MNM has been supporting the Government of Odisha since 2018 to strengthen the state's malaria control and elimination programme, offering technical, strategic, implementation, advocacy, and innovation support. This new MoU marks the strength of the existing partnership between MNM and Government of Odisha, with an extended partnership period of 5 years.

Over the next 5 years, MNM seeks to build on and enhance the previous MoU by expanding operational geography to cover additional parts of Koraput and Malkangiri – two of the most malaria endemic districts of the country.

The extended partnership will also focus on integration of newer tools and innovative technology, including advanced data reporting, management, and analysis tools; strengthening of inter-sectoral and inter-departmental coordination for a concerted and collaborative effort; and improving entomological capacity of the state.

Additionally, the MoU will aim to include and integrate the malaria burden diagnosed and treated in the private health sector (both formal and informal) with the official reported burden. The private sector tends to address a significant proportion of malaria cases; thus this exercise will help ascertain the true burden of malaria in the state.