

Vector-control (VC) tools are pivotal to the control and elimination of vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue. These products have shown some of the highest returns on investment in public health. However, countries with a high burden of vector-borne diseases still face significant policy and regulatory barriers to accessing vector control products that will effectively stop transmission.

In response to these policy challenges, APLMA and Unitaid jointly established the Vector Control Platform for Asia Pacific (VCAP). VCAP was launched in July 2018 at the Malaria World Congress in Melbourne, Australia.

About VCAP

The overarching goal of VCAP is to support malaria elimination by 2030 in the Asia Pacific by accelerating the introduction and adoption of innovative VC tools. Specifically, VCAP aims to

- Increase timeliness of decision-making by policy makers on introduction of new VC tools
- Identify opportunities to streamline regulatory pathways for VC tools
- Increase focus of manufacturer product introduction strategies on Asia Pacific countries

About the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA)

APLMA is an affiliation of Asian and Pacific heads of government formed to accelerate progress against malaria and to eliminate it in the Asia Pacific region by 2030.

About Unitaid

Unitaid is an international organization that invests in innovative ways to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases including HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, tuberculosis and malaria more quickly, affordably and effectively.

VCAP works in close collaboration with the Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN) – to support efforts to promote south-south collaboration, regional capacity development, and operational research in endemic countries.



The VCAP platform aims to improve health security in the Asia Pacific region by facilitating access to better tools to reduce transmission of vector borne diseases



How VCAP Works



- Designs and implements advocacy priorities, to support the accelerated regulatory approval of VC products in specific Asia Pacific countries
- Brings together senior officials, regulators and disease programs to discuss regulatory pathways and share best practices
- Identifies opportunities for vector control regulators to streamline and strengthen regulatory processes
- Shares information with different stakeholders to address current information gaps
- Translates available data and research findings on VC tools into key messages for policy makers
- Creates awareness among policy makers on the need for sustained vector control interventions, including in times of crisis or emergencies.



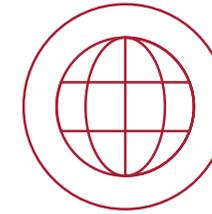
What VCAP Does

With a focus on facilitating dialogues between vector control stakeholders, VCAP convenes virtual and face to face gatherings of the network to promote increased convergence and communication between regulators and work sharing across countries to facilitate the introduction of VC tools.



VCAP facilitates targeted consultations with senior policy makers to highlight the importance of expedited regulatory approval and subsequent introduction and use by disease programs for some of the priority VC products in the region.

It encourages inter-ministerial participation and collaboration on vector control and pesticides management, from health to agriculture and environment.



VCAP online



VCAP's website provides a snapshot of information, relevant to the region, on vector control. It hosts an online discussion forum to facilitate discussions between national vector control stakeholders. It also shares high level information regarding currently available vector control products registered in the region and country specific case studies on regulatory best practices in the region.

VCAP is organizing a webinar series on topics related to innovative vector control tools to tackle region specific challenges such as insecticide resistance and outdoor biting and pathways to introduce them in countries.

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