



# MALARIA COURSE IN TANZANIA

A four-week postgraduate course on malaria prevention, control & elimination

Bagamoyo, Tanzania: 20 April to 15 May 2020

## Course aim

To strengthen competences of actors involved in the fight against malaria in affected countries.

## Course objectives

- Building capacity by reinforcing knowledge and expertise of persons involved in the care of patients, in control programmes or in research activities in the field of malaria.
- To improve skills in time management, presenting, writing research proposals.
- At the end of the course, the participants should be able to manage malaria issues more effectively and to develop basic training courses and material in their home institutions.

## Course organisation

The course is co-organised by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland (Swiss TPH) and the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI), Bagamoyo Branch, Tanzania, with support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and other donors. The course will take place in Bagamoyo, Tanzania.

## Course structure

Participants will strengthen their capacity to learn by themselves using new communication technologies. They will engage in active learning-teaching exercises, group discussions and informal exchange with peers. They will be supported by national and international expert facilitators. The course is organized in four

weekly modules and will rely on specialized facilitators that will rotate every week to assist participants.

## Course programme

1<sup>st</sup> week: 20 – 24 April

Location: Bagamoyo

Topics: informatics & internet search, literature search, presentation skills, time management, vectors, modelling, insectary visit

2<sup>nd</sup> week: 27 April – 1 May

Location: Bagamoyo

Topics: parasites, diagnostics, immunology, vaccines, *P. vivax*, global networks, laboratory & clinical trials tour

3<sup>rd</sup> week: 4 – 8 May

Location: Bagamoyo

Topic: clinical features, pharmacovigilance, non-malaria fevers, diagnosis, treatment, pregnancy, hospital visit

4<sup>th</sup> week: 11 – 15 May

Location: Zanzibar

Topic: surveillance, health economics, elimination, social and behavioural change communication

## Language

The course will be taught in English.

## The facilitators

International and national experts from affected and

non-affected countries selected for their area of expertise, teaching skills and willingness to be deeply involved in the learning process.

### The participants

This course is designed for individuals involved in malaria research or malaria control and elimination (health personnel, scientists and researchers, public health specialists and malaria control administrators). 16 participants from malaria-affected countries will be selected according to their profile, professional status, letter of motivation and recommendations. The minimum requirement is a BSc or Master degree, several years of professional experience and basic computer skills.

### Costs of the course

Registration fees are USD 500 per participant. Course fees as well as travel, accommodation and food expenses will be sponsored by the organizers. Health insurance is at the expense of the participants. No per diem will be distributed.

### Staff involved

Coordinator: Dr Konstantina Boutsika (Swiss TPH)  
Coordinator: Prof. Blaise Genton (Swiss TPH)  
Administration: Ms Adriana Rügger (Swiss TPH)  
On-site logistics: Dr Kafuruki Shubis (IHI)

### Selection Committee

A Selection Committee composed of members of Swiss TPH and IHI will evaluate the applications.

### Application procedure

The application package shall include:

- Completed application form, available on [www.swisstph.ch/en/courses/mctz2020](http://www.swisstph.ch/en/courses/mctz2020)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of motivation, maximum 1 page
- Letter of agreement from applicant's employer confirming the importance of the training for the applicant and the home institution, and stating the availability of the candidate to attend the full 4-week course.

The application package should be sent by email latest by **5 March 2020** to the following email address: [konstantina.boutsika@swisstph.ch](mailto:konstantina.boutsika@swisstph.ch)

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*"This course provided new ideas and challenged my old way of thinking."*  
Alumna 2019