



OPT-SMC Newsletter September 2020

OPT-SMC Committee Update



The Optimizing Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (OPT-SMC) project was launched in April 2020. The project will implement research in 13 countries to optimise the delivery and effectiveness of SMC. Further details of the announcement can be found [here](#).



The SMC Working Group held a lessons-learned meeting in February 2020 to consolidate the lessons learnt on SMC implementation for the 2019 season.



Videos on implementing SMC during the COVID pandemic have been developed by the team for use by NMCPs in implementing countries. The videos are in English, French, Portuguese and Hausa can be viewed [here](#).

OPT-SMC Countries' Update



Five countries have submitted their Letters of Intent. These include Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Niger, and Mali. Letters of intent are for conducting research projects that will inform NMCPs on how to improve SMC efficiency. For more details on submitting a Letter of Intent please contact Jean-Louis Ndiaye at jindiaye@univ-thies.sn.

Events



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WEBINAR SEASONAL MALARIA CHEMOPREVENTION

NEW LEARNINGS FROM NIGER, NIGERIA, AND BENIN

Tuesday | September 29, 2020
8:00 am EST



A webinar on *Getting the most from Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention this year: New Learnings from Niger, Nigeria, and Benin* will be held on the 29th of September 2020 at 8AM EST. Click [here](#) to join the webinar.



A webinar on **SMC Extension** will be organized on the 15th of October. Further details on how to join the webinar will be shared nearer to the event date. For more details, please contact André-Marie Tchouatieu at tchouatieua@mmv.org.

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