Title: Factors influencing the implementation of the malaria elimination policy in South Africa

Category of Questions	Key Informant Category			
	Researchers	Malaria Personnel	Policy Makers	
Interviewee details	 Age in last birthday Sex Nationality Employing organisation Country of work/ employment Current job designation/ title Highest qualification Years of experience in current job 	 Age in last birthday Sex Home province (nationality if not South African) Work province Current job designation/ title Highest qualification Years of experience in current job 	 Age in last birthday Sex Current job designation/ title Highest qualification Years of experience in current job 	
Knowledge, attitudes and perceptions concerning malaria elimination	 9. From research point of view, to what extent is malaria elimination agenda a priority for you? Elaborate 10. Are you concerned about the level of malaria prevalence in South Africa? Why/ why not? 11. In your opinion, do you think 	 8. To what extent is malaria elimination agenda a priority to you? Elaborate 9. Are you concerned about the level of malaria prevalence in your operational setting? Why/ why not? (a) How is it being controlled 	 6. To what extent is malaria elimination agenda a priority to you? Elaborate 7. Are you concerned about the level of malaria prevalence in South Africa? Why/why not? (a) How is it being controlled (b) Are cases increasing, decreasing or 	
	 11. In your opinion, do you think it is feasible to achieve malaria elimination in South Africa by 2018? Elaborate 12. Who do you think should be involved in implementing malaria elimination policy (at 	(b) Are cases increasing, decreasing or staying the same?(c) Is malaria still a problem?	(b) File cases increasing, decreasing of staying the same?(c) Is malaria still a problem?(d) Since the adoption of malaria elimination policy, what has been achieved?	

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	individual/ group/ or organizational level)? 13. How familiar are you with the South African malaria elimination policy? Elaborate 14. Do you know what process was followed in developing this policy? Elaborate	 (d) Since the adoption of malaria elimination policy, what has been achieved? 10. Do you think it is feasible to achieve malaria elimination in South Africa by 2018? Elaborate 11. Who do you think should be involved in implementing malaria elimination policy (at individual/ group/ or organizational level)? 12. How familiar are you with the South African malaria elimination policy? Elaborate 13. Do you know what process was followed in developing this policy? Elaborate 	 8. Who should be involved in implementing malaria elimination policy in South Africa? Elaborate 9. What will it take to achieve elimination by 2018? 10. Who did the process of developing the malaria elimination policy involve and why?
Distinguishing features	15. Please share key similarities between malaria control	14. Please share key similarities between malaria control strategy	11. What are the key distinguishing features between South Africa's malaria control
between malaria	strategy and malaria	and malaria elimination (if any)	policy of 2007 and the current malaria
control and elimination	elimination (if any) 16. Please share key differences between malaria control strategy and elimination (if any)	15. Please share key differences between malaria control strategy and elimination (if any)	elimination policy?
Barriers and	17. Have you observed or	16. Have you experienced any barriers	12. To date, have you experienced or observed
facilitating factors to	experienced any barriers to implementing malaria	to implementing malaria elimination policy? Elaborate	any barriers to implementing malaria elimination policy? Elaborate
implementing malaria	elimination policy? Elaborate 18. Do you forsee any opportunities to enhance the	17. Do you forsee any opportunities to enhance the current malaria elimination policy? Elaborate	13. Do you forsee any opportunities to enhance the current malaria elimination policy? Elaborate
elimination policy	current malaria elimination policy? Elaborate	18. How feasible it is to implement malaria elimination policy?	14. If you were to share with another country targeting elimination the key lessons you
	19. How feasible do you think it is to implement malaria elimination policy? Elaborate	Elaborate	have learned so far with regards to

	 20. How might malaria elimination policy affect your organization and your work? 21. How easy or difficult do you think it is to manage and enforce this policy? 22. What barriers might be faced in implementing malaria elimination policy or strategy? How could these barriers be overcome? 	 19. How does malaria elimination policy affect your Department and your work? Elaborate 20. How easy or difficult it is to implement this policy? 21. What are the barriers to implementing this policy or strategy? How could these barriers be overcome? 	implementing malaria elimination policy, what would they be?
General questions	 23. If you were to be entrusted with the overall strategic responsibility to ensure that malaria elimination is achieved in South Africa: a. Is there anything new you would introduce? Elaborate. b. Is there anything you would withdraw/ cancel? Elaborate. c. Is there anything you would retain as is or improve on? Elaborate. 24. Is there anything else you want to share pertaining to the implementation of malaria elimination policy in South Africa? 	 22. If you were to be entrusted with the overall strategic responsibility to ensure that malaria elimination is achieved in South Africa: a. Is there anything new you would introduce? Elaborate b. Is there anything you would withdraw/ cancel? Elaborate c. Is there anything you would retain as is or improve on? elaborate 23. Is there anything else you want to share pertaining to the implementation of malaria elimination policy in South Africa? 	15. Is there anything else you want to share pertaining to the implementation of malaria elimination policy in South Africa?

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