

Press release

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# Nigeria: Procurement of mosquito nets for the National Malaria Elimination Programme

Clarification regarding the procurement of insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

UNOPS provides management, procurement and other support services for the benefit of the member states of the United Nations impartially, efficiently and on a non-profit basis. UNOPS is providing support to the Federal Ministry of Health of Nigeria with funding from the Islamic Development Bank for the procurement of locally manufactured long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets for the National Malaria Elimination Programme beginning in 2022.

UNOPS as a member of the United Nations adheres to global standards on public procurement. UNOPS is committed to promoting open, transparent and competitive procurement processes that uphold UN standards of integrity and ensure an equal playing field for all actors while being mindful of delivering value for money for our partners.

UNOPS has zero tolerance against vendors that engage in proscribed practices, as defined in [UNOPS Vendor Sanctions Policy](#). During the evaluation of the bids received for a tender conducted in 2023, some anomalies were detected and investigated. Following the principles of open and transparent procurement activities, the tender exercise was cancelled and a public cancellation notice was issued: [ITB/2023/45663](#)

Subsequent to a full vendor sanction process ([more details](#)), three bidding organizations have been sanctioned and have been notified of these sanctions in writing on Friday, 9 February 2024. The purpose of these sanctions is to enable UNOPS to prevent and combat fraud and corruption in its projects.

UNOPS regrets the delays to this process and any possible impairment to national malaria eradication activities. UNOPS welcomes the opportunity to work with all partners to identify solutions and is committed to supporting development activities in the country.

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### **About UNOPS**

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