Pragmatically and routinely costing malaria service delivery in the Upper East, Ashanti and Central Regions of Ghana

With funding of USD 51,260 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) is developing a pragmatic malaria costing guide to be utilised by National Malaria Control Programs and other stakeholders to facilitate budgeting and grant applications to donors such as the Global Fund. The guide will outline the key principles and methods for costing malaria service delivery at all levels of a health system (point of care up to national level). The Swiss TPH in partnership with the University of Ghana School of Public Health (UGSPH) seeks to pilot this costing guide in Ghana. This study aims at costing malaria service delivery using a pragmatic methodology based on standard economic principles, developed to assist countries in accurately and routinely budgeting national malaria programmes. The result from this study will be used to inform the feasibility of the guidelines developed for costing malaria service delivery in low and middle-income settings. Dr. Genevieve Cecilia N. O. Aryeetey is the PI for this project in the School of Public Health.