

## **Faux anti-malarials: A neglected global health issue**

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**TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE:** Public Health & Global Health Professionals

**ABSTRACT:** Inspired by a 2006 study published in Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, our team set out to investigate the link between one emerging global health concern (counterfeit pharmaceuticals) and an ongoing global health issue (malaria and malaria primary prevention). The issue of faux anti-malarials (FAM) has the natural ability to tap into various global health issues that are considered to be of high importance. However, due to ties to the Black Market, FAM production and distribution is difficult to monitor on a global scale. As a means to address this growing global health issue, our team devised several potential solutions. The proposed solutions utilize Malaysia as a case study, due to recent reports acknowledging the existence of FAM activity in this area. Each proposed solution utilizes a community participation and ownership approach. Each proposed solution also has multiple stakeholders, finance options, and barriers.

### **OBJECTIVE(S):**

- Describe the global impact of faux anti-malarial production, distribution, and use. Identify potential solutions to address the issue of faux anti-malarials in Malaysia.
- Identify strengths and limitations of the proposed solutions to address the issue of faux anti-malarials in Malaysia.

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