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We also underscore the need to increase strategic investments for malaria, at national and subnational levels. The development partners play a critical role in supporting low-resourced countries and communities, especially those with limited capacities to mobilize domestic resources for Malaria elimination programs. To ensure equity, the Philippines makes certain that international funding and distribution of funds for malaria are earmarked in its local planning and operations particularly in indigenous communities and geographically isolated areas . In addition to mobilizing resources, increasing allocative efficiency should also be prioritized.

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