



Strengthening malaria financing, surveillance and resistance response in turbulent global contexts

Influencing policy and practice in Nigeria and Uganda

Background

Malaria remains a major public health threat in sub-Saharan Africa, a region that accounted for 95 percent of global malaria cases in 2024.^[1] Global development funding — historically led by the United States — has been critical in sustaining control efforts, contributing up to 67 percent of malaria funding in high-burden countries.^[2] Recent aid reductions have jeopardised access to essential commodities, vaccine rollout and case management. This reduction in funding came at a pivotal moment, with replenishment cycles underway for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Budget targets are falling short due to reduced commitments from several key funders. In this context, advocacy must be intensified — both globally and in malaria-endemic countries — to secure and prioritise malaria financing within domestic health budgets.

This project, placing advocacy at its core, has been timed to influence the lead-up to the Global Fund replenishment and updated national strategies for 2026–2030. It aims to strengthen malaria financing, surveillance and resistance response by influencing policy and practice at national, regional and global levels.

Country

Nigeria

Uganda

Funder

Malaria Consortium US

Length of project

May 2025 – April 2026

Project outline and objectives

Malaria Consortium is in a unique position to contribute to measurable policy change nationally and globally. By leveraging evidence from our programmes and strategic partnerships, this 12-month advocacy implementation project is seeking to strengthen malaria control and elimination efforts amidst declining global financing, increasing drug resistance and under-prioritised surveillance.

Through stronger engagement with ministries of health, national malaria control programmes (NMCPs), like-minded organisations and communities, the project is amplifying national voices and connecting them to global platforms — including the World Health Organization (WHO), Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) — to reduce the malaria burden and improve health outcomes.

The project has four core objectives:

- Sustained global financing and increased domestic financing for malaria control and elimination
- Coordinated policy action on antimalarial drug resistance in the context of chemoprevention at national and regional levels
- Strengthened, sustainable surveillance systems for decision-making
- Strengthened internal alignment to increase the impact of Malaria Consortium's advocacy goal.

Activities

The project is strengthening malaria financing, surveillance and drug resistance response across high-burden countries. In collaboration with partners such as COPEMA (the Coalition of Parliamentarians Engaged to End Malaria in Africa) and NMCPs, the project is supporting high-level dialogues with ministries of finance and parliamentary health committees, co-developing national investment briefs and promoting malaria financing at regional fora.

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Cover image: Village health teams traverse homesteads for a seasonal malaria chemoprevention exercise in Karamoja, Uganda

Aligned with the Global Fund and Gavi replenishment cycles, the project is shaping strategic messaging through the RBM Partnership and supporting joint civil society statements to advocate for increased domestic and international commitments.

To address emerging artemisinin resistance, policy briefs and webinars will share new data, inform national action plans and contribute to Africa CDC-led efforts.

At the national level, the project is supporting integration of surveillance into malaria elimination strategies. Internally, stakeholder mapping, strategic planning and shared learning are ensuring coordinated advocacy that connects these national priorities to global platforms.

Outcomes and impact

Stronger policy influence through strategic alignment with Global Fund replenishment processes and national malaria strategies. Using evidence to shape policy and practice at national and regional levels will inform stronger malaria financing, surveillance and drug resistance response.



More accountable and inclusive health governance. The project is amplifying national voices and connecting them to global platforms, working closely with ministries of health, NMCPs, civil society and communities to ensure malaria remains a political and funding priority, especially in high-burden countries.

Strengthened engagement between ministries of health and finance, improved civil society collaboration, and greater visibility of malaria within regional and global funding discussions. Coordinated advocacy will facilitate informed decision-making by governments and partners. Increased momentum for sustained investment will enable country responses that are effective, adaptive and aligned with long-term malaria elimination goals.

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