

# Malaria elimination support to the Uganda Ministry of Health (MOH-UMES)

## Providing technical guidance for the development of a National Malaria Elimination Intensification Strategy

### Background

Recent World Malaria Reports from the World Health Organization have shown a trend of stalling progress. In 2024, there were an estimated 265 million cases — roughly nine million more cases than the previous year — of which Uganda accounted for nearly five percent.<sup>[1]</sup> With His Excellency the President of Uganda stressing the urgency for tangible progress, on 9 May 2024, the Honourable Minister of Health, Dr Jane Aceng, laid out intentions to develop a new National Malaria Elimination Intensification Strategy, along with a costed multi-year operational plan.<sup>[2]</sup>

Through the Uganda Malaria Elimination Support (MOH-UMES) project, Malaria Consortium is providing technical assistance — alongside the National Malaria Elimination Division, implementing partners and various development partners and global partners — to update the existing Malaria Reduction and Elimination Strategic Plan 2021–2025.<sup>[3]</sup> The new strategy aims to lay out a sustainable pathway towards elimination, considering emerging threats such as antimalarial drug resistance, and capitalising on new opportunities, such as the availability of malaria vaccines.

### Country

Uganda

### Funder

Malaria Consortium US

### Length of project

August 2024 – August 2026

### Partners

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Uganda  
Clinton Health Access Initiative  
Infectious Diseases Institute  
International Development Research Centre  
Local district governments  
Malaria Coordination Committee  
Malaria Scientific Advisory Committee  
Ministry of Health Uganda  
National Malaria Elimination Division  
PATH  
Uganda Paediatric Association  
UNICEF  
USAID/President's Malaria Initiative  
World Health Organization  
Other implementing partners and civil society organisations

## Project outline and objectives

Together with the Ministry of Health and partner organisations, Malaria Consortium has co-developed two new strategic documents to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination in Uganda: the National Malaria Elimination Strategy for 2024–2030 and an accompanying multi-year, costed National Malaria Elimination Operational Plan.

Malaria Consortium is providing technical expertise — drawing on lessons from Cambodia — to intensify malaria elimination efforts in Uganda, guiding the strategic direction and approaches of these documents. Alongside liaising with key stakeholders to draft the strategy documents, Malaria Consortium is managing the approval process and dissemination of the final documents, and has assisted with reactivating the Malaria Scientific Advisory Committee.

Project objectives:

- Provide short-term technical assistance and agree on the strategic direction and approaches
- Conduct the strategy drafting process, including technical reviews, stakeholder consultations, and formal approval and sign-off by relevant authorities
- Develop and finalise a costed multi-year National Malaria Elimination Operational Plan aligned with the strategy
- Disseminate the final strategic documents and support initial orientation of key stakeholders at national and subnational levels.

## Activities

Key stakeholders have been engaged through meetings of the Malaria Coordination Committee and the Uganda Paediatric Association, as well as other relevant partners. Malaria Consortium has recruited specialist consultants to support analysis, modelling and costing for the National Malaria Elimination Strategy and operational plan, and to contribute to drafting these documents. Time for iterative reviews

and revisions has been built into the process, and national workshops involving all partners have been convened to review evidence and build consensus around proposed elimination pathways.

Malaria Consortium is supporting the Ministry of Health to secure formal endorsement, disseminate the finalised strategy and operational plan, and share key messages with national and subnational stakeholders. The Malaria Scientific Advisory Committee has been supported to review and generate evidence to inform the strategy, including any paradigm shifts in Uganda's malaria response that need to be scaled.

## Outcomes and impact

**Acceleration of progress towards malaria elimination in Uganda.** The approved National Malaria Elimination Strategy 2024–2030 and costed operational plan, including modelling projections, will guide the Ministry of Health, implementing partners, and national, regional and district-level health workers towards malaria elimination in Uganda.

**Strengthening strategic management and planning.** The activity provides a unique opportunity to catalyse a renewed approach to strategic management and planning. It also provides the evidence needed to support a shift in malaria programming across Uganda in terms of effectiveness, efficiency and the integration of priority interventions.

**Generating evidence for strategy scale-up.** The strategy development process will identify priority actions for scale-up. Reliable surveillance and data quality will enable dynamic adjustments to malaria risk stratification and intervention strategies.

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