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# Malaria Consortium at 10

## *Linking the Community to Health Systems*

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# Introduction

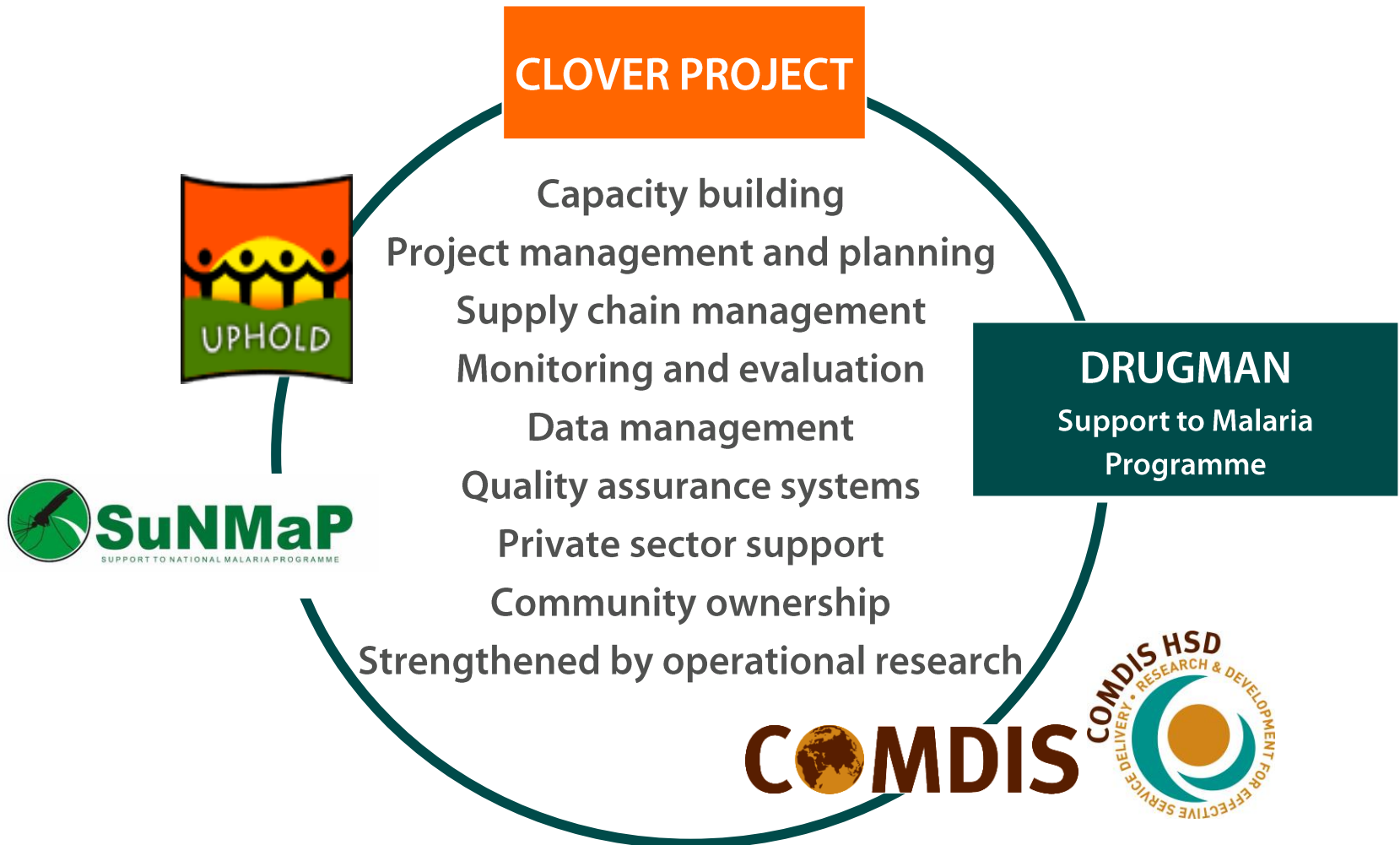
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Inequitable geographical distribution of resources and health workforces is a recurring challenge – weak systems particularly at peripheral level



- ▶ Health system strengthening has been a core principle for Malaria Consortium since our foundation
- ▶ Extending support and services to community level to increase the coverage of quality healthcare to the hardest-to-reach

# Health systems strengthening approach



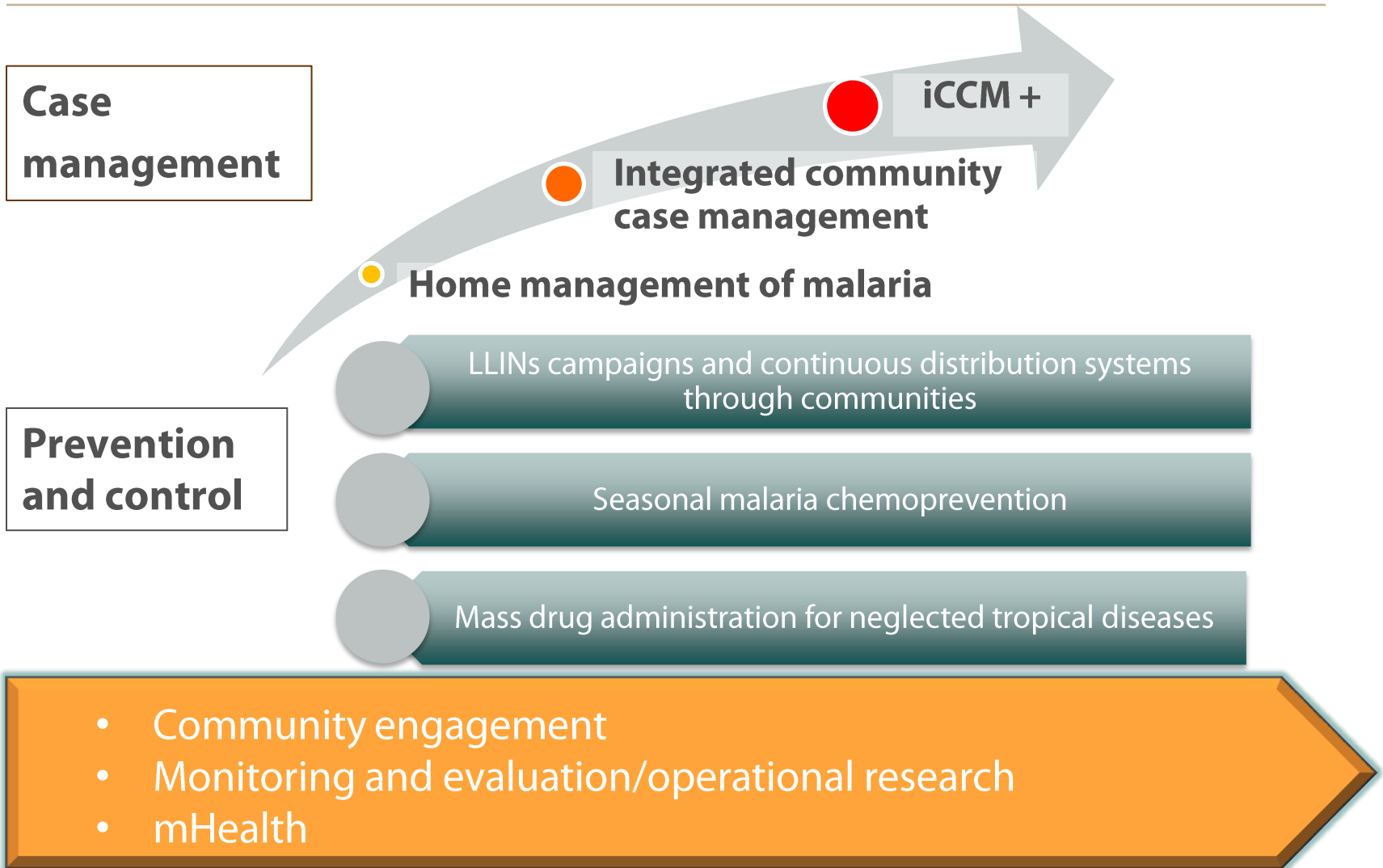
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# Linking to the community





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# Connections Strengthen Delivery

Support MoH to map activities and partners for a harmonised approach



Involvement of peripheral health facilities to support community-based initiatives

# One size does NOT fit all

Understanding of context to inform activity design



Materials adapted to local context and field tested



# The community needs to lead

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Invest in discussion and explanation before implementation to promote ownership



Promote and support capacity of communities to manage their own health





# Maintaining quality is a long term commitment

Training is the first step, needs sustained follow-up

Supervision that is supportive and supervisors that are supported



Seeing is believing –  
developing the evidence  
base



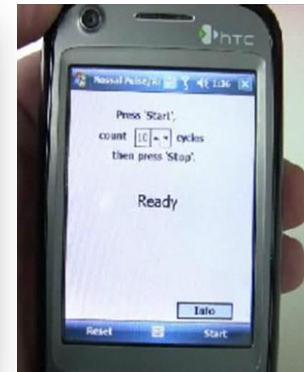
# New innovations don't really work "off-the-shelf"

Need to assess how to introduce into context for most impact:

Diagnostic tools for pneumonia



Nutrition in iCCM



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# Changing the landscape

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- ▶ National examples:
  - Uganda – consensus workshops for national policy on RDTs
  - Nigeria and Uganda – experience informed national iCCM guidelines
  - South Sudan – largescale funding to include nutrition in iCCM
  
- ▶ Global examples:
  - WHO manual on universal access to malaria diagnostic testing
  - UNICEF-led global iCCM evidence review including impact
  - Global CCM Task Force/CCM operational research group
  - Pneumonia Innovations Team (MDG Health Alliance)
  - Role of mobile and village malaria workers in expanding *reach to populations most at risk of artemisinin resistant malaria - Asia*
  - WHO recommendations on universal coverage of LLINs

# Looking ahead at key priorities coming up

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- ▶ Integration of community based care across illnesses including maternal and newborn health, nutrition and NTDs
- ▶ Use of technology to strengthen healthcare delivery at all levels of service delivery
- ▶ How to deliver healthcare to the hardest-to-reach?
- ▶ How to achieve high quality at all levels?
- ▶ Long-term role and scope of community level health services?
- ▶ Understanding the economics of health service delivery through various channels





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