

## **REGIONAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CROSS BORDER MALARIA CHALLENGES CROSS BORDER AREAS**

# **The Great Lakes Malaria Initiative (GLMI)**

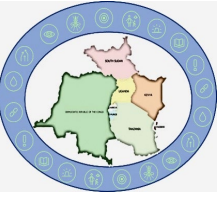
**Burundi | DR Congo | Kenya | Rwanda | South Sudan | Tanzania | Uganda | Zanzibar**

*Catalyzing Regional Progress towards Pre-elimination*

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# Establishing the GLMI







# Development process

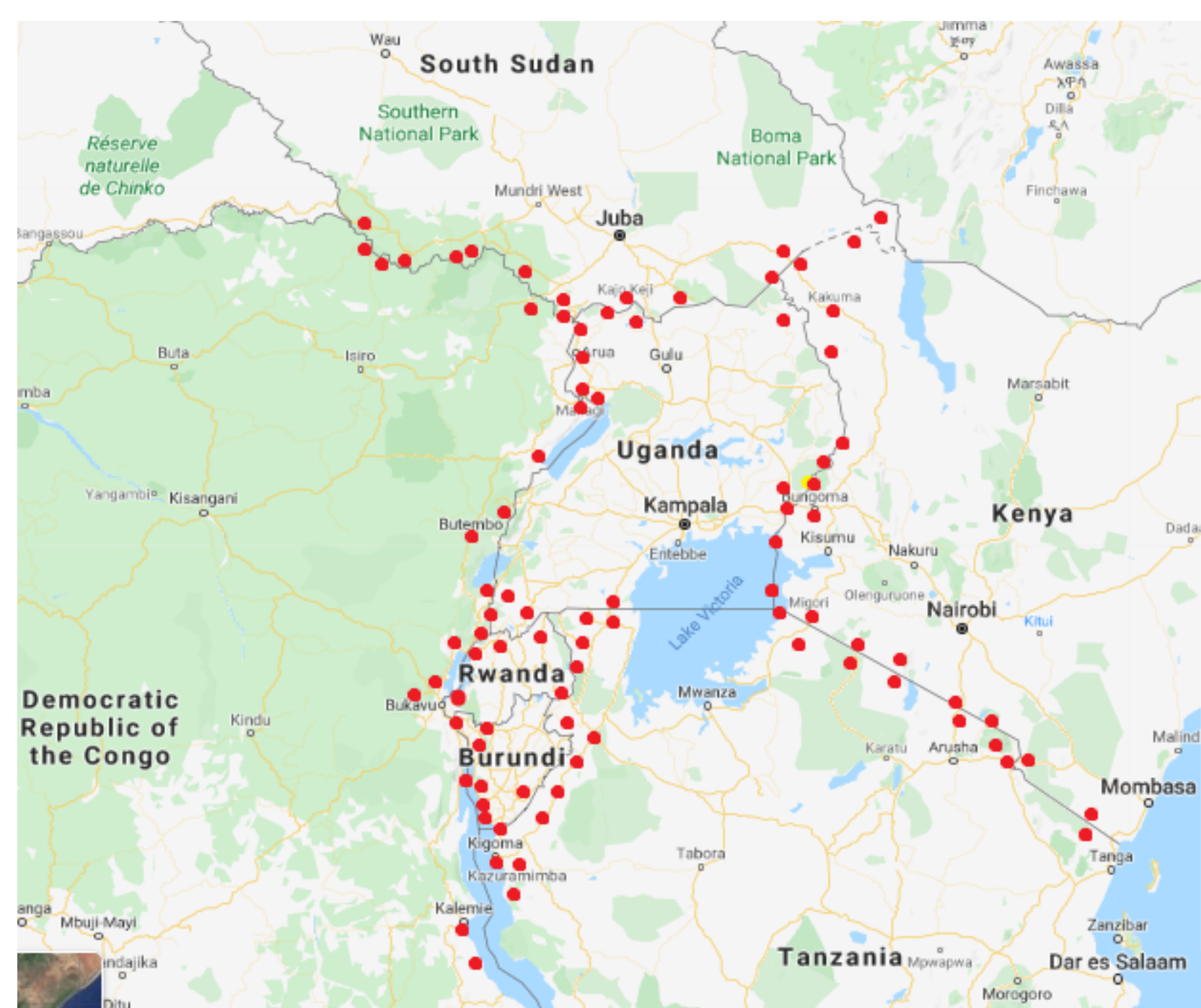
- Costed GLMI Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 developed consultatively with support of a consultant, regional partners
- 3 consultative meetings supported by Partner States, SFH Rwanda Chapter, ALMA, RBM, WHO
- Various online bilateral discussions with the consultant
- GLMI strategic plan , 2021 – 2025; Implementation arrangements, draft MoU between EAC Partner States and DRC
- Definition of a governance structure



# Establishing the Great Lakes Malaria Initiative (GLMI)

- Established by the EAC Sectoral Council on health, decision **EAC/Health/20SCM/Decision 007)**
- **Has clear implementation structures**
- **Focus is Cross border areas, to catalyse country processes**





## MAP OF BORDER SETTLEMENTS

- Burundi – DRC 8 (5/3)
- Burundi – TZ 13 (6/7)
- Burundi- Rwanda 11 (4/7)
- Rwanda TZ – 7 (4/3)
- Rwanda- Uganda 7 (4/3)
- Rwanda – DRC 10 (7/3)
- DRC – TZ – 12 (4/8)
- DRC -S.Sudan 12 (3/9)
- DRC-UG 19 (6/13)
- TZ- Uganda- 12 (5/7)
- KE- TZ – 16 (5/11)
- KE – Uganda 18 (8/10)
- KE- S. Sudan 3 (1/2)
- S.Sudan-Uganda 12 (4/8)

# Transmission risk factors

Countries share common malaria transmission risk factors

- Climate change
- Water bodies
- Cross border population movement
- Malaria vector species, insecticide resistance
- Complex emergencies
- Population growth rate
- Limited resources

*\*Zanzibar, in the United Republic of Tanzania, which is almost eliminating malaria*

*\*Except Kenya and Tanzania, others are classified as low income economies*

# GLMI MSP 2021 – 2025 Strategic Framework



**Vision:** A malaria free Africa Great Lakes region

**Mission:** To contribute towards the control and elimination of malaria in Africa Great Lakes region with special focus on the cross-border areas

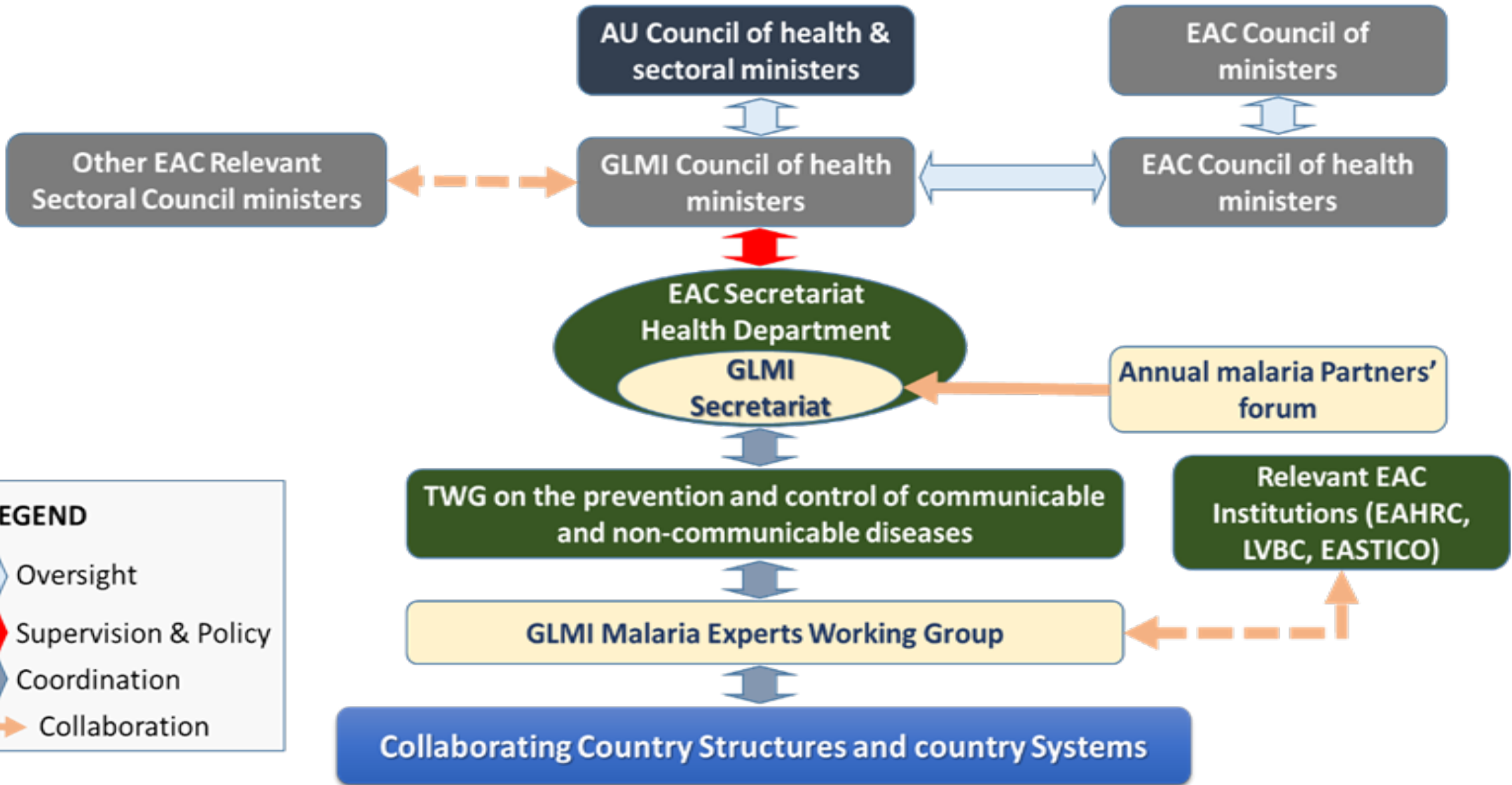
**Goal:** Reduce malaria morbidity and mortality by 50% by 2025 from its 2019 levels in Africa Great Lakes region with special focus on the cross-border areas

## **Strategic areas of focus (Objectives )**

1. Sustainable regional coordination, partnership, resource mobilization and accountability mechanism - Secretariat
2. To establish the malaria surveillance, preparedness, and response mechanism for the cross-border areas
3. Establishment / strengthening of Regional centers of excellence on malaria control and elimination
4. Improving access to effective protective, preventive, and curative interventions for all populations at risk of malaria



# GLMI Coordination structure





# GLMI works to achieve

- ✓ Galvanise **joint collaboration to enhance malaria agenda.**
- ✓ Strengthen **regional coordination of policies and implementation of malaria programmes**
- ✓ **Promote intercountry collaboration and harmonization of malaria policies/strategies** and implementation of malaria control interventions.
- ✓ Build resilient responsive mechanism: **surveillance, policy harmonisation, regional peer performance review and accountability framework, and health systems reforms** for impact.

# GLMI works to achieve

- ✓ Promote and enhance **political goodwill, stewardship** and direction for malaria advocacy, investments, and stewardship across the region.
- ✓ **Leverage the global capabilities and capacities** to enhance regional collaborations and financing for malaria.
- ✓ **Support the adoption of tools and technologies to enhance malaria control and elimination.**

Progress

# Building Partnerships

The EAC Secretariat has negotiated and signed collaboration instruments (MoU)

- Tripartite MOU between EAC Secretariat, RBM, and ALMA
- Tripartite MOU between EAC Secretariat ,SC Johnson and Society for Family Health
- Coverage
  - High level leadership
  - High level advocacy
  - Technical and financial support and capacity strengthening
  - Research
  - Implementation of regional



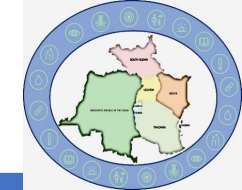
Carbinet Secretary for Health, Republic of Kenya, and Chairperson Council of Ministers of Health, CEO and Chairman SC Johnson, Director Social sectors EAC Secretariat Representing the SG, and Executive director SFH Launch GLMI SP at Radison Blu, Nairobi , Kenya 25th June 2021

National Malaria Control Programme Managers from EAC Partner States & ALMA, SFH at the Launch of the GLMI strategic plan





# Next steps



	Action	Proposed time lines
1	Establishing / setting up the GLMI Secretariat	By 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 ( ON GOING)
2	GLMI Expert working group linked to the collaborating and/ or coordination structure with clear TORs	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
3	Convening the 1 <sup>st</sup> GLMI Expert working group to operationalize the initiative	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021 (ongoing now)
4	Disseminating / Popularizing the GLMI	TBD by EWG
5	Proposal development and resource mobilization activities	On going
6	Malaria / GLMI Annual partners' forum	TBD by EWG
7	Common data sharing protocol in line with regional and national instruments	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022



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- EAC Partner States and the Democratic Republic of the Congo
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- US President's Malaria Initiative (PMI)
- RBM Partnership to End Malaria
- African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA)
- Society for Family Health (SFH) Rwanda