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H.E. President Umaro Sissoco Embaló wrote to the Heads of State and Government of HBHI countries urging them to establish End Malaria Councils and Funds and explore opportunities to use IDA funding to fill key gaps in malaria programming.

At the ECOWAS Heads of State meeting in July, and the UNGA H.E. President Embaló emphasised the importance of keeping malaria high on the agenda.



H.E. President Umaro Sissoco Embaló wrote to the President of the World Bank urging for an enabling environment for financing health and malaria

ALMA ES met with the World Bank President and VP HD to advocate for malaria to be prioritised for IDA funding with follow up meetings with the Africa regional director



ALMA and AUC Joint WHA event on malaria and NTDs co-hosted with the African Union Commission and attended by Ministers of Health.



SADC/RBM/ALMA/WHO Regional committee meeting with Ministers of Health of Africa on the urgency of addressing the current malaria situation



Joint ALMA and RBM partnership Malaria Financing Emergency meeting held at the UNGA with a call to action

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AU Malaria Report



ALMA (in partnership with the AU and RBM Partnership to End Malaria) authors the annual AU Malaria Progress Report. This report is introduced into the formal agenda of the AU Summit by ALMA's Chair

World Malaria Day



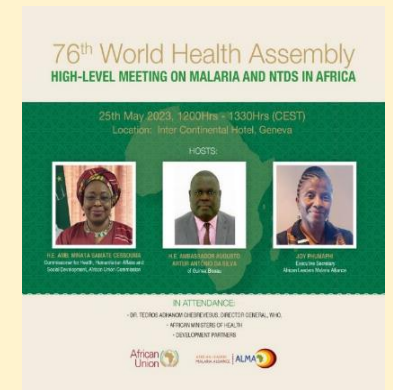
ALMA published supplements targeting West Africa, East Africa and Southern Africa to showcase the progress made by AU member states in fighting malaria

T20 Advocacy



Against the backdrop of the T20 high-level meeting (an official Engagement Group of the G20), ALMA's Special Ambassadors collaborated with the APLMA to co-author a call for a holistic approach for malaria elimination

International Moments



ALMA uses key events and dates to advocate for greater action (e.g., World Youth Day, World Health Assembly, International Day of the African Child, International Women's Day, World Mosquito Day, World Youth Day)

Malaria Story-telling

On World Malaria Day, ALMA rolled out a digital story-telling campaign – “My Zero Malaria Story” to showcase the efforts of every-day Africans in contributing to the fight against malaria.



ALMA's priority Agenda



Digitalisation

Improve access to malaria data through a digital platform and by using country scorecards so that all citizens are aware and empowered to act.



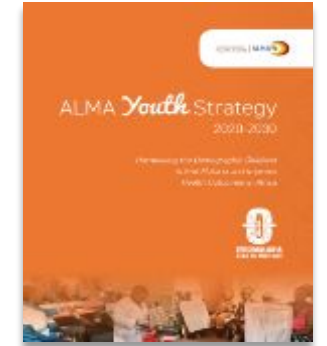
End Malaria (and NTD) Councils & Funds

Establish End Malaria Councils & Funds to mobilise additional domestic public and private resources and engage country leaders.



Regional Coordination

Work with Africa's Regional Economic Communities and Heads of State and Government to drive progress at the regional level.

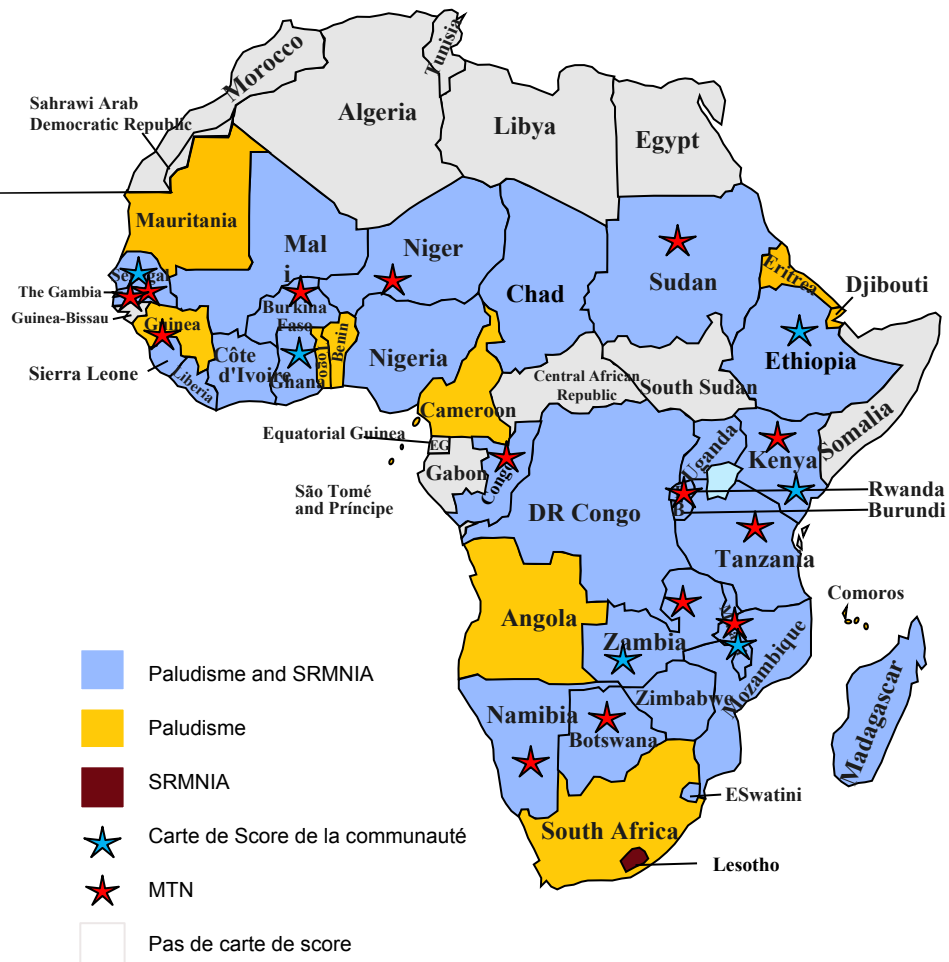


Youth Corps

Create an ALMA youth Corps for malaria, NTD and UHC advocates to champion political and resource commitments

Malaria as a pathfinder for key elements of Pandemic Preparedness

ALMA has supported countries in the implementation of 41 malaria, 31 RMNCAH, 18 NTD, 4 nutrition, and 6 community scorecards for accountability and action



Country scorecard management tools are country-owned tools used to:

- track national and sub-national real time health data against priority indicators aligned to national plans
- identify bottlenecks or gaps
- increase accountability
- enhance decision-making to drive action

They are integrated into existing accountability and management processes

Drive action including addressing upsurges, stock-outs, task-shifting, filling resource gaps etc

Used at National, Sub-national and even community levels (quality of care) and at both technical and political levels

ALMA's Scorecard Hub enables sharing of scorecards, best practices, and toolkits amongst a growing community of practice



21,700 visitors
visited the Scorecard Hub during H1 2023
▲ 64% higher than first 6 months 2022 – 13,200 visitors



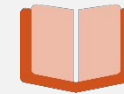
1,098 people
have attended webinars
▲ 167 people @ awards webinar in February 2023



3,230 certificates
have been issued
▲ 507 new certificates in 2023



15 countries
sharing scorecards on the Scorecard Hub



61 best practices
covering case studies from 15 countries*

Malaria: 14 countries sharing scorecards
Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, **DR Congo**, Eswatini, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, **Togo**, **Zambia**

RMNCAH: 9 countries sharing scorecards
Burundi, DR Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Zambia

NTDs: 9 countries sharing scorecards
Burkina Faso, **Burundi**, Congo Republic, **Guinea**, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, The Gambia, Zambia

Nutrition: 2 countries sharing scorecards
Burkina Faso, Kenya

Community: 1 country sharing scorecards
Ghana

Malaria: 18 best practices
Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia

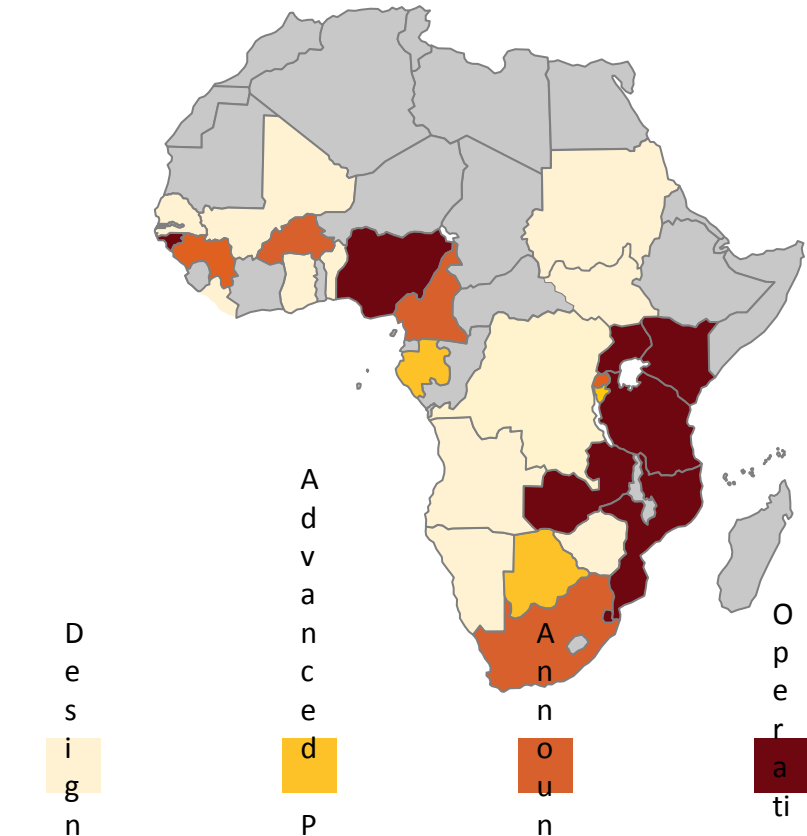
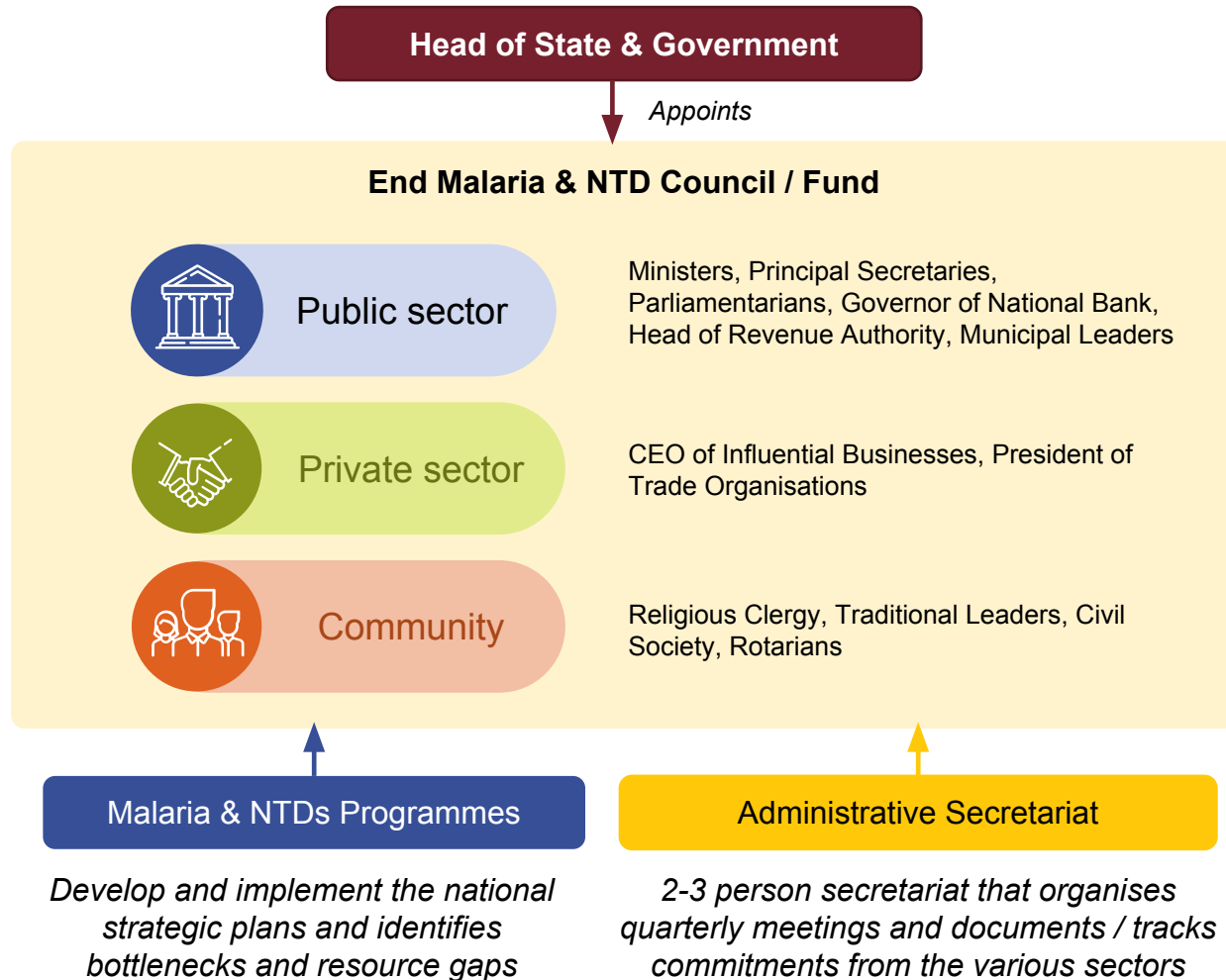
RMNCAH: 25 best practices
Burundi, Ethiopia, **Kenya**, **Mali**, **Nigeria**, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia

NTDs: 10 best practices
Congo Republic, Mali, **Rwanda**

Nutrition: 1 best practice
Kenya, Tanzania

Community: 8 best practices
Ethiopia, Ghana

End Malaria & NTDs Councils and Funds convene senior leaders from across sectors and key segments (e.g., youth, women) to mobilise advocacy, action and resources



8 councils & funds now operational: Guinea-Bissau (launched in May), Tanzania (launched in April), Kenya, Eswatini, Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda and Nigeria

4 additional expected to launch by end of 2023

16 more under development

ALMA's Malaria Youth Corps mobilises young leaders across the continent to advocate and take action to end malaria

Youth Advisory Council

- ALMA established a Continental Youth Advisory Council to provide strategic guidance to National Youth Army activities
- 11 young leaders from Africa and a representative of the diaspora

National Malaria Youth CORPS

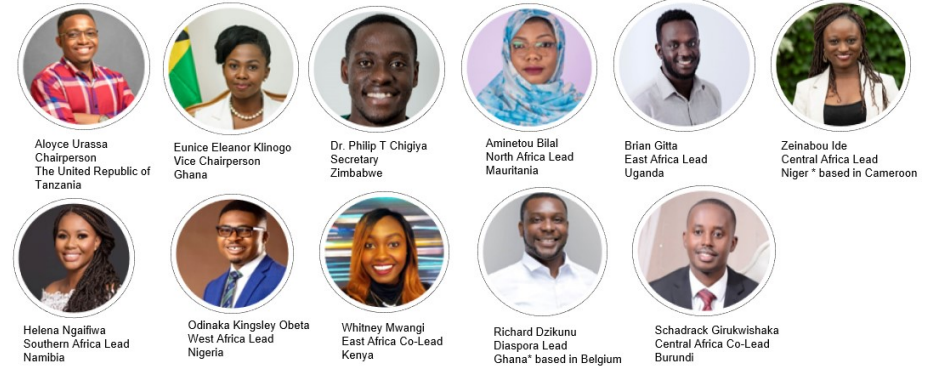
- Country-level network of youth in existing leadership positions across sectors
- Mobilize the use of digital advocacy tools and solutions for malaria elimination and the expansion of Universal Health Coverage
- Integrate youth led efforts to strengthen the country scorecard mechanisms















Malaria Youth Champions

- ALMA received interest from more than 3,000 young leaders across 45 African countries.
- Promote accountability and action, innovation, research and development within existing, country-level structures

Continental ALMA's Youth Advisory Council Members

In February 2021, ALMA established a team of 11 Youth Advisory Council members to provide strategic guidance to National Youth Malaria Youth Armies / Corps across Africa and the diaspora.



Regional economic community	A Engage Head of State and Minister forums	B Develop sub-regional scorecard	Progress
 SADC			Support to strengthen coordination of malaria in SADC through SADC Secretariat. E8 scorecard developed and updated every year and SADC malaria scorecard developed.
 ECOWAS			Support SaME technical meeting and Ministerial Forum, support resources mobilization for the SaME Initiative, participation to the ECOWAS Health Ministers meeting, ALMA chair remarks on malaria at the ECOWAS heads of states summit, support the ECOWAS malaria scorecard
 ECCAS			Support ECCAS malaria scorecard update and production, support the Regional Malaria Strategic Plan implementation
 EAC			GMLI scorecard produced and updated every quarter and presented during the Health Ministers meeting, GLMI partners meeting with the EAC SG
 IGAD			Support in the development of IGAD regional malaria rapid assessment report

Opportunities exist to promote local manufacturing of malaria commodities

Barriers



High labor costs, scarcity of available expertise



Taxes on imported raw materials (imported finished products are exempted from taxes)



Unfavorable foreign currency policies



Lack of assurance of regional and international markets

Opportunities

- 1 Highlight during Key forums (UN/AU/GF etc) on the need to increase investment in local manufacturing and identify opportunities to address gaps/bottlenecks
- 2 Support technology transfer to stimulate the development of innovative tools and commodities.
- 3 Support access to an expanding common market, through the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- 4 Facilitate harmonized registration of new tools, engagement with RECs and country national regulatory authorities – including the attainment of WHO PQ procedures for manufacturers.
- 5 Advocate for the inclusion of African manufacturers in tenders by external donors such as The Global Fund

A call to action on financing

- 1 Launch high-level, multisectoral national End Malaria & NTD Councils and Funds to maintain malaria high on the national development and resource mobilisation agenda, increase public and private sector domestic funding, and increase the allocation of domestic budgets to health and malaria

- 2 Prioritise health and malaria financing in the country allocations of World Bank International Development Association (IDA) funding and the use of debt swaps.

- 3 The World Bank to commit to a new Malaria Booster Programme to facilitate the additional financing needed to close the immediate gaps (with additional commitments from regional development banks).

- IV. Advocate for increased International financing from traditional donors and the identification of new donors.

- V. Ensure that the malaria fight is fully financed, including through integrated approaches with malaria as a pathfinder for health systems strengthening, pandemic preparedness, climate change, and health mitigation and adaptation.

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Conclusions & recommendations

- 1 We encourage countries to further institutionalise national and subnational malaria scorecards and to publish them on the ALMA Scorecard Hub and in other forums to drive multisectoral accountability and action
- 2 We are excited about the Youth response across the continent and look forward to working with countries on Malaria Youth Corps
- 3 End Malaria Councils & Funds continue to gain momentum and we look forward to the upcoming launches and are ready to support any interested countries.
- 4 We look forward to increased cross-border coordination and collaboration, including through the Regional Economic Communities
- 5 Supply chain bottlenecks continue to be a challenge for global health commodities and we encourage the region to prioritise local manufacturing of malaria commodities to improve resilience

Thank You

