

With renewed purpose to step up the fight against malaria in 2019 and confirmation that ending malaria is a winnable fight, global stakeholders including governments, private sector, communities and civil society, took meaningful actions to reinforce global commitment to end this disease within a generation.

## GLOBAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS STEP UP



### THE GLOBAL FUND

#### Funding secured to support global malaria programmes for the next 3 years

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria announced record-breaking commitments – **US\$14.02 billion** – from countries, the private sector and non-governmental organisations to ensure it can help save **16 million lives** and avert **234 million infections by 2023**. The Global Fund accounts for 65% of all external resources for malaria.



### CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION

#### Elimination goals accelerated through cross-border collaborations

- **Eight Sahelian Health Ministers** agreed to establish a new regional fund to drive down prices and improve access to lifesaving malaria interventions in the region.
- Senegal and The Gambia worked together to distribute **11 million mosquito nets** and boost malaria control in the cross-border region.
- **The new Malaria Elimination in Melanesia and Timor-Leste initiative (MEMTI)** got underway in several Asia-Pacific countries, including Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu.
- **Agreements signed** with Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the West African Health Organization (WAHO) to accelerate malaria elimination across these regions.



### ZERO MALARIA STARTS WITH ME

#### Twelve countries have joined the growing pan-African "Zero Malaria Starts with Me" movement thus far.

They launched country-wide campaigns to reignite progress and empower communities to take greater ownership of the need to achieve malaria elimination.



### END MALARIA FUNDS

As part of the Zero Malaria Starts With Me campaign, Zambia and Eswatini launched new End Malaria Funds. The Eswatini Fund will close the **US\$5 million** funding gap required to end malaria for good, raising close to US\$700,000 on the first day.

## MALARIA HIGH ON POLITICAL & DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS



### African Union Summit, Addis Ababa

African Heads of State and Government committed to boost domestic resources for health from public and private sectors and adopted the 2018 African Union Malaria Progress Report.



### World Malaria Day, Paris and Worldwide

Leaders, influencers and citizens around the world declared 'Zero Malaria Starts with Me/Zéro Palu Je m'engage' on 25 April, World Malaria Day.



74<sup>th</sup> Session  
United Nations  
General Assembly

### United Nations General Assembly, New York

The RBM Partnership ensured malaria elimination was at the heart of discussions on Sustainable Development Goals, Universal Health Coverage, climate change and gender equality

## MALARIA COMMUNITY FIRSTS



### Malaria vaccine rolled out in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi

The first-generation vaccine for malaria, known as RTS,S, will reach around 360,000 children per year in areas identified by the three countries.



### New Civil Society for Malaria Elimination Network

CS4ME was established to unite civil society organisations and communities affected by malaria to advocate for more effective, sustainable and people-centered malaria programmes.



### Malaria Eradication Reports

Two expert reports, by the Lancet Commission on Malaria Eradication and the World Health Organization (WHO), confirmed the opportunities the world has to end malaria, highlighting the need for greater resources, efficiencies and transformative tools to achieve this goal, as well as how the exceptional benefits of malaria eradication will greatly exceed the investment needed to reach it.



### RBM Partnership to End Malaria Media Fellowship

The RBM Partnership launched its first-ever media fellowship, collaborating with 11 journalists from the highest-burden countries to boost high-quality reporting on malaria.



### New leadership for global malaria partnership

As the former Minister and Health Advisor to the President of Guinea, new CEO of the RBM Partnership, Dr Abdourahmane Diallo, brings extensive leadership experience to the role. Dr Maha Taysir Barakat, former Director General of the Abu Dhabi Health Authority, began her term as Board Chair of the RBM Partnership.



### Health for All

New tools rolled out to reach the most vulnerable – Malaria Matchbox piloted in Niger, India and Guinea Bissau. The new, innovative tool provides country-specific research to help national malaria programmes implement tailored and effective malaria initiatives.

## ELEVATING MALARIA ONTO GLOBAL POLITICAL AGENDAS

RBM Partnership kept malaria high on political and development agendas, and amplified malaria successes and key messages in top tier media around the world. In 2019 there was a 10% increase in media coverage of World Malaria Day.



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The Telegraph

The New York Times

The Guardian

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Emmanuel Macron  
@EmmanuelMacron

L'objectif de lever 14 milliards de dollars sera atteint dans les prochaines semaines : avec Bill Gates, Bono et Peter Sands, nous nous engageons à lever les 100 millions de dollars additionnels pour dépasser cet objectif. #StepUpTheFight



VicePresidentOfIndia  
@VPSecretariat

This #worldmaliariaday, let's applaud India's progress to #endmalaria. Now we need to #stepupthefight so that no one dies of a mosquito bite. #zeromalariastartswithme @MalariaNoMore #malaria

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## ONE YEAR CLOSER TO A MALARIA-FREE WORLD



### Algeria and Argentina certified malaria-free

Two more countries achieved WHO certification of malaria elimination –making a total of 11 since 2000–by focusing on cross-border collaboration, strengthening surveillance and health systems and maintaining political commitment.



### China and El Salvador achieved 2 years without malaria

China went from 30 million cases in the 1940s to 0 cases in 2017 and 2018, while El Salvador has also reported zero cases for two years, setting them both up for malaria-free certification next year.



### Iran, Malaysia & Timor-Leste reach zero

The WHO E2020 Progress Report revealed these countries reported zero indigenous human malaria cases in 2018 and the world continues to be on track to reach 2020 elimination goals.