

The Pathfinder Endeavour

Sustainable development, malaria (tracer), neglected tropical diseases, some enteric diseases

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We must treat people who are sick

... but we won't eliminate malaria
unless we reduce the number of
cases

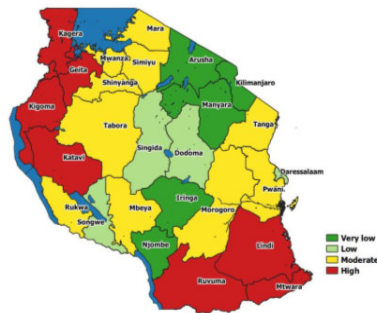
The World Malaria Report 2022

The WHO African Region

- 2000: # of cases = 211 million
- 2021: # of cases = 234 million

Stratification of malaria risks - Mainland Tanzania

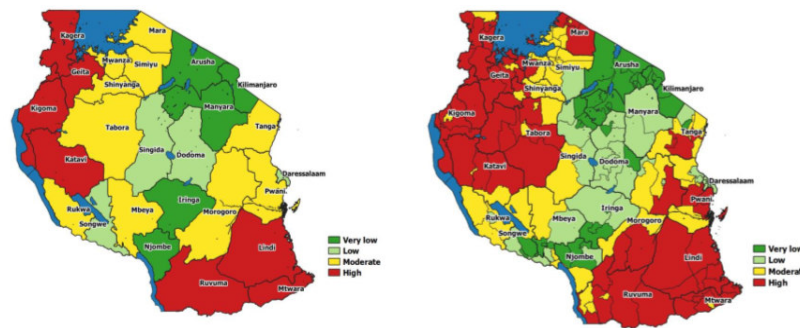
National Strategic Plan 2021-2025



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Moderate	10 (40%)
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Total	26 (100%)

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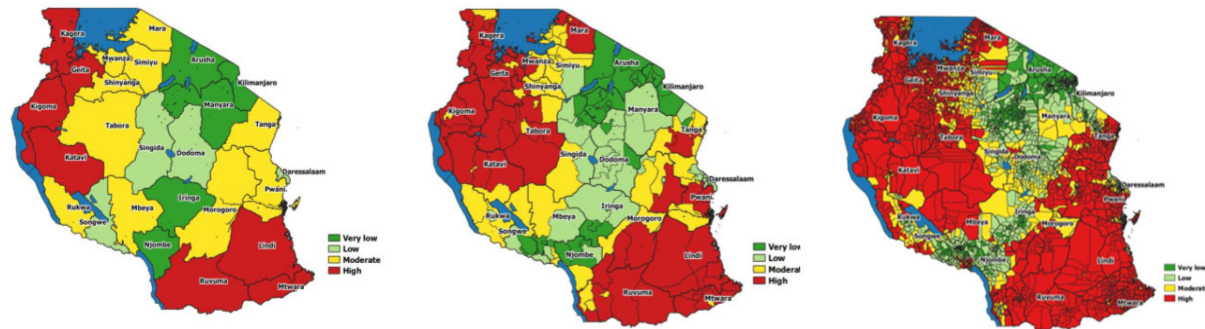
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Stratum	Number of Regions (% Population)	Number of Councils (% Population)
Very Low	5 (14%)	36 (17%)
Low	4 (23%)	32 (27%)
Moderate	10 (40%)	52 (23%)
High	7 (23%)	64 (33%)
Total	26 (100%)	184 (100%)

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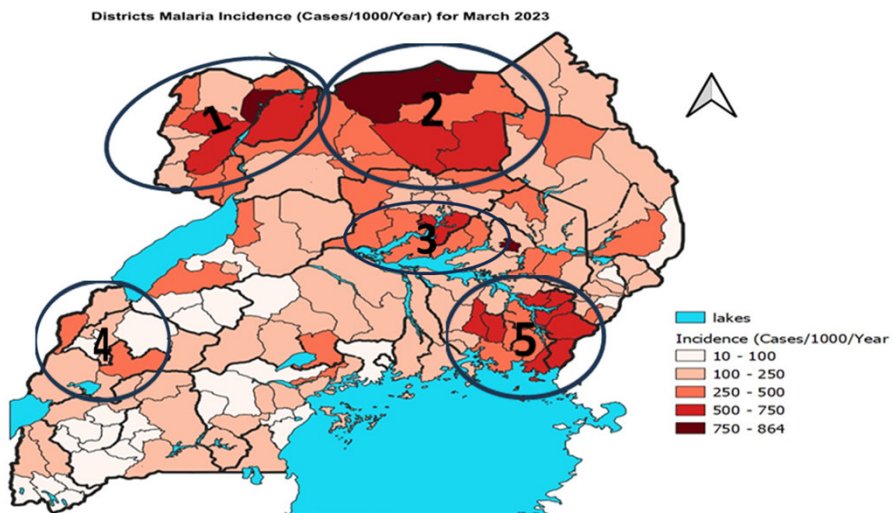
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Stratum	Number of Regions (% Population)	Number of Councils (% Population)	Number of Wards (% Population)
Very Low	5 (14%)	36 (17%)	405 (11%)
Low	4 (23%)	32 (27%)	794 (31%)
Moderate	10 (40%)	52 (23%)	640 (18%)
High	7 (23%)	64 (33%)	1,472 (40%)
Total	26 (100%)	184 (100%)	3311 (100%)

Rapid Appraisal Tool (RATPath^{Short}): Test and Review.

Ghana, Madagascar, and Uganda



Development challenges (Uganda ex.)

- **Political / institutional** (SDG 16, 17)
 - Politicization of services / lack of data
 - Weak implementation of policies / supervision
 - Non-involvement of communities
- **Economic** (SDG 8, 9, 10, 12)
 - Considerable inequalities within districts
 - Lack of proper jobs / income earning opportunities
 - Influx of / refugees depending on hand-outs
- **Social** (SDG 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11)
 - Poverty, hunger, illitracy
 - Cultural norms and values restrict uptake
 - Poor infrastructures
- **Environment and climate** (SDG 6, 13, 14, 15)
 - Deforestation / land degradation
 - Change of climate / weather patterns (flooding , dryness, ..)
 - Physical isolation
- **Health** (SDG 3)
 - Inadequate coordination of health services
 - Stock-outs, delays in provision
 - In-effective coverage, resistance, misuse

Ressource mobilization

Challenges

- Conventional // commodity thinking
- Competition // dependency
- *'Co-benefits'* question planning paradigms and funding-silos
- Comprehensive multisectoral action: *'Between or across chairs'*?

Promising tracks [current]

- UNDP bridging funds // *'Innovation Facility'*
- The Nordics
- The EU
- Foundation

Partners and Governance

Partners

- **Core-partners**
 - UNDP
 - UNHabitat
 - WHO/SDH/NTD-VBD
 - RBM-MSWG
 - Data-partner & Evaluation-partner (*tbd*)
- **Other**, depending on presence in pathfinder districts, e.g.,
 - UNICEF, IOM/UNHCR, UNFPA, Bilaterals, NGOs, etc.

Governance

- **Current**
 - Steering group from MSWG
 - Secretariat within UNDP
- **Future**
 - Involve core partners
 - Involve pathfinder countries
 - Secretariat within UNDP

Ongoing / upcoming activities

- a. **Engage one or two more prospective pathfinder countries** (*one to two months*)
- b. **Complete RATPath^{Short} in remaining / new countries** (*one to three months*)
- c. **Impact and Investment Case Study** (*two to five months*) – Quick small-scale studies in one or two districts of interested pathfinder countries.
- d. **Tentative commitment from prospective pathfinder countries** (*prior to Tools workshop*)
- e. **Tools workshop** – including all country champion teams and core-partners (*late 2023 / early 2024*)
- f. Formal commitment by pathfinder countries (*after Tools workshop and prior to roll-out*)
- g. Roll-out (*2024*)

Impact and Investment Study (*bonus slide*)

Main features

- **Elucidate a narrative**
 - A quantitative *and* qualitative basis for rational decision-making to engage in comprehensive multisectoral action (The Framework).
- **Lay-audience**
 - District and national level across public and private sectors, disciplines, and levels of education
- **Malaria is used as a tracer**
 - for inequality, other neglected tropical diseases/vector borne diseases and possibly some enteric diseases; as well as for slow development.

Specifics

- **Data**
 - National level development and population health data (*desk review*)
 - District level development and population health data (*desk review*)
 - Interviews in districts: business owners, community, officials, politicians
- **Report**
 - National executive report (5-pages)
 - District self-contained reports (10 – 15 pages)
 - Excel workbook with model, data, and analyses