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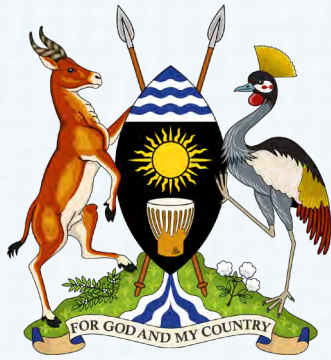


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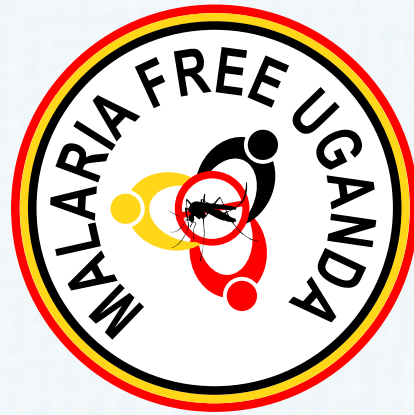
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ACRONYMS

CSO	Civil Society Organization
DHE	District Health Educator
DMFP	District Malaria Focal Person
DHIS 2	District Health Information System 2
GOU	Government of Uganda
HMIS	Health Management Information System
iCCM	Integrated Community Case Management
IPTp	Intermittent Preventive Treatment in pregnancy
IRS	Indoor Residual Spraying
ITN	Insecticide Treated Net
LLIN	Long Lasting Insecticidal Net
MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MIS	Malaria Indicator Survey
MSP	Malaria Strategic Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NHP	National Health Policy
NMCP	National Malaria Control Program
NMS	National Medical Stores
NPA	National Planning Authority
NRH	National Referral Hospital
RBM	Roll Back Malaria
RDTs	Rapid Diagnostic Tests
SBCC	Social Behaviour Change Communication
TWG	Technical Working Group
UMIS	Uganda Malaria Indicator Survey
UMRSP	Uganda Malaria Reduction Strategic Plan
UNBS	Uganda National Bureau of Standards
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
USD	United States Dollars
VHT	Village Health Team
WHO	World Health Organization





Ms. Ajarova Lilly, Board Member | Malaria Free Uganda.



HON. Jane Ruth Aceng
Minister for Health

Foreword from Health Minister

Malaria remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Uganda. In 2020 the Malaria contributed to **33%** of the outpatients and 11% deaths in the country. 14 million malaria cases were registered in 2020 putting a huge burden to the country and many families.


Although the burden remains high, the MOH has made significant strides in reducing the burden from a prevalence of 42% in 2009 to the current prevalence of 9%. MOH is committed to continue on the path of malaria reduction and elimination by 2030. The Ministry of Health recognizes that it can't be the goal of elimination alone. All sectors must join the malaria fight if the country is to achieve its dream of elimination. Malaria Free Uganda (MFU)'s role is to assist MOH to coordinate this multisector malaria response.

A well-coordinated response from all sectors beyond the Ministry of Health will ensure mobilisation of additional resources especially from private sector, integration of Malaria control efforts. Multi-sectoral support will ensure sustainability of funding amidst the dwindling donor support as well as ensure resilience and sustainability of malaria control efforts to be able to withstand shocks to the health system such as Covid-19 pandemic. MFU will support sectors to implement their activities in line with Malaria Control and

Elimination strategic plan 2021-2025.

I congratulate MFU for its achievements in this second year which was characterized by unprecedented disruption of some public health challenges like Ebola. I particularly thank MFU for supporting our need to train private sector practitioners to provide high quality malaria diagnosis and treatment in adherence to the National policy and protocols. I thank MFU also for ably keeping malaria visible through its advocacy especially in private sector space. Most importantly are the resources raised during the year and I appreciate the Board, Partners like Rotary and Ecobank through Zero Malaria Business Initiative that activated these mass resource mobilization campaigns.

The journey ahead is tough and will need more financial and non-financial resources than we have, stronger shared accountability, innovative solutions and most of all commitment to zero malaria. I look forward to our continued partnership as we work towards a malaria-free, healthier Uganda. Zero Malaria Starts with Me.

For God and My country

Hon. Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng
Minister of Health



Kenneth W Mugisha
Board Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I take this opportunity to thank the Government of Uganda through Ministry of Health for the continued support and commitment towards Malaria Free Uganda.

I thank all stakeholders who have been pivotal in the implementation of Malaria free initiatives and activities. Africa Leaders Malaria Alliance [ALMA] has remained steadfast in supporting continuity of this initiative.

I also thank the coordination team at MFU Secretariat for the job well done and encourage every team member to continue with the same commitment. Its in the same spirit that I acknowledge the Technical Working Group which was recently established to support a coordination mechanism between NMCD, key partners and MFU.

It has been a difficult journey lifting the Secretariat off the ground, but with efforts of all private sector partners, Ministry of Health and stakeholders, we have made tremendous progress towards the achievement of set activities.

Special acknowledgement to the fellow Board members for your tireless efforts towards this initiative. You have continued to commit resources in terms of time, finances among others.

Kenneth W Mugisha
Board Chairman
Malaria Free Uganda



Aubrey Agaba
Coordinator MFU

ABOUT THIS REPORT

I am honored to present the Malaria Free Uganda (MFU) report for the year 2022. This report is a comprehensive knowledge product from the MFU Secretariat, which aims to showcase the key strategic achievements of the MFU initiative during the year 2022. It is a testament to our commitment to demonstrate accountability for the resources used and the work done towards achieving our goal of a malaria-free Uganda.

The report highlights the significant contributions of key stakeholders, including state and non-state actors' especially private sector. It captures all activities and achievements throughout the year 2022, providing a detailed account of the progress made in our efforts to eliminate malaria in Uganda.

The report also features lessons learned during implementation, including key challenges faced, and provides recommendations for further improvement. It is our hope that this report will not only inform but also inspire and guide future efforts towards eliminating malaria in Uganda.

As the Coordinator of MFU, I extend my gratitude to all stakeholders who have played a role in realizing the achievements documented in this report. I also acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the MFU Secretariat team in ensuring the successful implementation of our activities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and for your continued support towards a malaria-free Uganda.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Agaba
Coordinator MFU

ABOUT MALARIA FREE UGANDA SECRETARIAT

Vision

A Malaria Free Uganda by 2030

Mission

MFU's mission is to achieve a malaria free Uganda by helping remove barriers to the implementation of the national malaria reduction and elimination strategic plan through advocacy and action, resource mobilization and, strengthening accountability.

Core Principles

MFU's principles will guide the way MFU engages with partners, as well as the way MFU holds members accountable for results. They are the essential enablers to achieving MFU's vision and mission. Achievement of overall malaria elimination targets set in this malaria strategic plan will be guided by the following broad principles:

- **Efficiency:** MFU will promote effective and efficient use of resources.
- **Equity and Inclusiveness:** MFU will promote universal coverage and access to essential interventions.
- **Multisectoral collaboration:** MFU will leverage multisectoral stakeholders and establishment of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) shall be encouraged during the implementation of this strategic plan.
- **Sustainability:** Actions/Activities will be Implemented with sustainability and durable solutions kept in mind as the ultimate goal.
- **Responsiveness:** MFU will respond to its stakeholders within a reasonable time frame.
- **Transparency:** MFU will engage with transparency with stakeholders, and the public about its work including transparent use and accountability for resources mobilized.

2.2 Goals and Objectives

The primary goal is to contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality and end malaria in Uganda.

Strategic Objectives:

1. To mobilize financial and in-kind resources to support malaria reduction and elimination in Uganda.
2. To advocate for malaria reduction and elimination to be a strategic priority at all levels and across sectors.
3. To drive action and progress towards malaria reduction and elimination by 2025.
4. To strengthen mutual accountability for achieving a malaria-free Uganda.
5. To strengthen and build MFUs organizational capacity to enable robust governance and management and to ensure effective and high-quality implementation.

MFU PILLARS

- 🍏 **Resources Mobilization and action**, both in-kind and financial, to close the budget gap and enable the full implementation of the national malaria strategic plan;
- 🍏 **Advocacy** for malaria to be a strategic priority across all sectors—public, private, and civil society—and at all levels from the head of state down to the head of household;
- 🍏 **Technical assistance** to improve the innovation and sustainability of the fight against malaria; and
- 🍏 **Mutual accountability** for making and implementing impactful commitments that will help achieve a malaria-free Uganda.

MFU MANAGEMENT

MFU is managed by an independent Board of Directors and is supported by a multi-sectoral Technical Working Group composed the Secretariat, Key stakeholders from the NMCD, partners (e.g., US President’s Malaria Initiative, WHO, African Leaders Malaria Alliance, TASO, Malaria Consortium, Civil Society, Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Malaria (UPFM)), and the Board.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview of the Uganda's Malaria

Uganda's malaria response is coordinated by the National Malaria Control Division (NMCD). The NMCD and partners are guided by the National Malaria Strategic Reduction and Elimination Strategy 2021-2025 whose vision is a malaria free Uganda by 2040 to enable social-economic transformation in line with Vision 2040 and mission is to provide quality assured services for malaria prevention and treatment to all people in Uganda. The main technical interventions under this strategic plan include: universal coverage of ITNs including routine distribution to pregnant women and young children, prevention of malaria among pregnant women, IRS in select high burden districts, seasonal malaria chemoprevention in Karamoja, prompt and effective malaria diagnosis and treatment. To achieve maximum impact of technical interventions, the strategic plan also prioritizes malaria surveillance and investments in social and behavior change. Some of the challenges faced by Uganda's malaria response include. Increasing malaria outbreaks due to changes in the rain patterns, inadequate access to and use of data at all levels, Capacity gaps at national and district levels, Poor Decentralization of programming, Underfunding for optimal coverage of key interventions and non-prioritization of non-commodity budget funding and Weak Private sector engagement among others. These remain eminent risk to implementation of National strategic Plan and the overall objective of a malaria free Uganda by 2030. Hence forth, UMRESP goal is to reduce malaria infection and Morbidity by 50% and malaria related mortality by 75% in Uganda. In trying to reduce gaps as realized in the NSP, Government of Uganda through line Ministry of Health (NMCD) established MFU, private public sector leaned initiative to help MFU seeks to help remove all barriers and bottlenecks that prevent the implementation of the national malaria strategic plan and the achievement of a malaria-free Uganda.

The NMCD and partners are guided by the National Malaria Strategic Reduction and Elimination Strategy 2021-2025 whose vision is a malaria free Uganda by 2040



2.0 SECRETARIAT ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR (FY 2021/2022)

1.1 Overview of the Uganda's Malaria

In line with the Secretariat work plan considerable achievements have been realized during the year 2022 as elaborated in this section.

2.1. Accountability and Action

Under this planned deliverable there were several stakeholder engagements with private sector partners and stakeholders. A number of issues were discussed related to how private sector can contribute to Malaria free Uganda and how the Malaria Agenda can be incorporated in the private companies' budgets. A total of 113 stakeholder engagements were conducted in the year 2022 accounting for 76 new engagements from the previous 37 in the year 2020/2021. Besides Board sub-committee meetings were held in addition to the Board meetings. A technical working group of 18 members was formed that helped to ease MFU work and give direction and every two weeks, the group ensured that actions were generated which led to progress at the secretariat.

A new strategic plan for Malaria Free Uganda was developed after several engagements with all key stakeholders. This is a fundamental framework that aligns objectives and fund activities with National Strategic Plan of NMCD. This strategic plan was adopted and approved by the Board.

2.2. Communication and Advocacy

The tool to partner engagement has largely been advocacy to create and trigger value, purpose and reason for collaboration. Leveraging on the Board's capacity and MFU key stakeholders including secretariat, TWG and partners. Over 110 mainly private sector led entities were approached.

Also, in terms of communication MFU Secretariat has been very proactive in dissemination information via different platforms/media including social media. Key messages on Malaria were developed, designed and disseminated using social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and others leveraging on partnerships with private sector platforms.



2.3. Resource Mobilization



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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2022

The increased levels of private sector engagements has seen an increase in commitment to support the fund. As a fundamental pillar to the initiative, resource mobilization was triggered by key program needs.

Summary Mobilized Commitments for 2022	
<u>In-kind</u>	Amount (\$)
Contributions towards Annual Fundraiser	35,675
Fosun Pharma trainings	121,900
Other in-kind resources	6,000
Sub Total	163,575
<u>Financial</u>	Amount (\$)
Ecobank-ZMBLI	120,000
Mass Resource mobilization drive	17,476
Annual Fundraiser - Rotary Family Carnival	12,000
Individual Contributions Hon. Esenu Athony for IRS	6,050
Subtotal	155,526
Total Realized [in-kind & Financial]	319,101

Summary contributions realized by MFU in 2022



Resource mobilization has primarily been hinged on 3 main initiatives;



Zero Malaria Business Leaders Initiative [ZMBLI]

Following a thorough engagement with key stakeholders under this framework, a partnership was established under Malaria Free Uganda where ZMBLI is being implemented, An MoU to this effect was also agreed and signed. To support the partnership operational implementation, an organizing subcommittee with representatives drawn from MFU, SUA, NMCD and Ecobank was formed to support coordination and planning in consultation with their respective seniors.

ZMBLI launch: As part of officially establishing the project a high-level national launch event was organized collaboratively by Ecobank, Speak Up Africa, Malaria Free Uganda and the National Malaria Control Division. It took place on March 30, 2022, officiated by the Chairperson of the Health Committee of Parliament, Dr Charles Ayume on behalf of the Minister of Health. It was attended by over 57 participants including business and government leaders, and representatives of multilateral organizations. The Managing Director of Ecobank, Ms Grace Muliisa, launched the matching fund of USD 120,000/.

Support and leveraging other related emerging processes geared towards private sector mobilization for malaria prevention and control: these included the special intervention on malaria prevention and control in Busoga kingdom area by the NMCD. We participated in the planning and development of a concept note on the private sector engage aspects of this intervention. Although this did not take place, this plan will be implemented in 2023 but the previous work helps to widen the partnership and engagement network with a community-based organization. Other initiatives supported was the malaria carnival.

Situational analysis: In Ghana and Uganda, as part of understanding the national context in relation to malaria control, a comprehensive desk review of the malaria sector was conducted focusing on the health burden, economic impact, special vulnerability of children and pregnant women, government policy and programmatic response, health/malaria financing, health system readiness for malaria prevention and control, and emerging issues such as substandard antimalaria medicines and Climate change.

Media engagement: Some of the media engagement outputs achieved are:

- This commentary article or op-ed in the Daily Monitor titled Malaria is a silent health

emergency that requires a societal response by Ms Grace Muliisa, Managing Director, Ecobank Uganda.

- A commissioned feature article by By Stephen Kafeero Defeating malaria is everyone's responsibility (Daily Monitor, April 18, 2022)
- ZMBLI launch featured on NBS TV live at 9 prime news bulletin, April 2, 2022 featuring ZMBLI launch with speeches from Ecobank Uganda MD, NMCD Programme Manager, MFU Chair, and the Chief guest, Dr Charles Ayume, Parliament Health Committee Chair.

MFU Annual Fundraising event.

MFU launched its annual fundraising event for Malaria in close partnership with Rotary Uganda to raise funds to urgently support malaria control in Uganda. This initiative is an annual fundraising event called The Rotary Family Carnival.

The 1st annual Family Carnival was held on 18th December 2022 at Las Vegas Hotel. It climaxed a mass resource mobilization drive activated by the Board of Directors in the last quarter of year. The 1st annual rotary family carnival attracted over 800 people to the fun filled full day event. climaxed a mass resource mobilization drive activated by the Board of Directors in the last quarter of year. The 1st annual rotary family carnival attracted over 800 people to the fun filled full day event.




The board and organizing team of the carnival acknowledge the following entities for their Kind support towards preparation of this event. A total of Ugx 134,090,000 was mobilized in that regards.

1. Mobicast Media	32,000,000
2. Dvi	31,800,000
3. Forever Media	20,700,000
4. Balaam Marketing Agency	8,000,000
5. Galaxy FM	6,400,000
6. National Medical Stores	25,000,000
7. Prime media	6,000,000
8. Kenya Airways	3,600,000
9. Geepas Uganda	690,000
Total	134,190,000 UGX

In-kind contributions to the carnival

Whereas the annual fundraiser raised 44,165,000 from the event, there were other financial commitments that were realized from mass resource mobilization engagements ahead of the event.

1. Malaria Partners Uganda	10,000,000
2. Joint Medical Stores	5,000,000
3. Pilgrim Africa	5,000,000
4. UEGCL	5,000,000
5. Centenary Bank	2,000,000
6. Ecobank	10,000,000
7. UBOS	6,000,000
8. Ms. Prossy Nabanjja	1,000,000
9. Adena Travel Agency	360,000
10. Kalikumutima & Co Advocates	5,000,000
11. UNOC	1,000,000
12. Uganda Law Society	5,000,000
13. RC Kiwatule	7,300,000
14. NWSC	2,000,000
Total	64,660,000 UGX

In the year 2022 key activities were carried out and they included the following



#joins us on
3rd December
at Cricket Oval

Urban malaria control project; a public private partnership in the slums of Kampala

MFU joined NMCD, KCCA, Pilgrim Africa and Eco bank, an IRS capacity building program was organized and conducted by the MoH IRS supervisors in collaboration with the school of Medical Entomology and Parasitology, Mulago. This was in preparation for the Indoor Residual Spray (IRS) exercise aimed at reducing the malaria burden in the 5 selected urban slums of Kampala Capital City.

The activity was launched in Kisenyi I by the Kampala Central Mayor Uhuru. He demonstrated the relevance of the exercise and safety of the chemical/insecticide being used. He rallied all the community members to embrace the activity in order to eliminate malaria vectors and malaria in the slums of Kampala.

We supported this activity by facilitating EIA permit for the project as well as 50% of the operations. A total of fifty million was extended to support this activity that benefited close to 40,000 urban poor residents in the targeted slums.



Pic. Kampala Central Mayor Mr. Salim Uhuru together with spray operators and Partners at the activity launch in Kisenyi slum



UPFM field advocacy activity

Uganda experienced an upsurge of malaria in several from April 2022. The situation of malaria in Busoga region particularly in Namutumba district was triggered by outcries from general public and media.

This attracted NMCD and political leaders led by Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Malaria [UPFM] to activate a field visit. The overall objective of the activity was to interact with stake holders at ground level with an aim of establishing current status and also creating awareness on MAAM in Namutumba district- selected communities so as to promote the agenda of “*a Malaria Free Constituency is my Responsibility*”

Malaria Free Uganda Joined UPFM and partners to activate this drive. Resources were extended to particularly support media and branding of this activity held on 29th and 30th August 2022. Among other activities, there was radio talk show and media coverage of the event. These amplified both community awareness and the need for more attention from high level stakeholders likeparliament.



Member of Parliament on UPFM forum and partner in Namutumba on local stakeholder engagement.

2.4. Partnership in Training of Health Care Providers

During the year 2022 through partnership with Fosun Pharma, a number trainings of low-level health care providers were conducted. These supplement bigger programmatic case management activities. Many clinicians both from private and public health facilities continue to benefit from these seminars aimed improving management of severe malaria and application of rightful protocols using current and updated guidelines from Ministry of health. IEC materials are disseminated during these trainings among others

No	Activity	Outputs
1.	No of trainings	27 trainings
2.	Districts	27 districts- Entebbe, Lyatonde, Namutumba, Kibuku, Bugiri, Kamuli, Masaka, Iganga, Soroti, Lira, Gulu, Kagadi, Kasese, Busia, Butaleja, Kumi, Moroto, Kasanda, Kakumiro, Arua, Adjumani, Mbarara, Tororo, Mbale, Jinja, Kyenjojo, Fortportal
3.	Beneficiaries	Doctors, Clinicians, Pharmacists, Nurses & Drug Shops from Public & Private facilities. Total 6,304 HCPs were real beneficiaries.
	Total cost	Up to \$125,000 (450 million shillings) was injected in these trainings



Training of health care providers in Fortportal-Kabarole and Jinja disticts.



3.0 Challenges faced and Lessons learnt

3.1 Challenges.

During the implementation of activities some challenges were faced and these included the following

- Inadequate funds to run particular activities as proposed in the work plan
- Delays in the release of the pledged funds from different stakeholders affecting timely implementation.
- Wrong Timing of the mass resource mobilization campaign considering most companies are closing their annual financial budgets especially CSR budgets.
- Limited Campaign time. This didn't allow sufficient time for Board members to engage all partners targeted.
- Board members availability remains a challenge amidst their very busy schedules to activate mass campaigns that require active and physical participation.
- Very low appetite of private interest in collaboration with malaria cause.
- Poor understanding of the initiative by some stakeholders especially in private sector.
- Competing events for the annual fundraiser during the same period of time
- Insufficient participation of key stakeholders like Ministry of Health and NMCD partners.
- Differences in partner objectives and expectations, among others

3.2 Lessons learnt.

- Effective engagement and involvement of Private Sector Companies management enhances their ownership and satisfaction with Malaria interventions.
- Greater success of Malaria free initiatives is dependent on the effectiveness of the support systems at the Ministry, local government, community and organization levels.
- Interventions require closer supervision, monitoring and guidance to increase stakeholder engagements, activities/program support and sustainability;













4.0 Recommendations

	Issue	Recommendation
1.	Inadequate information about malaria within the private sector	Continuous sensitization of the public on the programme activities and disseminating Malaria information amongst private sector players
2.	Inadequate Financial resources.	Come up with more innovative fundraising mechanisms that enhance collaborations with other relevant partners and programmes geared towards Malaria Free Uganda
3.	Low interest of malaria support in private sector	Proposed entity led and customized strategies to raise resources as opposed to one-time donations.
4.	Coordination gaps between National and Local Government	Strengthening coordination at national/Local Government levels to ensure efficiency and cost effectiveness in resource mobilization and involvement.
5	Board Participation	Timely information availability and well-defined expectations for the board per activity.



5.0 Annexes

Annex I: MFU Board


 <p>PDG. Kenneth Wyclif Mugisha CEO Parapet Uganda Chairman Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Ms. Nabbanja Proscovia Chief Executive Officer, Uganda National Oil Company Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Mr. Fabian Kasi Managing Director, Centenary Bank Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>
 <p>Ms. Ajarova Lilly Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Mr. Solomon Ossiya Director, Centre for African Policy Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Dr Patrick Bitature Chairman, Simba Group of Companies Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>
 <p>Ms. Juliet Kyokunda Executive Director, Uganda Biodiversity Trust Fund Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Eng. Harrison E. Mutikanga Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Sylvia Tumuheirwe Arinaitwe Deputy Managing Director, Finance & Corporate Strategy, National Water & Sewerage Corporation Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>
 <p>Dr. Bildard Baguma Executive Director, Joint Medical Stores Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	 <p>Ms. Grace Mulisa Managing Director, Ecobank Uganda Board Member Malaria Free Uganda</p>	<p>Board Members of Malaria Free Uganda</p> 





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