

15X UGANDA

The U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and Uganda teamed up to fight malaria when the initiative first launched across three African countries in 2006. While Uganda ranks among the ten highest malaria burden countries in sub-Saharan Africa and has faced uneven progress against malaria, the country reduced malaria cases by 1.5 million between 2017 and 2018.



UGANDA'S HARD-WON GAINS IN THE MALARIA FIGHT

↑56%

Increase in percentage of
**2 doses of intermittent
preventive treatment of
malaria in pregnancy**
from 2006-2018

↑67%

Increase in percentage of
**insecticide-treated
net ownership**
from 2006-2018

↓53%

REDUCTION IN ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY
IN CHILDREN UNDER 5 SINCE 2006



MALARIA ELIMINATION IN UGANDA: A MULTISECTOR EFFORT

In 2016, Uganda launched a national multisector strategy to increase demand for malaria prevention. The strategy cuts across government, the Ministry of Health, schools, the mining sector, the military, the private sector, and religious leaders. In schools, for example, children are given free insecticide-treated nets and educated on how they and their families can prevent malaria. An early pilot of this school-based program found that it reduced student absenteeism by 40% and is now being further tested and rolled out across the country. Additionally, the Ministry of Finance has directed all sectors to integrate malaria prevention activities into their workplans and budgets for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.



If we don't mobilize everybody and decentralize our efforts to every single school, business, community, and household, then we are wasting our time...We are working to ensure everyone is taking responsibility for ending malaria."

— Dr Jimmy Opigo

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