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## OUR GOAL

To achieve a parasite prevalence of less than 10% and reduce mortality attributable to malaria to less than 50 deaths per 1,000 live-births by 2025

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## Kwara State Releases N160m for malaria; Nassarawa N100m

malaria activities especially for SMC campaigns and renovation of large stores for malaria commod-

Kwara State has released 160 million Naira for malaria activities in 2021 while Nassarawa released N100 million. Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq of Kwara state through the State Commissioner for Health, Dr Raji Razaq, revealed, during an advocacy visit paid to him by NMEP and partners, that over 160 million naira has been given by the state government under the 'Malaria Free Kwara Initiative' to support



*Gov Abdulrazaq of Kwara state*

ities. The Honourable Commissioner pointed out that about 127 million naira has already been captured in the Year 2022 budget for malaria programmes in the state.



*Governor Sule receiving a plaque from NMEP Deputy Director/Programme Mgt, Tim Obot*

He said the current administration has set up an electronic medical record to strengthen the health management system and made provision for auto-mated inventory

management system to manage malaria commodities. Governor Abdullahi A. Sule of Nasarawa State during a recent advocacy paid to him said his government has released 100 million naira to support the ITN campaign activities in the state. He said his administration will continually support malaria activities in the state. In these advocacy visits by the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) and Partners States' Governors were requested to improve allocation and release of funds for malaria activities. The advocacy teams highlighted specific gaps in programme implementation where government funding can be deployed, and highlighted areas/services being covered with support from donors/partners.

# NMEP Conducts ITN Mass Campaigns in 5 States – Distributes 17m Nets

As part of efforts to ensure Nigeria meets up with the universal coverage in line with recom-



*Gov Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya giving his address at the flag of ceremony in Gombe state*

mendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Federal Ministry of Health and Partners have conducted Insecticide Treated Net (ITN) mass campaigns in the states of Gombe, Ogun, Jigawa, Oyo and Ondo in 2021.

About 17.5 million nets were distributed in the 5 States with the breakdown as follows: Gombe (2,314,406), Jigawa (3,596,241), Ogun (3,735,791), Ondo (2,965,125), and Oyo (4,786,097).

These campaigns were carried out by NMEP and its implementing partners Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Society for Family Health (SFH) and Malaria Consortium (MC) with funding from the Global Fund as well as Global Health Supply Chain – Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) and Breakthrough Action-Nigeria (BA-N) with funding from USAID PMI. Prior to the mass distribution official flag offs were conducted.

His Excellency, Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya, the Executive Governor of Gombe state during the ITN/SMC flag off ceremony reiterated his gov-

ernment’s commitment to fulfill all its financial obligations to ensure the successful conduct of the campaign. He admonished members of the communities of the state to make good use of the free ITNs distributed to them to ensure a malaria free Gombe.

In Ogun state, the Deputy Governor and Net Ambassador, Her Excellency, Engr Noimot Salako-Oyedele reiterated the state government’s commitment to end malaria in Ogun by the provision of counterpart funding for malaria control activities.

The Executive Governor of Oyo state, His Excellency Oluseyi Makinde, who was represented by his Deputy Chief of Staff, Honorable Olawale Abdul-Mojeed Mogbonjubola, appreciated the FMOH and partners for finding Oyo worthy of the net campaign. He assured of the cooperation of all and sundry to see to the success of the campaign in the state.

In Jigawa state, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of the state, Alhaji Muhammad Badaru Abubakar, represented by the Deputy Governor, Umar Namadi, pointed out that over

the years the state has implemented a health sector reform agenda which aims to increase access to qualitative and affordable healthcare that prioritizes primary health care. He stated that the state spends over N75 million monthly to complement the Free Maternal and Child Healthcare Intervention which includes malaria.

His Excellency, Ondo state Governor, Rotimi Akeredolu, represented by the Special Adviser on Welfare Matters and Special Duties, Mr Dare Aragbaye, said the involvement, participation, and eventual ownership of the implementation of malaria interventions by all relevant stakeholders especially the benefiting communities is paramount to the entrenchment of healthy cultures and elimination



**Presentation of award and certificate to the net ambassador/ Deputy Gov Ogun State Dr Noimot Salako-Oyedele by the National Coordinator NMEP Dr Perpetua Uhomobhi**

of malaria in the state. According to him, the immense support from a network of partners being enjoyed by the state and the government’s commitment to malaria elimination will ensure malaria is no longer a major public health concern in the state in the nearest future. Mr Aragbaye commended the efforts of the Federal Government and partners in the containment of malaria burden in Ondo state.

At all the ITN Campaign Flag off ceremonies held across states, the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr E. Osagie Ehanire, through his representatives said the use of ITNs has been adopted by the federal government as one of the strategies for the prevention and elimination of malaria in the country. He stressed the necessity to keep up with the gains achieved over the years in the fight against malaria amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the Government of Nigeria and RBM Partners are doing their best towards ensuring that every household in the beneficiary States receive mosquito nets. The Minister called on the States to take ownership of these campaign processes to ensure sustainability.



**Address by the Oyo Governor’s rep, Hon Olawale Abdul Mojeed**

## NMEP Conducts Supervision of SBC Interventions/ Coverage of Vulnerable Populations

NMEP has carried out supervisory visits to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps in Adamawa, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe States to assist it and partners active in the region to better understand the nature and extent of equity barriers affecting Internally displaced persons/ vulnerable population



Field work in one of the IDP camps

in the camps and surrounding communities. The visits led by teams from the Advocacy, Communication & Social Mobilization (ACSM) branch aimed to assess the effectiveness of current efforts to address and reduce the barriers in the provision of malaria interventions,

identify opportunities to adapt or strengthen these efforts in order to achieve greater equity in malaria-related health outcomes across the region, as well as understand if vulnerable populations and special groups such as IDPs are getting appropriate SBC interventions and if feedback is provided for improved performance. According to information obtained from the ACSM branch, interim findings indicate that most IDPs are knowledgeable about malaria, language is a barrier in some areas as the IDPs do not speak the local language, and the resettlement of some IDPs within existing communities reduces their access to specific malaria interventions targeted to IDPs.

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## FMOH Launches “MAMA PUT” Fever Care Campaign

The Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) has launched the ‘MAMA PUT’ Fever Care Campaign developed with support from the United States Presidents’ Malaria Initiative (PMI) through the Breakthrough ACTION-Nigeria project in collaboration with the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP).

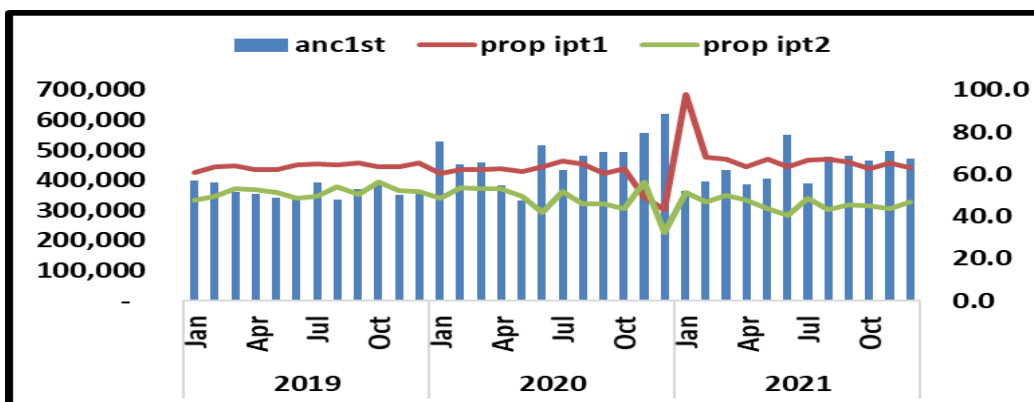
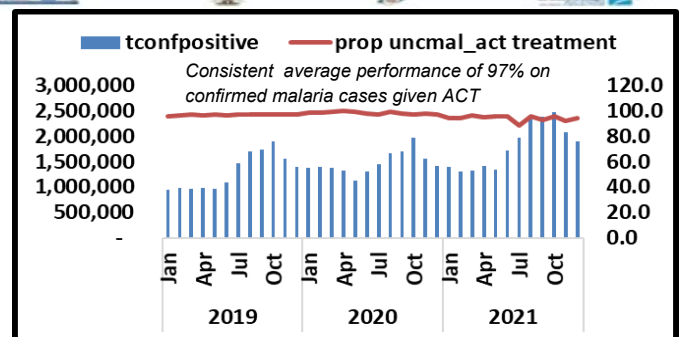
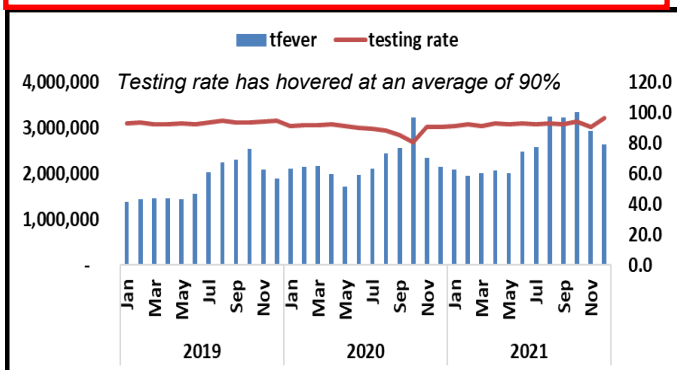
The “Mama Put” series aim to promote appropriate fever care management among Nigerians. The campaign promotes three key behaviors around fever care management viz: seeking care at the health facility within 24 hours when fever occurs, testing every fever case to be sure of the disease before treatment, as well as taking and completing the dosage of the right medicine (ACT- Artemisinin-Based Combination Therapy) when it is confirmed that the fever is malaria.

The Director, Public Health, FMOH, Dr Alex-Okoh, during a press interview at the launch of the event said it is hoped that the campaign will get to the grassroots as it appeals to the larger population and everyday Nigerian.

Deputy Project Director for Malaria, Breakthrough Action Nigeria, Dr Bolatito Aiyenigba, also in an interview granted the press at the event, admonished Nigerians to test every fever and conclude that



Routine Malaria Indicators Trend Analysis (Jan 2019 – Dec 2021)



- Average of 60% uptake in IPTp1 and 50% in IPT2

-Over 97% uptake in Jan. 2021 in IPT1



# NMEP & Partners Review ACSM

The National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) and partners with support from



*Group picture of participants at the workshop*  
Breakthrough Action Nigeria (BA-N) has reviewed its Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization (ACSM) guidelines.

The review of the 2014 National ACSM Guide, according to the branch head, Mrs. Sanni-Adeniyi, was meant to standardize ACSM programming and ensure that ACSM activities are aligned with the priorities of the current strategic plan to increase access to malaria commodities and services. Within that document four key steps in the ACSM programming process were reflected: 1. Situation and Communication Analysis; 2. “Think Big” Strategy Design Guide; 3. “Act Now” Imple-

mentation Planning Guide; and 4. “Count It” Monitoring and Evaluation Planning Guide.

During the review workshop, the NMEP National Coordinator, Dr Perpetua Uhomoibhi, commended participants’ efforts toward the development of the document. She called for a robust and user-friendly guideline which



*A cross section of participants at the workshop*  
can be quickly deployed to malaria players across the country for use.

## ...Hold Workshop to Develop 2022 AOP

NMEP together with its Partners have held a workshop to review malaria programme activities and develop the 2022 annual operational plan (AOP).

The National Coordinator, Dr Perpetua Uhomoibhi, represented by Head of Programme Management (PM) Branch, Mr Aro Modiu, in her opening remarks emphasized the importance of the AOP development and encouraged everyone to put in their best. The objectives of the workshop were to: review the im-

plementation status of activities for the 2021 AOP, conduct a SWOT and situational analysis; develop a costed 2022 AOP; and build the capacity of the participants on the process of AOP development.

According to PM sources, the 2022 AOP provides direction and focus on roll-out of countrywide interventions for the national programme and serves as a management tool for assessing performance of the national programme against agreed targets.



*Cross sections of participants at the workshop*



Participants were drawn from different thematic areas within the programme with representation from various partners .



*Pretesting of developed SBC materials for the 2021 NMIS data collection led by the ACSM unit in collaboration with SMEOR unit*

## WMR: Nigeria Records Increases Cont'd

He also pointed out that a critical issue which must be reiterated is the abounding evidence of resistance to pyrethroids which is the major insecticide used for the Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs).

The Hon Minister of Health pointed out that the Federal Ministry of Health, through the National Malaria Elimination Programme, has developed and operationalized its national malaria strategic plan (2021-2025). He said this was to ensure the delivery of robust multi-stakeholder, multisectoral and appropriate strategy mixes based on the stratification of Nigeria into low, medium, high, and very high epidemiological areas to achieve a rapid reduction in malaria burden and deaths while maintaining consistency with the key principles and pillars of the National Strategic Health Development Plan.

Dr. Osagie E. Ehanire pointed out that the country will be introducing a new intervention called Intermittent Prevent Treatment in Infants (IPTi) with the main objective of administering malaria preventive medicines to children under the age of 5 years. He added that the country will key into the usage of RTS,S vaccine recently approved by the World Health Organization for the prevention of *P. falciparum* malaria in children living in regions with moderate to high transmission.

## NMEP Pays Advocacy Visits to PSOs

Representatives from the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP) have paid advocacy visits to Shell Petroleum Development Company Nigeria Limited, Bond Chemical Industries Limited, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, and Exxonmobil Nigeria to improve private sector support within the malaria landscape and subsequently ensure increased uptake of malaria interventions.

In its engagement with these Private Sector Organizations (PSOs) NMEP representatives led by the Head of Advocacy, Communication & Social Mobilization (ACSM), Mrs. Olufunmilayo Sanni-Adeniyi, asked for their support to:

- \*Reach the unreached – achieve, sustain and tailor deployment and uptake of high-quality, proven interventions with a focus on hard-to-reach populations;
- \*Improve and expand on strategic communication e.g. support special multi-episode edutainment series that will focus on appropriate malaria prevention, diagnosis and treatment;
- \*Increase ITN distribution in geographical areas where it is limited as well as routine distribution;
- \*Build capacity for effective programme implementation;
- \*Scale up interventions for children under 5 (SMC) and pregnant women (IPTp) across the country.

In his response the Regional/Community Health Manager for Shell Petroleum Development Company Nigeria limited, Dr Akinwunmi Fayola, committed to meet with the finance team and top management of his organisation to relate the requests from NMEP. Dr

Akinwunmi pointed out that Shell has been supporting malaria activities through Africare in Bayelsa and Rivers for the past three years in collaboration with RBM. He further committed to work out modalities for a subsequent visit to



*NMEP Heads of PSM & ACSM with reps of with Bond Chemical Industries Limited*

SHELL headquarters in Port Harcourt for more robust discussions.

Team lead, Novartis Cluster Head English W/ Africa, Adenika Adeyele, committed the organisation to support advocacy related activities based on NMEP guidelines. She hinted on some existing areas of collaboration with NMEP through Society for Family Health (SFH) on iCCM interventions.

Bond Chemicals National Sales Manager, Pharm Oludepo Olumakinde, on behalf of the company committed to sustain support to malaria elimination in the country by donating products for malaria control. He promised to present the deliberations and recommendations of the advocacy meeting to the Chairman and CEO of the company.

Mrs. Tauhida Zayyad of Exxon Mobil promised Exxon Mobil's Nigeria will bring NMEP directly to support identified communities to carry malaria interventions for 2022 through a common fund in line with the Petroleum Industrial Act



*NMEP officers with representative of Shell Petroleum*





## Our Mission

To provide equitable, comprehensive, cost-effective, efficient and impactful malaria control interventions through transparent, accountable, client-oriented, community-owned and multi-sectoral approaches that contribute to a strengthened health system

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## 2021 WORLD MALARIA REPORT – Nigeria Records Increases

Nigeria has recorded increases in number of malaria cases and deaths, according to the 2021 World Malaria Report recently released by the World Health Organization (WHO).

A total of 64.7 million cases was estimated for 2020, a 7% increase from the 60.4 million cases recorded in 2019. Likewise, estimated deaths due to malaria in Nigeria increased by 12,252 (7%) to 199,689 in 2020.



**HMH, Dr Osagie Ehanire**

of global malaria cases and 23% of malaria deaths in 2019.

Globally, there was an estimated 241 mil-

Overall, the report indicated that Nigeria accounted for 27% of all malaria cases as well as 32% of all malaria deaths globally in 2020 compared to 27%

lion malaria cases in 2020 in 85 malaria endemic countries, increasing from 227 million in 2019. The greater part came from countries in the WHO African Region. About 96% of malaria deaths globally were in 29 countries

However, the report indicated that an estimated 1.7 billion malaria cases and 10.6 million malaria deaths were averted worldwide in the period between 2000–2020. It added that an additional 11.8 million children were protected with Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) in 2020 compared with 2019, mainly because of the expansion of SMC to new areas. Director General, World Health Organisation, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in his remarks on the report expressed concern over the stalling in the progress in the



**DG WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

fight against malaria. He called for broad use of the world's first malaria vaccine and

the introduction of new tools to put an end to malaria. The DG also called for increased investment in research and development as well as improvement in mobilization of additional resources.

In his own reaction, Nigeria's Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie E. Ehanire, in a press release, noted that these results were somewhat expected based on the background of years of plateaued funding and under prioritization, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic which severely disrupted malaria prevention and treatment services. *Continued on Page 5*