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The Corporate Alliance on Malaria in Africa

News Update

Note from the CEO

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As 2025 draws to a close, it is inspiring to reflect on a year marked by significant milestones, growing partnerships, and measurable progress in the fight against malaria across Africa. The global malaria landscape has remained complex and volatile, with declining international financing threatening to reverse years of hard-won gains. Projections indicate that without urgent action, nearly one million additional lives could be lost, accompanied by over US\$83 billion in economic losses by 2030. For Africa, already carrying over 90% of the global malaria burden, this presents a critical systemic risk to health, productivity, and economic stability.

Yet, alongside these pressures, the technical and scientific environment is shifting rapidly. Ethiopia's deployment of malaria vaccines across 58 high-transmission districts, adding to rollouts in 22 other African countries, demonstrates the operational feasibility of integrating novel tools into national programmes at scale. Concurrently, advancements in diagnostic technology are redefining surveillance capabilities.

Climate dynamics are further complicating vector ecology. The first documentation of mosquito presence in Iceland illustrates how rising temperatures and altered weather patterns are expanding vector viability into previously non-endemic zones. These shifts underscore the need for adaptive risk modelling and climate-informed vector control strategies.

Across the continent, governments are strengthening primary health systems in response to these evolving challenges. Nigeria's recent ₦32.9 billion disbursement to primary health centres indicates renewed investment in frontline service delivery. Civil society oversight efforts, such as the "Red Letter"

campaign, reinforce the imperative of transparency and accountability in translating resources into impact. Together, these developments signal a strategic shift—marked by emerging tools, widening financing gaps, climate pressures, and shifting transmission dynamics. The trajectory of malaria control in Africa will depend on the speed and coherence of the response.

2025 has also been a pivotal year for CAMA. Under the coordination of ABCHealth as the new Secretariat, the **CAMA 2026–2030 Strategy** has been developed, setting a bold, African-led agenda to accelerate malaria elimination. The strategy positions CAMA as a catalyst for mobilizing corporate resources, deploying data-driven approaches, and fostering cross-sector collaboration aligned with national and global malaria targets. By leveraging private-sector innovation, strengthening country engagement, and scaling partnerships, CAMA aims to move the continent from risk of resurgence to sustained resilience and progress.

Looking forward to 2026, we do so with renewed optimism and determination, confident that together, through strategic action and collective commitment, we can advance toward a malaria-free Africa.

Happy holidays and a prosperous 2026!

*Ending malaria demands unity—
when partnerships align,
innovation scales, impact deepens,
and a malaria-free Africa moves
from vision to reality.*

Mories Atoki (Dr.)

CEO, ABCHealth
Lead, CAMA Office



Ethiopia Makes History with First Malaria Vaccine Rollout — Targeting 58 High-Risk Districts

Ethiopia has launched its first malaria vaccine campaign in 58 high-burden districts, marking a significant advancement in its public health efforts. This campaign delivers 186,000 doses of the malaria vaccine along with distributing 12 million insecticide-treated nets. The introduction of these vaccines is a major milestone in the country's ongoing battle against malaria, particularly as the number of cases continues to surge. Ethiopia becomes the 23rd African nation to introduce malaria vaccination, joining a continental effort to curb the spread of this life-threatening illness.



Global Fund Shortfall May Spark 1 Million Malaria Deaths, \$83bn in Economic Losses

A new report warns that cuts to anti-malaria funding could trigger the deadliest resurgence in decades, causing nearly 1 million deaths and \$83bn in economic losses by 2030. The projected shortfall threatens core interventions such as long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, rapid diagnostics, and lifesaving treatments, particularly in high-burden African countries where over 90% of cases occur. With major donors reducing pledges and domestic health budgets under strain, African leaders are calling on global partners, private-sector investors, and innovative financing mechanisms to step in urgently.



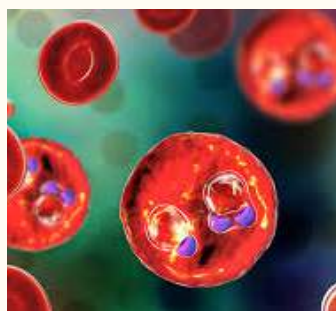
Breakthrough 45-Minute Malaria Test Detects Hidden Infections Missed by Standard Tools

A new LAMP-based malaria diagnostic, Dragonfly, detects asymptomatic infections with high sensitivity, identifying as few as 0.6 parasites/ μ L within 45 minutes. Field testing in The Gambia and Burkina Faso (672 samples) showed 95.2% sensitivity and 96.8% specificity, outperforming microscopy and rapid diagnostic tests. It detected 94.9% of asymptomatic and 95.3% of submicroscopic infections, meeting malERA criteria for community-level screening.



New Antibody Blocks Malaria Infection After a Single Dose, Study Finds

A new Phase 1 trial shows a novel long-acting monoclonal antibody (MAM01) delivers dose-dependent protection against Plasmodium falciparum with no serious adverse events. Conducted by the University of Maryland's CVD, the challenge study exposed 38 malaria-naïve adults to infected mosquitoes after a single injection. MAM01 targets a conserved circumsporozoite protein region, offering a potential single-dose, months-long preventive alternative to multi-dose vaccines. Following these promising results published in The Lancet, pediatric trials are now underway in Uganda.



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A healthcare worker wearing a full-body white protective suit, mask, and goggles is holding a young child in a striped shirt. The worker is also wearing yellow gloves and a yellow apron. The child is looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

The Democratic Republic of Congo has confirmed an Ebola outbreak in Kasai Province, with 28 suspected cases and 15 deaths reported so far. Health officials have identified the Ebola Zaire strain, which is known for its high mortality rate. This development has prompted emergency response efforts supported by the World Health Organization, which is working closely with local health authorities to contain the outbreak and provide necessary medical assistance. In response to this situation, Nigeria's National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) reports that there are currently no local cases within the country. However, to prevent any cross-border spread of the virus, Nigeria has ramped up its preventive measures. These include intensified border checks, enhanced surveillance, and increased public awareness campaigns aimed at educating the population about the risks of Ebola and the importance of early detection and reporting.

For the first time, mosquitoes have been discovered in Iceland, a development that follows record-breaking heat experienced this spring. Previously, Iceland was known for its lack of mosquitoes, making this discovery particularly significant. The species identified is *Culiseta annulata*, which is known for its ability to survive cold winters, a trait that makes it uniquely suited to the Icelandic environment. This particular species was found near Reykjavik, the country's capital, signaling a potential change in the local ecosystem. Scientists are warning that the recent rise in temperatures, attributed to climate change, may now create conditions that allow these insects to not only survive but thrive.

Lagos State Health Commissioner Prof. Akin Abayomi has revealed that malaria has become significantly uncommon in Lagos, with data showing that only 3–4 out of every 100 fever cases are actually malaria. He explained that repeated laboratory investigations with top scientists confirm this decline, noting that many fever cases are instead viral infections that only mimic malaria symptoms. Prof. Abayomi urged Lagos residents to always request proper diagnostic proof, specifically asking to see the malaria rapid test cartridge, before accepting treatment. He criticized the widespread “malaria-typhoid” diagnosis, calling it misleading and a major driver of unnecessary drug use and over-treatment.



Chevron Boosts Healthcare and Education in Three States — Donates Clinics, Centers, and Digital Tools

Chevron Nigeria and its partners have donated modern health and educational facilities to communities in Rivers, Yobe, and Oyo States. In Rivers, a state-of-the-art chest clinic equipped with advanced medical technologies has been established to enhance respiratory care and broaden access to critical health services. In Yobe, Mother and Child Referral Centers have been introduced, improving maternal and infant healthcare by strengthening emergency response, referral pathways,

and frontline services. In Oyo, the donation of 100 computers, alongside teacher training programs, is designed to enhance digital literacy, strengthen educational infrastructure, and empower students with critical 21st-century skills.

Access Bank Launches 7th 'W' Health Month — Targets Maternal Care, Cancer & Women's Wellness



Access Bank has launched the seventh edition of its 'W' Health Month, an initiative dedicated to improving maternal and preventive health across Africa. This year's campaign, set for 2025, aims to heighten awareness about critical health issues such as fibroids, cancer, and maternal nutrition. As part of the campaign, Access Bank will offer free health screenings at Onikan General Hospital, providing women with essential health evaluations. Additionally, the initiative will include the distribution of W Care



Packs, specially curated for women and their newborns, to offer support and promote healthier lifestyles. The campaign underscores Access Bank's commitment to empowering women and enhancing healthcare across the continent.



Vestergaard Partners With Harvestfield in Joint Venture to Launch Nigeria's First Dual-Active Mosquito Net Factory

Nigeria is set to witness a major milestone in its malaria elimination efforts as Vestergaard and Harvestfield announce the groundbreaking of the country's first local manufacturing plant for dual-active long-lasting insecticidal nets, scheduled for December 8, 2025. Vestergaard, a global leader in malaria prevention and a long-standing partner of CAMA in driving malaria control across Africa, is expanding its footprint through this joint venture to ensure more

sustainable, reliable, and cost-effective access to life-saving mosquito nets. The new facility is expected to strengthen local production capacity, reduce dependence on imports, create jobs, and enhance timely distribution of high-quality nets to communities most at risk.

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CAMA 2026-2030 Strategy Document

CAMA Members' Meeting Review on the Strategy Document



The CAMA 2026–2030 Strategy Document sets a bold, African-led agenda for accelerating malaria elimination through private-sector leadership, innovation, and strengthened multi-stakeholder partnerships. Developed under the coordination of ABCHealth as the new Secretariat, the strategy positions CAMA as a catalyst for aligning corporate resources, data-driven approaches, and cross-sector collaboration with national and global malaria goals. Built on the WHO's High Burden to High Impact (HBHI) framework, the strategy organizes countries into three tiers—elimination-ready, progressing toward elimination, and high-burden settings, to ensure that interventions are tailored, targeted, and responsive to real epidemiological needs.

To achieve meaningful impact, the strategy is anchored on five pillars: knowledge-sharing, private-sector advocacy, innovation, community investment, and membership expansion. These pillars outline clear outcomes such as annual malaria forums, development of digital knowledge tools, workplace malaria programs, country-specific partnerships, and a 30% growth in CAMA membership over the strategy period. A robust governance structure and Monitoring & Evaluation framework strengthen accountability, track progress, and enable adaptive planning. Together, they create a strategy designed for both operational clarity and measurable impact.

On Tuesday, 28th October 2025, CAMA convened its Members' Meeting to review and refine the strategy. Co-Chairs - Michael Steinberg (Chevron), Zouera Youssoufou (Aliko Dangote Foundation), and Esther Graham (Access Bank), and Affiliate members - Dr. Rose Peters (Syngenta), provided critical insights that sharpened its direction. They emphasized that CAMA's planned activities must be clearly tied to measurable outcomes, with each intervention identifying its target audience, policymakers, communities, private sector actors, or technical partners. They further stressed the need for realistic planning, urging the strategy to reflect available resources and operational capacity to ensure feasible implementation.

Another priority emerging from the meeting was the need to strengthen stakeholder and government engagement, particularly in high-burden countries. Members recommended that for every country where CAMA intends to operate, the strategy should explicitly outline the key ministries, agencies, and national actors whose involvement is essential for success. This aligns closely with CAMA's commitment to support national malaria programs, deepen public-private partnerships, and ensure that private-sector resources complement country-level priorities.

Finally, members underscored the importance of strategic alignment across all planned activities ensuring coherence with CAMA's mission to mobilize private sector leadership for malaria elimination. Action points from the meeting included reviewing all activities for measurable impact, mapping government stakeholders per country, identifying engagement gaps, and integrating these insights into the revised strategy before final validation. With these refinements, the CAMA 2026–2030 Strategy is positioned as a focused, practical, and impactful framework that mobilizes Africa's private sector toward one shared objective: reducing malaria burden and accelerating the continent's progress toward elimination by 2030.

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Recent Events & Activities Across the Coalition

ABCHealth Panel Session - Africa Film Finance Forum 2025, Lagos, Nigeria.

The ABCHealth Session at the Africa Film Finance Forum Summit 2025, themed “Health on the Big Screen: From Film Reel to Real Impact, Mobilizing Private Sector Capital for Africa’s Health Care Sector through Stories,” examined how storytelling can drive real investment and influence within Africa’s health ecosystem. This session explored how purposeful storytelling can bridge the gap between awareness and implementation, mobilizing support for healthcare financing, innovation, and impact. Bringing together thought leaders from healthcare, communications, and the creative industry, the discussion unlocked the potential of film as a tool for advocacy and social change, translating on-screen stories into measurable health impact across Africa.



ABCHealth Panel Session - 10th Anniversary & 6th Membership Induction Ceremony, Academy of Public Health, Abuja, Nigeria.

ABCHealth hosted a focused panel session during the 10th Anniversary and 6th Membership Induction Ceremony of the Academy of Public Health, in collaboration with the West Africa Institute of Public Health, at Abuja. The session, themed “Collaborative Strategies for Scaling up Digital Health Solutions for NCDs,” explored how stronger public-private partnerships, interoperable systems, and innovative digital tools can accelerate prevention and care for non-communicable diseases. The conversation underscored the importance of coordinated action, sustainable investment, and data-driven solutions in improving NCD outcomes and advancing resilient health systems across Africa.



ABCHealth Panel Session - A.H.E.A.D Africa Healthtech Conference, Lagos, Nigeria.

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Key Upcoming Events



ABCHealth High-Level Roundtable session - World Health Expo (WHX) Leaders Summit, Accra, Ghana (10th December 2025).

The ABCHealth Roundtable at WHX Leaders Africa, themed ‘Forging a Predictive Health Intelligence and Digital Structure for Local Production Efficiency and Market Responsiveness in Africa’s Healthcare Sector,’ will convene policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators to explore how data-driven systems can transform Africa’s healthcare landscape. As the continent accelerates efforts to strengthen its health infrastructure, the discussion focuses on building digital intelligence and predictive capabilities that enhance manufacturing efficiency, supply chain reliability, and market alignment. The session aims to identify actionable pathways for leveraging technology to boost local production, improve access to essential health commodities, and foster resilience within the African healthcare ecosystem.



ABCHealth Academy for Health Entrepreneurs Graduation Ceremony 2025 Cohort - December 2025

ABCHealth Webinar on Mental Health & Workplace Wellness - January 2026

CAMA Members’ Meeting - February 2026

CAMA Webinar - World Malaria Day - April 2026