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INTRODUCTION

Zambia's End Malaria Council is a country owned and led mechanism that convenes senior-level, multi-sectoral stakeholders to complement Zambia's National Malaria Elimination Programme. The End Malaria Council is focused on three priority areas:

- **Action & Accountability.** Ensure the national strategic plan is implemented by driving action and holding stakeholders accountable.
- **Resource Mobilisation.** Pursue traditional and innovative financing to mobilise domestic resources to close the funding gap.
- **Advocacy.** For malaria elimination to remain high on public and private sector agendas.

The EMC established the End Malaria Fund as a public-private body for mobilising, pooling, managing, and distributing financial resources to support the national malaria strategic plan. The Fund operates as a subset of the EMC and co-opted members to serve on the Fund's Board.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2022

The End Malaria Council undertook several activities at both national and subnational levels, within its mandate as highlighted below:

ADVOCACY

The Zambia End Malaria Council clocked 3 years in March 2022 and the celebration of the third Anniversary was integrated in the various events, in line with the mandates of advocacy, resource mobilization, action, and accountability. Most of these events were supported by ALMA in terms of resources and technical guidance.

Introductory meeting with the Honourable Minister of Health

A combined team of the EMC/EMF and other partners paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Health, Honourable Sylvia Masebo and shared the plans for the year, while seeking her support in the works of the EMC. The meeting also set the agenda for engaging the Minister in the identification of and appointment of new EMC members, following the vacancies that were created, such as the demise of Bishop Njovu and rotation of some members.

Secretariat worked with stakeholders in identifying new members and the Minister of Health officially appointed them.

Commemoration of World Malaria Day 2022

On 25th April 2022, Zambia joined the rest of other countries in the commemoration of world malaria, which is observed annually. The national main event was commemorated in Kalumbila District, North-Western Province. The global theme was **Advance equity. Build resilience. End malaria.** The event was graced by the Minister of Health, Honourable Sylvia Masebo (MP). Other government officials included the Provincial Minister, Provincial Permanent Secretary and the Provincial Deputy PS, the provincial health director, His Worship the Mayor of Solwezi, the District Commissioners, member of Parliament,

The subnational EMC chair for the North-Western Province, His Royal Highness Senior Chief Dr. Mumena was involved in all the preparatory events and was among the senior leaders present at the actual event.

There was also high participation of partners in the malaria program including the cooperating partners such as WHO, UNICEF, USAID-PMI, and many others. The private sector participation was also well represented, with the host being First Quantum Minerals having taken the lead as member of the End Malaria Council.



Participation in the Global Fund Advocacy Network (GFAN) meeting held in Lusaka, Zambia

On 15th July 2023, the EMC participated in the GFAN Africa engagement in the margins of the 4th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) meetings held in Lusaka. The side meeting was officially opened by Bishop Paul Mususu (left picture), a FLAME leader.



The overall objective of the side event was to amplify the need for political will and commitment for the upcoming 7th Replenishment of the Global Fund, and Domestic resources for Health.

The EMC was represented by Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ZACCI) Board member, Mr. Emmanuel Chilufya (r, above), who highlighted the need for the private sector to get fully involved in local resource mobilization for malaria elimination.

Malaria Youth Indaba and Launch of the Zambia Malaria Youth Army

Prior to the launch of the Zambia Malaria Youth Army, a 2-day youth indaba was convened in Chilanga District, Lusaka Province from 18th to 19th August 2022, where 20 youths from the 10 provinces, together with the Provincial Malaria Focal Point Persons and the National Malaria Elimination Centre (NMEC) officers participated.

During the indaba, the youth interacted with health officials from provincial and national levels and were assisted in understanding the National Malaria Elimination Strategic Plan and the malaria elimination focus areas. This helped them to finalize the Zambia Youth Army Strategic documents that would guide their interventions in various provinces and communities. During the indaba, the youths were also taken through the ALMA Youth Army Terms of Reference and developed local objectives and coordinating mechanisms. The youths were also given the framework under which they will be working. The youths were also introduced to the EMC and EMF strategic objectives, composition of members and other key stakeholders.

The Zambia Malaria Youth Army was officially launched on 20th August 2022, by Honourable Minister of Health, represented by the Permanent Secretary-Technical Services. The Youth Army is being engaged in diverse areas of action and accountability to support the existing end-malaria mechanisms at both national and sub-national levels.



The Malaria Youth Army is also involved in activities that strategically support the malaria elimination activities of the country's National Malaria Elimination Program. All the activities are coordinated under the National Malaria Elimination Program, supported by the EMC and ALMA's Youth Advisory Council (AYAC).

Commemoration of World Mosquito Day 2023



The EMC, through the EMC Working Committee organized the commemoration of World Mosquito Day, which is commemorated Globally on 20th August. The event was co-organised by Radio Christian Voice and hosted at East Park Mall. The event was graced by the Permanent secretary, Ministry of Health, Professor Lackson Kansonka (in red and black attire), who

represented the Minister of Health.

Engagements with Radio and TV stations



The End Malaria Council held several radio programs throughout the year, calling for action for the public to come on board and join the malaria fight. The EMC worked with the Zambia National Broadcasting Cooperation (ZNBC), Radio Christian Voice, Millennium Radio, Radio Phoenix and other stations.

Engagements with local artists

On 13th September 2022, the EMC organized a malaria orientation meeting for musician and media personalities. They learnt about malaria, and ways in which they could be champions in the malaria fight. After the orientation, music artists organised a music festival, which was held on 15th November 2022 in Kabwe, Central Province.



Picture: His Royal Highness Chief Dr Mumbona Mumbona interacting with one of the popular Zambian Gospel Musicians (Ephraim in black suit) as Dr Elizabeth Chizema looks on. The Chief engaged Ephraim to be among the malaria champions.

Engagements with soccer stars through the Football Association of Zambia



The EMC, through the EMF, held meetings with the Football Association of Zambia to strengthen ties in resource mobilisation and advocacy. One of the key outcomes is that FAZ agreed to host a donation box at the 'Football House' and to facilitate the engagements with individual soccer stars to champions for malaria elimination.

SADC Malaria Week 2022 Commemoration

The event was officially held on 9th December 2022 in Mumbwa district under the theme “community involvement is key to achieving zero malaria”, with its accompanying slogan ‘together, we can defeat malaria’. The event was graced by the Central Province Permanent Secretary.

The EMC coordinated the participation of the local Zambia Malaria Youth Army, as they showcased their capacity to support the malaria fight through involvement in advocacy and actual implementation of indoor residual spraying (IRS) and mass drug administration (MDA).

Faith Leaders

Launch of FLAME Chapters

The Faith Leader Advocacy for Malaria Elimination (FLAME), a member of the End Malaria Council completed the formation of the last 4 of 10 faith leaders’ chapters in the 10 provinces. The meetings also facilitated the formulation of district plans for the year 2022.



Familiarisation tour to malaria research sites in Southern Province

FLAME conducted a familiarization tour to Southern Province of Zambia, where faith leaders were oriented on the current developments in malaria research, particularly on vector control. Coordinated by the NMEC, the faith leaders visited

the Larval Source Management ponds (where there is Gambusia fish) and the Malaria Research Institute in Macha. The faith leaders appreciated the tour and pledged to support the efforts within their constituencies.



Round-Table meeting



The FLAME Round Table meeting was held at Mika Convention Centre, Lusaka from 29th to 30th November 2022. In his opening remarks, the EMC Chair encouraged the faith leaders to keep up with the fight against malaria. The event was graced by honorable Minister of Health.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION

Various fundraising initiatives were undertaken, despite the difficult circumstances during the COVID - 19 era. Most of the support received was in-kind. The activities include the following:

The Malaria Investment Cocktail

On 22nd April 2022, the EMC hosted a Malaria Investment Cocktail at Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka. The event was graced by the Honourable Minister of Health, represented by the Permanent Secretary for Administration. The event was a platform that brought on board various sectors to support the malaria fight.



Fundraising Malaria Golf Tournament



The EMF successfully hosted a golf tournament at the Chainama Golf Club in Lusaka on 27th November 2022 which attracted 21 organizations/companies. The golf tournament is one of the events expected to be held annually at different venues across the country.

Other EMC engagements during the year

The EMF continued with the sale of malaria branded T-Shirts. The proceeds were ploughed into manufacturing of more donation boxes that were distributed in strategic areas for public contributions. All the funds raised through such an initiative are channeled to the support towards malaria elimination.

Engagement with CEOs from various companies and organizations for cash and in-kind support

In strengthening the multisectoral coordination in the malaria fight, the End Malaria Council engaged various stakeholders in the public, private and community sectors at the highest level for advocacy, resource mobilisation and action towards the implementation of the National Malaria Elimination Strategic Plan. The resources from all the various sectors (Financial or In-kind) are critical in closing the gaps for adequate implementation of the malaria programs. Among the companies engaged were:



Fosun Pharma - a pharmaceutical company has supported the scale up of the MDA implementation in selected districts. From the funds the company contributed to the 2020-21 MDA campaign, the NMEC made a saving which was used to kick start the 2021-22 campaign, covering Round 1 of the campaign in selected districts. Fosun also contributed for the 2023 MDA implementation.

Vestergaard – a company involved in the manufacturing and distribution of LLINs was engaged for various initiatives towards the fight against malaria. Several pharmaceutical companies were also engaged to support the malaria fight. **Picture:** *Directors from Vestergaard and Melcome Pharmaceuticals Ltd. visited the EMC secretariat to deliberate on various matters regarding malaria elimination.*



Rotary International and World Vision



The EMC also supported the hosting of the Rotary international president, Jennipher Jones. The Rotary president also met with His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia.

ACTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The 2022 Workplans

All members developed their sector workplans which were uploaded onto the workplan online management tool for efficient tracking of progress towards the malaria fight.

Through the workplans, the EMC members documented their commitments for the year.

Further support was extended to the sub-national EMCs.

Support to subnational EMCs.

On 20th January 2022, the national EMC supported a one-day Central Province Subnational EMC meeting. The meeting was coordinated by Provincial Health Office, in its capacity as secretariat. The meeting provided an opportunity for the members to review commitments made in the past year and plan the way forward towards the malaria fight.

The meeting was officially opened by the Provincial Permanent Secretary, Mr. Milner Mwanakampwe and chaired by his Royal Highness Chief Chamuka VI, who is the Subnational EMC Chair for Central Province.



The EMC launched the installation of billboards across the country

Quarterly EMC Board meetings



The EMC held Quarterly Board meetings as planned. The onboarding process for the new members commenced during the 3rd Quarter Board meeting and has continued.

The EMC and EMF had a successful 2022 and plans to achieve more in 2023.

