

## THE SWISS MALARIA GROUP – SUCCESSFUL TOGETHER

A Swiss public, private, academic & civil society leadership network for a malaria-free world.



Your gateway  
to Swiss expertise  
in global health  
and malaria.

# SWITZERLAND IS A PIONEER IN THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO END MALARIA

Despite continuous successes, malaria remains a heavy burden on the world and is far from being defeated. The disease paralyzes the social and economic development of affected countries and continues to strike hardest against pregnant women and children in Africa. A child dies every minute from malaria.

Switzerland is one of the leading countries in the fight against malaria. Thanks to Swiss and international commitment to achieve a malaria-free world, 10.6 million lives have been saved since 2000.<sup>1</sup> The Swiss Malaria Group as a multi-stakeholder network combines academic excellence and long-standing field experience to end malaria by providing substantial expertise at local, national and global levels.

Our commitment for a malaria-free world goes far beyond eliminating one of the deadliest diseases. When signing the Bern Declaration on Malaria in 2016, Swiss Malaria Group members together with Swiss parliamentarians have made a commitment to transform the world by strengthening health systems and making malaria history, in line with the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## What has been achieved so far in the new era of global engagement against malaria?

On a global scale, great progress was made in reducing the burden of malaria over the last 20 years with an estimated 10.6 million lives saved and approximately 1.7 billion cases averted. Yet the rate of progress has slowed in recent years - addressing the urgent need for increased investment in the fight against malaria.

## Malaria interventions are one of the most cost-effective investments in global health and development

The 2030 Global Malaria Goals aim to reduce malaria mortality and incidence rates by 90% compared with 2015. Together, we seize one of the best development investment opportunities of our time.

- Ending malaria transforms the world by reducing poverty, hunger and child deaths, and increasing gender equality, education and equal opportunities.
- Cost savings for both households and health systems, and increased macroeconomic output generated by a healthy and productive workforce unburdened by malaria.
- US\$ 4 trillion of additional economic output to be generated between 2016 and 2030.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> WHO: World Malaria Report 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Roll Back Malaria 2015: Action and Investment to Defeat Malaria 2016-2030 (AIM).

## OUR MISSION

### Engaging Swiss leaders and the general public to:

- provide Swiss leadership against malaria at global and national levels
- strengthen research and innovation by Swiss actors
- fight malaria on the ground in all affected settings



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## OUR STRATEGY: SUCCESSFUL TOGETHER

### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING

The Swiss Malaria Group functions effectively and visibly as a multistakeholder partnership, while leveraging networking opportunities for members. **1**

### ADVOCACY

Within Switzerland and in collaboration with international organizations: Increasing political commitment to support Swiss actors in their role in the fight against malaria. **2**

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

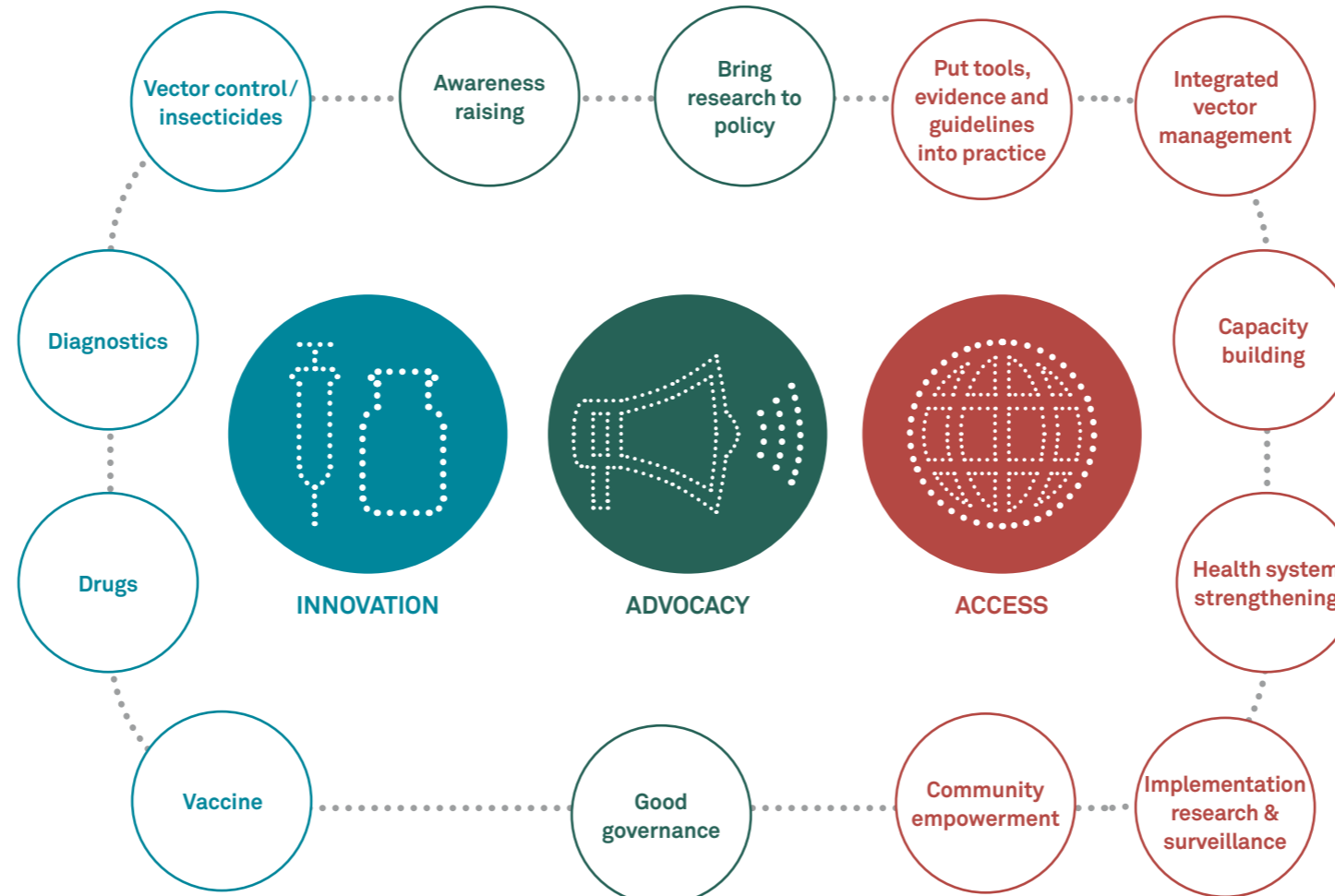
Increasing awareness of malaria and its relevance for Switzerland and global development amongst the Swiss public. **3**

### TECHNICAL EXCHANGE

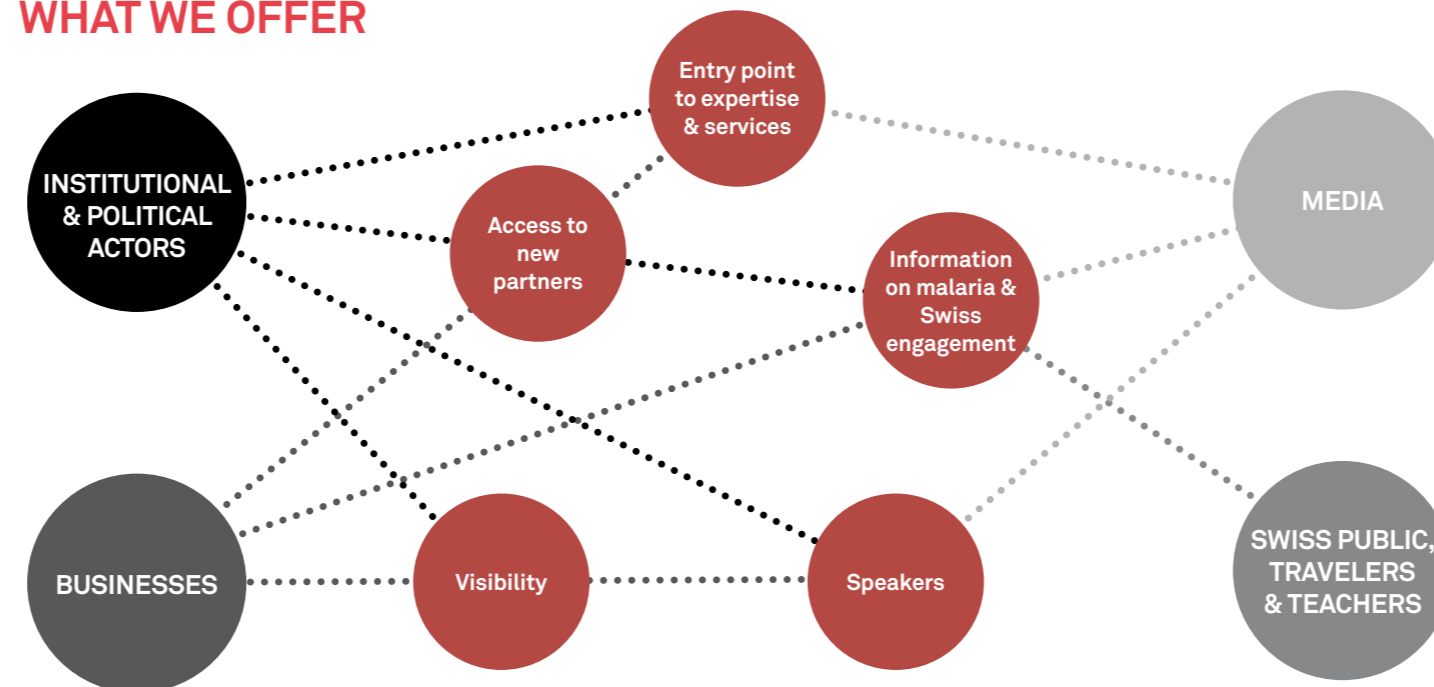
Sharing knowledge and expertise among members for more effective and efficient actions. **4**

## OUR MALARIA INTERVENTION CHAIN

As a multi-stakeholder network, the Swiss Malaria Group covers the whole intervention chain of efficient, effective and sustainable malaria control and elimination.



## WHAT WE OFFER



## 5 KEY FACTS ON MALARIA

- Malaria is a preventable and curable disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. Still every year, malaria continues to claim more than 600,000 lives.<sup>3</sup>
- Children under 5 years are the most vulnerable group affected by malaria.
- Pregnant women are also at high risk of malaria. Malaria in pregnancy increases the risk of maternal and fetal anemia, stillbirth, spontaneous abortion, low birth weight and infant death.<sup>4</sup>
- The WHO African Region carries a disproportionately high share of the global malaria burden. In 2020, the region was home to 95% of malaria cases and 96% of malaria deaths.<sup>5</sup>
- A combination of properly applied methods have the potential to suppress malaria, i.e. insecticide-treated mosquito nets, indoor residual spraying, diagnostics, drugs, vaccination, involvement of the civil population and multi-sectoral approaches.



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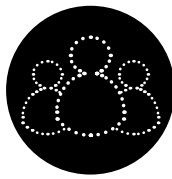
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# SWISS MALARIA EXPERTISE

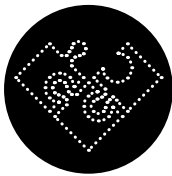
The Swiss Malaria Group brings together Swiss excellence for a malaria-free world providing high quality and evidence-based solutions. As a multistakeholder network of academic research, civil society organizations, corporate and public sectors, we unite all sectors and cover the whole intervention chain from research and innovation to large-scale access and implementation along with the necessary advocacy. We have built world-wide networks, strong health systems and empowered healthy communities. This is a unique example of partnership which reflects the Sustainable Development Goals.



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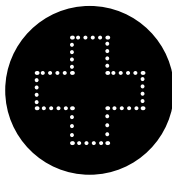
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