

New momentum in the malaria fight: “High burden high impact” response launched in Mozambique

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On 19 November 2018, WHO and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria launched a new approach to jumpstart progress in the fight against malaria – a disease that continues to claim the life of a child every 2 minutes.

Held in Maputo, Mozambique, the high-level event drew wide representation from malaria-affected countries, donor agencies and global health organizations. In view of the findings of the latest *World malaria report*, which show that progress in the global malaria response has stalled, participants considered what is needed to get back on track and their role in achieving greater impact in countries with a high malaria burden. The new “[High burden high impact](#)” approach is anchored by 4 pillars:

- first, it calls on leaders to translate their political commitments into resources and tangible actions that will save more lives;
- second, through the more strategic use of data, countries can pinpoint where to deploy the most effective malaria control tools for maximum impact;
- third, improved and targeted global policies and strategies will help each country deliver the optimal mix of tools for its unique setting; and
- lastly, a coordinated country response that aligns partners and engages sectors beyond health is key to success.

The opening ceremony featured interventions by Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa; Dr Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho, Board Chair of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria; H.E. Themba Nhlanganiso Masuku, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini; and the Honourable Nazira Karimo Vali Abdula, Minister of Health of Mozambique.

The event also provided an opportunity for representatives from Mozambican institutions to showcase innovative strategies in the country’s malaria response and for national leaders and global partners to share perspectives on country ownership, resource mobilization and partner engagement.



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Representatives of Mozambican institutions kick-started the event with a discussion focused on innovative malaria-fighting approaches in one of the countries hardest hit by the disease. According to the latest *World malaria report*, Mozambique carries the third highest burden of malaria globally, accounting for 5% of all cases.

Chaired by Dr Armindo Tiago, President of the National Malaria Committee, the roundtable included interventions from Dr Baltazar Candrinho, National Malaria Control Programme Manager; Sir Bishop Dinis Matsolo, Executive Director, Multi-faith Programme Against Malaria; Dr Khátia Munguambe, Lecturer, Eduardo Mondlane University; Dr Eduardo Samo Gudo, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Health; and Dr Francisco Saúde, a Scientific and Programme Director at the Manhiça Health Research Centre.

