



MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNEMENT TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO PREVENT, CONTROL AND ELIMINATE TRANSMISSION OF MALARIA IN UGANDA

(Moved under Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament)

WHEREAS Objective XX of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda enjoins the State to take all practical measures to ensure the provision of basic medical services to the population;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organisation to which Uganda is a member, instituted the World Malaria Day, commemorated on the 25th day of April every year with the objective of highlighting the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment for malaria prevention and control;

NOTING THAT this year's commemoration of the World Malaria Day will be marked under the theme "**Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives**";

AWARE THAT Uganda has one of the highest global cases of malaria and is ranked fourth in the African region with over 90% of the population at risk especially children and pregnant mothers;

CONCERNED THAT malaria is responsible for over 30% of the total outpatient visits and 15% to 20% of all hospital admissions, with a total of 20.4 million cases and a death toll of 30,900 in 2020 alone, including over 70,000 to 100,000 children under five years annually;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT malaria causes an average annual economic loss of over \$500 million with malaria related expenses accounting for about 34% of the total expenditure for the poorest sections of the population in the Country;

APPRECIATING the efforts taken by Government in the fight against malaria, including the formulation of the National Malaria Control Policy 2011, the Third Uganda National Malaria Control Program Strategic Plan, the 2000 Abuja Declaration, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in particular, Goal 3 is good health and well-being with goal targets including, ending malaria epidemics by 2030;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT all the interventions aim at ensuring early diagnosis and prompt effective treatment of malaria, subjection of all suspected malaria cases to parasitological testing, ensuring that malaria is no longer a major cause of illness and death in Uganda, universal access to malaria prevention and treatment, and reduced mortality rate for children under five years of age and pregnant mothers;

RECOGNISING that Uganda's commitment and interventions towards the elimination of malaria by 2030 require adequate financing and a coordinated multi-sectoral approach, and strengthening of community-based engagements, awareness and participation;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved by Parliament as follows;

1. Parliament urges Government to increase the health sector budget for the prevention, control and elimination of malaria in a predictable manner over the medium term.
2. Parliament tracks all malaria support and presidential pledges for malaria control in Uganda.
3. Government through the Ministry of Health adopts and spearheads a clear multi-sectoral and relevant stakeholder coordinated mechanism to fight against malaria in Uganda.

4. Government scales up malaria preventive programmes and innovations, including promotion of awareness among the malaria burdened areas.

I beg to move

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