



## Uganda Malaria Youth Champions 2023 Activity Report

### **Background**

In 2023, the Uganda Malaria Youth Champions (UMYC), led by Dr. Ismail Munyamu, demonstrated unwavering commitment to advancing malaria prevention and control initiatives, with a distinct focus on youth engagement, collaborating with key partners notably EANNASO, Malaria Free Uganda, Malaria Consortium, Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Malaria, Matibabu, Uganda Civil Society Alliance Against Malaria and the Uganda National Malaria Control Division among others.

UMYC's strategic approach extended beyond digital advocacy, evident in our diverse range of on-the-ground activities. From hosting the Malaria Youth Round Table to actively participating in national events like the Malaria Walk & Medical Camp and World Mosquito Day Commemoration, UMYC consistently demonstrated its dedication to impactful malaria prevention efforts. The organization's involvement in international collaborations further emphasized its commitment to fostering cross-border dialogue on the vital role of youth in malaria eradication.

This report encapsulates UMYC's dynamic efforts and achievements throughout 2023, showcasing a holistic and strategic approach to malaria prevention and control. As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, UMYC looks forward to building on these foundations in 2024 with a renewed commitment to creating a healthier and malaria-free future for Uganda.

### **2023 Activities:**

#### **1. Malaria Youth Round Table - 22nd April 2023:**

UMYC hosted a Malaria Youth Round Table in Kampala, bringing together 50+ youth for orientation, training, and group discussions on malaria prevention. The event, graced by the Managing Director of Ecobank Uganda and the Program Manager of the National Malaria Control Division, resulted in actionable commitments by the youth to contribute to malaria response in their communities.



*Some of the Participants of the Malaria Youth Round Table*







**4. Seasonal Malaria ChemoPrevention (SMC) - August 2023:**

UMYC provided support supervision for Malaria Consortium's SMC program in Moroto District, Karamoja. Through physical on ground community supervision coupled with subsequent digital platforms, including webinars and Twitter spaces, UMYC highlighted the success stories of the program, contributing to the sensitization of communities on the importance of SMC as a crucial malaria prevention tool.



*Youth Champions conducting SMC support supervision & community mobilization in Moroto district.*

**5. International Youth Day Commemoration - 29th August 2023:**

In collaboration with EANNASO, UMYC organized a webinar themed "Reflections of International Youth Day to youth in the end Malaria Space." The event featured youth panelists from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Rwanda, fostering international dialogue on youth engagement in malaria eradication.





### 6. Mosquito Net Distribution Campaign 2023:

UMYC played a pivotal role in supporting the Ministry of Health LLIN Department's Mosquito Net Distribution Campaign. The organization engaged in community mobilization with some of its members participating in the real net distribution exercise in the hard-to-reach communities, social behavioral change communication (physically at community level and digitally via social media platforms). etc.

UMYC also held a youth consultation meeting with the Ministry of Health to ensure informed and meaningful youth participation in the ongoing Universal Coverage Campaign.



*Net distribution in the hard-to-reach communities conducted by youth champions.*



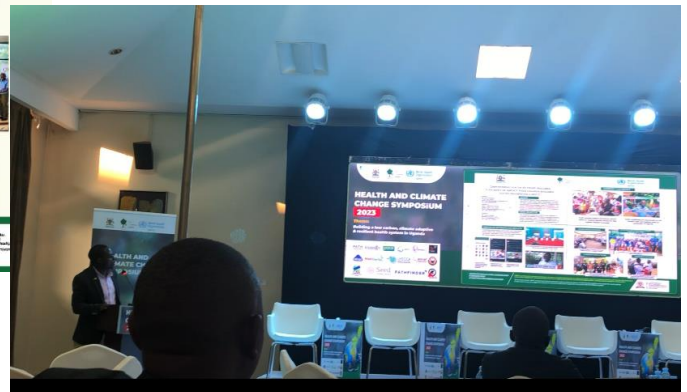
*Youth consultation meeting with the Ministry of Health LLIN Department*





## 7. Health & Climate Change Pre COP 28 Symposium - 14th November 2023:

UMYC showcased its impactful work in the fight against malaria through a poster presentation at the Health & Climate Change Pre COP 28 Symposium (organized by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Water and Environment, Makerere University School of Public Health, WHO and other partners) providing a notable platform for UMYC's influential work as an inspirational model for young minds in the climate change space as a core reflection foundation for youth discussions at COP28.



*Dr. Ismail delivering a poster presentation on behalf of UMYC at the symposium.*

## 8. Rotary Family Carnival - 10th December 2023:

UMYC collaborated with Malaria Free Uganda and Rotarians of Uganda to mobilize over 2,000 young people from different schools and communities, both digitally and physically, for the Rotary Family Carnival. The event aimed to fundraise for a malaria-free Uganda.

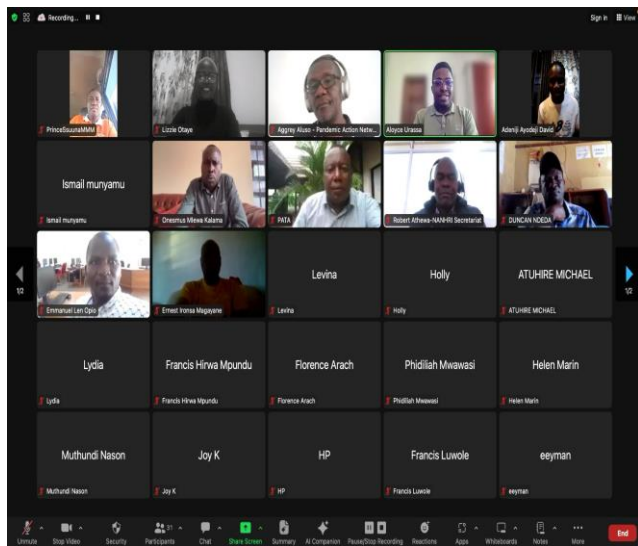


*Participants (hugely denominated by young people) at the Fundraiser Carnival.*



### 9. Monthly Online Malaria Prevention and Control Advocacy Campaigns:

Throughout 2023, UMYC, in collaboration with EANNASO, conducted monthly online malaria prevention and control advocacy campaigns. These campaigns, conducted through online Twitter spaces and webinars on every Thursday of the last week of every month from February to December, aimed to raise awareness and enhance active youth participation in the end malaria efforts in their communities.



*Twitter Spaces & Webinars conducted by UMYC in collaboration with EANNASO.*

### Conclusion

This report reflects UMYC's commitment to diverse and sustained efforts in the fight against malaria, emphasizing youth engagement and community empowerment. The organization looks forward to building on these achievements in 2024.

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