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## Parliamentarians and Civil Society African Dialogue on the Urgency to **#ProtectTheCure** and Address Malaria Resistance



**Tuesday, 27 January 2026**



10 am to 12 pm WAT  Online (Zoom)

Join parliamentarians, civil society and young leaders for  
a dialogue on malaria resistance and protecting the cure  
— featuring a special sneak peek of the film

**"Protect the Cure: Racing to Stop  
Malaria Drug Resistance in Africa."**

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# Opening Remarks



**Hon. Eugénio Elcina**

**Mozambique**

**Founding Member of the Coalition of  
Parliamentarians to End Malaria in Africa  
(COPEMA)**

Member of the National Assembly of Mozambique. Vice-Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs, Gender, Technologies and Social Communication. Head up departments in the Provincial Directorate for Women and Social Action.



Keynote Speech  
Why the global malaria community  
should ensure we #ProtectTheCure

Dr Charles ADEKUNLE  
CEO of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria





**Watch the  
#ProtectTheCure  
Animation Film**



# Overview of the 2025 World Malaria Report

## The growing threat of antimalarial drug resistance in Africa



### Dr Arnaud LE MENACH

Lead author of the World Malaria Report 2025, World Health Organization (WHO)

Head of Strategic Information for Impact at the Malaria and NTD Department at WHO, implements digital solutions, and generates evidence to guide decision-making. A veterinarian and epidemiologist with a PhD in infectious disease modeling, Dr. Le Menach has over 20 years of experience in public health.



# The role of new non-artemisinin combination therapies in preventing future resistance



## Dr André-Marie TCHOUATIEU

Head of Global Medical Affairs, Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)

Dr Tchouatieu has over 20 years of experience in healthcare access across Africa. At MMV, he leads strategies for malaria chemoprevention. He holds a medical doctorate and advanced training in health economics and systems strengthening.



# Discussions



# Introducing #ProtectTheCure

## A presentation of the initiative and what the film aims to achieve



### Dr Maciej BONI

Professor of Biology at Temple University's Institute for Genomics and Evolutionary Medicine

A computational epidemiologist with over 20 years of experience, his research focuses on strategies to delay antimalarial drug resistance, including the implementation of Multiple First-line Therapies (MFT). Dr Boni developed the #ProtectTheCure initiative to raise awareness about the threat of artemisinin resistance in Africa.



# DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

## #ProtectTheCure - Chapter 1



# Panel Discussion on the Role of African Leaders and Communities to #ProtectTheCure



## On Country Leadership

- **Dr Deus Ishengoma**, Principal Research Scientist at Ifakara Health Institute and the National Institute for Medical Research, Representative of the Tanzania National Malaria Control Program: *What are the lessons to learn from Tanzania's resistance monitoring and prevention strategy?*

## On Community Voice

- **Krystal Birungi**, Scientist, Target Malaria: *How African scientists and community engagement can ensure that malaria tools truly work for the people who need them most?*
- **Emily Katarikawe**, Innovation Program for Community Transformation (InPact), Uganda: *The role of Civil Society in mitigating drug resistance at the community level*



Every voice counts!

How to engage and join the movement to  
**#ProtectTheCure**

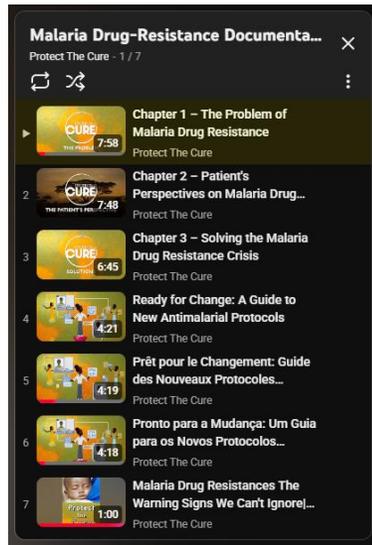


Ségolène MOUSSALA  
Impact Santé Afrique (ISA)

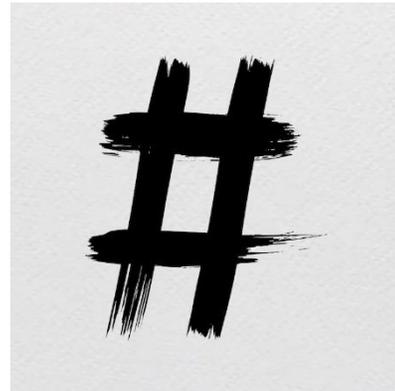


# This is where the #ProtectTheCure movement begins

- We've got a lot of knowledge from experts today. Now, protecting the cure will rely a lot on what all of us choose to do with that knowledge. Engagement starts with simple, concrete actions like:



Watch & share the Protect the Cure documentary. Available on YouTube in 3 chapters, 1 animated video and multiple languages.



Use & amplify on social media using the hashtag #ProtectTheCure on all posts



Share official poster, clips & messages, and start conversations with PTC Communication Materials (online, at work, in your community)



# This is where the #ProtectTheCure movement begins



- **To Journalists and Media:** Report responsibly on resistance and treatment use; Tell human-centred stories related to resistance (not just statistics), if you live in affected-countries; Spotlight experts, parliamentarians, and community voices.



Some social media accounts to follow to stay informed about everything related to #ProtectTheCure

*Follow and tag on LinkedIn:*

*@ImpactSanteAfrique*

*@ProtectTheCure*

## About Protect The Cure

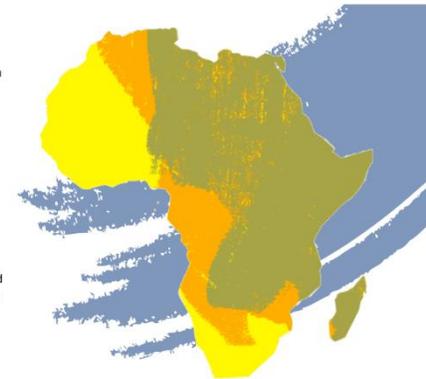
Artemisinin-based combination therapies have saved millions of African lives over two decades, but partial resistance is now spreading across sub-Saharan Africa, threatening to reverse this progress.

This initiative from Temple University's Boni Lab and Normal Life Pictures produces four educational videos addressing different stakeholders: scientific experts explain the resistance threat and historical context; patients and healthcare workers share compelling testimony from Rwanda; public health leaders present actionable mitigation strategies including multiple first-line therapies; and an instructional video prepares clinic managers for evolving treatment protocols.

Together, these films equip researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and communities with knowledge to protect current treatments and prevent widespread drug resistance.

[Learn More](#)

[Watch Videos](#)



Visit the #ProtectTheCure website at [www.protectthecure.org](http://www.protectthecure.org). All links to be shared in the chat.



# Where to start?

## To Civil Society

- Engage communities with simple, accurate messages from the documentary
- Hold systems accountable for access, quality, and surveillance

## To NMCPs

- Use the documentary for health workers' training. The Protect The Cure team is available for country personalization and localization of the films.
- Strengthen communication alongside technical responses

## To Parliamentarians

- Champion sustained malaria financing and oversight
- Support laws and policies that protect treatment efficacy





Over the last months, Impact Sante Afrique (ISA) and partners conducted 02 strategic consultations as part of the #ProtectTheCure initiative: a regional dialogue on antimalarial drug resistance held in Accra, and a working meeting convened in Dakar.

These exchanges brought together National Malaria Control Programmes (NMCPs), parliamentarians, scientific experts, civil society actors, technical partners, and decision-makers, united by a shared objective: to identify priority, realistic, and coordinated actions to anticipate and mitigate antimalarial drug resistance.



### Key recommendations emerging from the African dialogue: West and Central Africa

1. Strengthen surveillance and anticipation of resistance
  - Establish and strengthen **national and regional epidemiological surveillance systems** for antimalarial drug resistance.
  - Ensure early detection of **resistance markers** to rapidly adapt treatment policies and protocols.
  - Promote **cross-border data and information sharing**, recognizing that resistance knows no borders.
  - Develop regional, **collective surveillance mechanisms** to enable a coordinated and effective response.
2. Act proactively and in alignment with international standards
  - Adopt a **proactive approach**, without waiting for widespread resistance to emerge.
  - Align national strategies with **WHO recommendations** and the most recent scientific evidence.
  - Integrate resistance containment into **long-term public health policies**.

## Wrap-up (2/3)

# Key recommendations emerging from the African dialogue: West and Central Africa

### 3. Support therapeutic innovation and research

- Accelerate the development and introduction of **new therapeutic combinations**, including: Multiple artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs), Multiple non-artemisinin-based combination therapies
- Explore innovative strategies, such as **triple-drug combination therapies**, to delay the emergence of resistance.
- Integrate **new malaria control tools**, including malaria vaccines, as complements to existing prevention and treatment strategies.

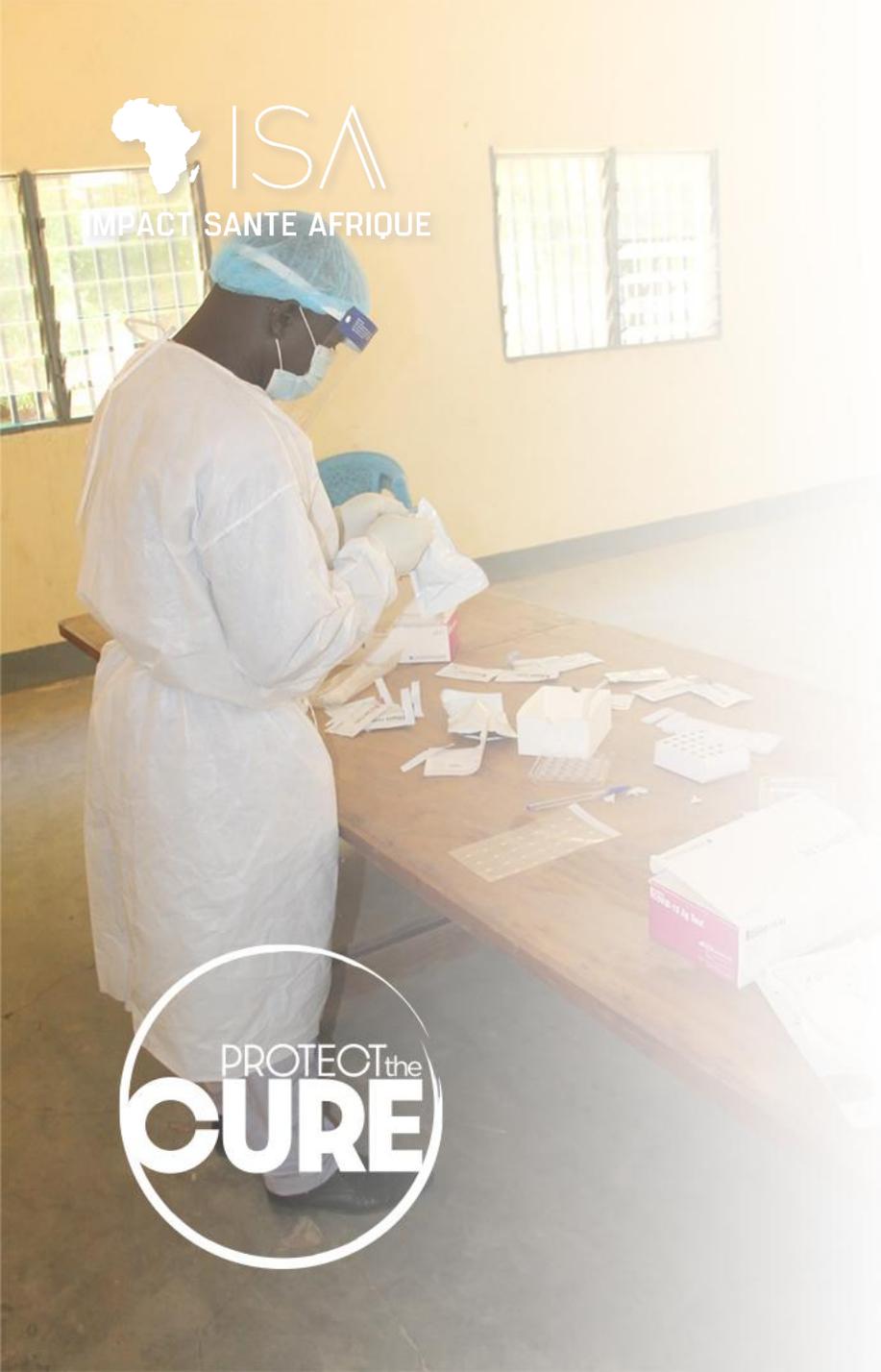
### 4. Ensure equitable access to quality medicines

- Ensure the **continuous availability** of effective, safe, and quality-assured antimalarial medicines.
- Guarantee **equitable access** to treatment, particularly for vulnerable populations.
- Strengthen pharmaceutical regulation, including **requiring a medical prescription** for access to antimalarials, in line with guidance from National Orders of Pharmacists.
- Fight the circulation and use of **unverified and bad-quality medicines**.



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## Wrap-up (3/3)

# Key recommendations emerging from the African dialogue: West and Central Africa

5. **Ensure sustainable financing and strengthened governance**
  - Maintain and increase **investments** in prevention, surveillance, and access to treatment.
  - Strengthen **budget advocacy** by actively engaging parliamentarians and policy-makers.
  - Provide technical support, in collaboration with the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, for the establishment of a **centralized medicines procurement unit in the Central African Republic (CAR)**, to improve supply chains and input management.
  
6. **Strengthen the capacities of health systems and stakeholders**
  - Build and reinforce **national health system** capacities, particularly through continuous training of health professionals.
  - Improve the dissemination and uptake of **scientific knowledge** by frontline actors.
  - Use communication and advocacy tools, such as the Protect The Cure documentary, to **train and raise awareness among community health workers**.
  
7. **Strengthen community engagement and multisectoral collaboration**
  - Raise community awareness on the importance of **completing full treatment courses**.
  - Strengthen community engagement in **malaria prevention and case management**, including among adolescents.
  - Encourage **multisectoral collaboration** across health, research, civil society, and policy-making sectors.

Call for participants to  
organize **#ProtectTheCure**  
screenings, and amplification  
of communication materials  
in their countries!

# Closing Remarks



## Hon. Santa Okot

**Co-Chair of the Coalition of Parliamentarians to End Malaria in Africa (COPEMA)**

Dedicated Ugandan politician and advocate for women's and children's rights. Holds a degree in Education, Democracy and Development Studies. Member of the 11th Parliament for Aruu North and Deputy Secretary General of the Peoples Progressive Party, she focuses on malaria elimination and serves on key committees.

