



# MACIS

## Presentation at Fresh Air National Malaria workshop

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# Mission

To provide leadership to CSOs nation wide in coordination and promotion of Ministry of Health-recommended interventions in malaria and childhood illnesses and advocacy for appropriate policies at all levels.



# Who Are We ?

- Secretariat that coordinates a Network of 70+ CSOs engaged in malaria and child health
- Formed in 2003 by NGOs with support from Ministry of health, WHO, UNICEF
- Initial financial support from USAID through CORE Group
- Hosted by AMREF



# Strategic objectives

- To create an effective decentralized nationwide network of CSOs engaged in malaria and IMCI interventions at community level
- To build internal capacity for an effective Secretariat
- To improve effectiveness of members' activities through capacity building coordination and information sharing
- To build a platform for advocacy at all levels

# Board Members



**Africare**



# Achievements to date -1

- Strong linkages nationally (MOH); CSO representative as Vice Chair on Health Policy Advisory Committee
- Representation of CSOs at international forum like; GFATM Board CSO delegation, RBM/EARN
- Regular dissemination of policy and technical updates to CSO

# Achievements -2

- Coordinating fora for information sharing by CSOs
- Minimal linkage of CBOs for strategic collaboratives
- Identification of a few District lead CBO partners 'MACIS' Nodes'

# Challenges

- Slow progress in obtaining optimal funding
  - understaffing - over stretched staff
- Meeting the needs of a diverse group of CSOs
  - capacity issues especially with CBOs
- Some competition among CSOs and laxity to collaborate

# Next Steps

## Full implementation of strategic plan:

- Building capacity for MACIS; fundraising – appeal for more involvement by partners
  - payment of membership fees
  - joint proposals
- Strengthening coordination with Ministry of Health (NMCP, HPAC, Health Promotion Dept., Child health department etc)
- Creation of more district Lead partners (Nodes)
- Streamline coordination with existing CSO networks

# Theme of the workshop

*“.....Counting Malaria Out in Partnership with CSOs”*

# Purpose of the Workshop

To strengthen the role of CSOs by increasing their technical capacity as to contribute towards the goal of the NMCP of controlling and preventing malaria morbidity/mortality in the country

# Specific Objectives

- **Providing technical updates on malaria control in Uganda**
- **Allowing CSOs to share experiences on their malaria activities**
- **Identifying gaps in coverage of services and propose pragmatic options to fill these gaps**
- **Providing opportunity for partners to network and collaborate for improved malaria control services**

# Appreciation

- Our Partners
- Planning committee
- Ministry of Health
  - NMCP
  - HP &E
- UNICEF
- WHO (Uganda)
- USAID
- CORE Group
- PAMU Consults (U) Ltd
- Admin Support Team



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