

# Greater than the sum of our parts

Global health is at a crossroads. Major efforts to fight infectious diseases like HIV, tuberculosis and malaria have unprecedented momentum, yet massive funding shortfalls threaten to see progress slip backwards.

Strong coordination is more critical now than ever. While many organizations have part of the solution, no one organization or country can solve these challenges alone. Unitaid and partners like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, each have a vital, unique role to play to accelerate equitable access to affordable health products for the people who need them in low- and middle-income countries.

Using the fight against malaria as an example, this document shows how, by leveraging our individual strengths, we work together to achieve more than the sum of our parts.

### The fight against malaria: A success story at risk

The fight against malaria is one of humanity's greatest successes. Thanks to coordinated malaria control efforts, it is estimated that more than **2 billion cases** and nearly **13 million deaths have been averted since 2000**. But progress has stalled and enormous funding gaps now threaten the response. Today, many of the most vulnerable people still lack access to the services they need to prevent, detect and treat the disease. The current global health funding crisis threatens to exacerbate these inequities and reverse hard-won progress, putting millions of people at risk.

#### And new threats are emerging.

**We must act now to get ahead of malaria**. To restart progress, we need both increased funding to sustain current tools and investment in new ones to tackle emerging threats.

Conflict and humanitarian crises are making people more vulnerable

Funding is at risk

Drug and insecticide resistance is growing

COVID-19 eroded many previously hard-won gains

Shifting climate patterns are expanding malaria zones and extending the transmission period

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There is no one solution. That's why combining the unique roles of Gavi, the Global Fund and Unitaid is critical.

- Unitaid identifies and invests in innovative malaria tests, treatments and prevention tools with high potential for impact, and connects a range of partners from researchers, developers, governments and communities to tackle the market barriers that are holding them back and get them to the people who need them most.
- The Global Fund and Gavi work with governments and communities to scale up proven tools as they enter the market, reaching more than 100 countries around the world.
- We invest in providing equitable and affordable access to new tools by executing market-shaping strategies .

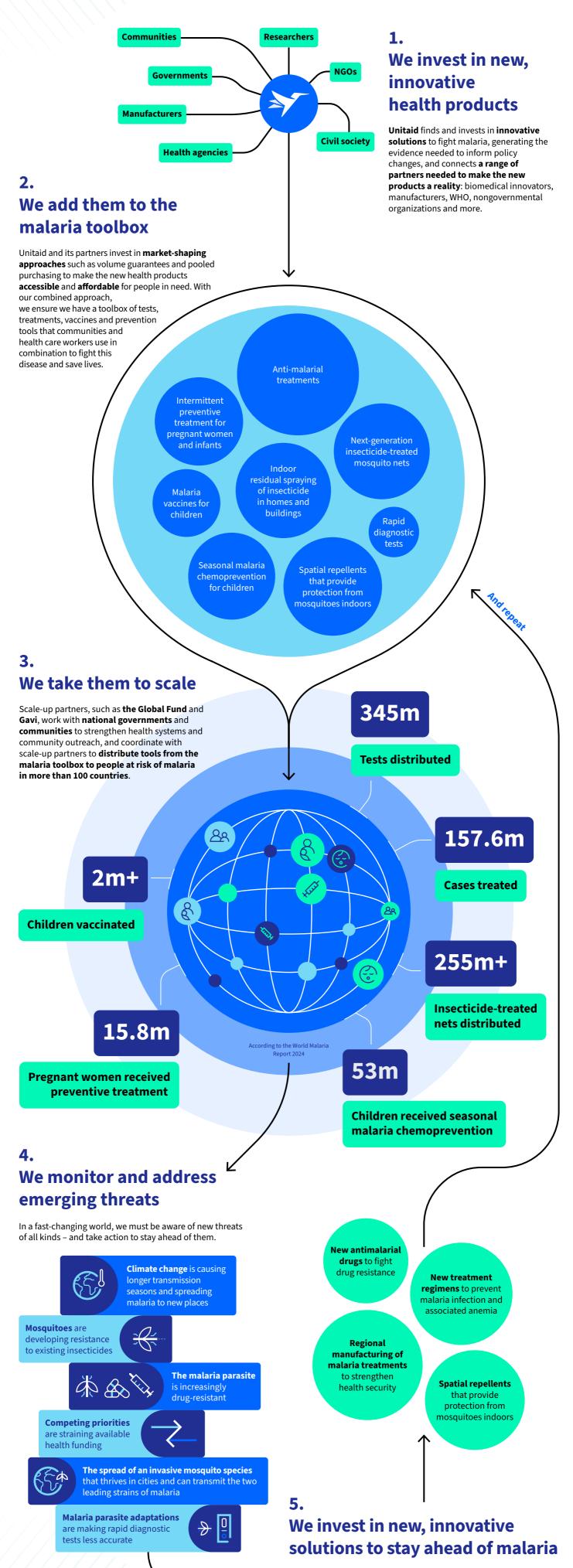
By combining the innovative, cost-effective health products introduced by Unitaid with the global scope and community networks of the Global Fund and Gavi, we reach global goals faster and make health funding go farther, saving millions of lives.

#### More lives saved.

More children and families protected.

More communities supported to prevent, detect and treat malaria.

## How we work together



While our partners scale up existing tools, we continue to find new, cost-effective innovations to add to the malaria toolbox to help communities adapt to climate-fueled threats, stay ahead of a rapidly

changing malaria parasite and make funding go further.

## The path to progress

To defeat diseases like malaria and address today's most urgent global health threats, we need to keep developing innovative new products, keep lowering prices, and keep scaling up so everyone, everywhere is protected. Unitaid is continuously working with governments, communities and partners to find better, faster, more cost-effective solutions and get them to the people who need them most.

#### **About Unitaid:**

Unitaid is a global health organization that saves lives by making new health products available and affordable for people in low- and middle-income countries. Unitaid works with partners to identify innovative treatments, tests and tools, help tackle the market barriers that are holding them back, and get them to the people who need them most – fast. Since Unitaid was created in 2006, the organization has unlocked access to more than 100 groundbreaking health products to help address the world's biggest health challenges, including HIV, TB and malaria; women's and children's health; and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. Every year, more than 300 million people benefit from the products Unitaid has helped roll out. Unitaid is hosted by the World Health Organization.

With pilots co-funded by Unitaid, the Global Fund and Gavi, the world's first malaria vaccine, recommended by WHO in 2021, is being delivered to children as part of a comprehensive package of preventive care.

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