



THE MONTHLY

United to Beat Malaria (formerly *Nothing But Nets*) IMPACT REPORT

The Monthly brings you closer into the world of United to Beat Malaria, our global partners, and the people and communities impacted by our work.



In northern South Sudan, a boy commutes home from school, navigating a flood plane via canoe. Over the past three years, South Sudan has experienced the worst flooding the region has seen in 60 years. These floods have submerged entire communities and created ideal breeding grounds for malaria-carrying mosquitoes. We're working with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to drive down malaria in South Sudanese refugee camps. Photo courtesy of UNHCR.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

In South Sudan, malaria services continue amid severe flooding and ethnic violence

CONTEXT

Africa's youngest nation, [South Sudan has endured three consecutive years of severe flooding](#) - the worst the region has seen in 60 years - that has destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes, decimated the country's crop and livestock supply, and fueled Africa's worst refugee crisis. Vast flood plains have cut off access to vital aid and create ideal breeding grounds for malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

Malaria is already the country's leading cause of hospital admissions and deaths in young children. In a country where 56% of the population lives at least five kilometers from the nearest health facility, many parents must carry sick kids for hours, often wading through floodwaters, just to get them the urgent care they need, including anti-malarial medication.

At the dawn of a new rainy season, the South Sudanese people are also facing **the growing threat of ethnic violence, which has escalated in recent months** and has made it even more challenging for millions of South Sudanese to access essential aid and healthcare.

In the midst of this deteriorating humanitarian crisis, United to Beat Malaria and our partners are taking action to ensure that flood-affected and conflict-affected South Sudanese are protected from malaria through the rainy season and beyond.

ACTION

United to Beat Malaria is supporting the delivery of bed nets, anti-malarial treatments, rapid diagnostic tests, and other malaria interventions in refugee camps and host communities across northern South Sudan. These camps are located in two States - Unity and Upper Nile - that have been profoundly affected by the flooding crisis and the decade-long civil war.

This 2-year project, which begun last year, has thus far **helped protect over 300,000 people from malaria** - specifically, **174,680 refugees and 130,286 individuals from host communities** - through the provision of:

- 388,080 courses of anti-malarial treatment
- 60,700 diagnostic tests
- 11,986 insecticide-treated bed nets
- malaria education campaigns that reached over 290,000 people
- health worker trainings and consultation at 14 health facilities

Our on-the-ground partners have overcome travel restrictions, supply chain issues, and most recently growing insecurity in the region to achieve the above-stated deliverables. The project now enters year 2 and we look forward to sharing more updates in the coming months. If you'd like to support this project, you can do so by contributing to next month's World Refugee Day (June 20) campaign.

[Learn More](#)

Meet Nyakuol Kong

In October, severe flooding hit parts of South Sudan, cutting off communities from access to food and other vital supplies. Thirty-seven-year-old Nyakuol Kong (pictured below) was forced to migrate with her six children by foot and through floodwater to reach the village of Yaar, where they reside today.

"We came to Yaar in October after floods submerged our village. I spent five days ferrying my children on water using a plastic sheet. I lost all my household property after my house was water-logged," she explained.

Upon arrival in Yaar, Nyakuol and her six children constructed a makeshift shelter with worn-out plastic sheeting. "For the last two months we have been sleeping on the floor with no blankets or mosquito nets. There were a lot of mosquitoes and I was worried my children would fall sick," she said.

In December, UNHCR and partners distributed emergency relief items to 4,774 people in Yaar who were displaced from their homes by floods. The items included insecticide-treated bed nets purchased with support from United to Beat Malaria. Photo courtesy of UNHCR.



ADVOCACY SPOTLIGHT

Tell your Members of Congress to step up the fight against malaria!

All eyes will be on the U.S. this coming Fall as it hosts the next Global Fund Replenishment, where countries and donors from around the world pledge to **get the world back on track towards ending malaria, AIDS, and Tuberculosis**.

THE TARGET: Secure \$18 billion in pledges from countries and donors to fund Global Fund programs for the next three years.

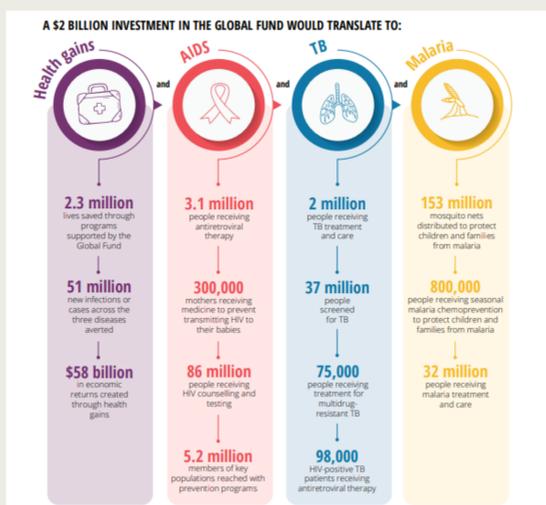
THE IMPACT: Reaching this target will **save an estimated 20 million lives** from 2024 to 2026 and **reduce the mortality rate by 64%** across the three diseases by 2026, relative to 2020 levels.

This is arguably the most critical Replenishment since the Global Fund's inception in the early 2000s, as the COVID-19 pandemic has jeopardized decades of progress made against these diseases. **We simply cannot afford to fail.**

The good news is that advocacy efforts to reach the Replenishment target have already started. **Last month, the Biden Administration announced a \$2 billion per year pledge to the Global Fund**, lasting through the 3-year Replenishment cycle. **This is HUGE news.** This will not only inspire other donors to step up the fight but will encourage Congress to support that incredible pledge.

That's where YOU come in! **Send your Members of Congress an urgent appeal TODAY** that they support increased funding for the Global Fund and the President's Malaria Initiative! It takes less than one minute!

[Take Action!](#)



This infographic, courtesy of Friends of the Global Fight, shows the estimated annual impact of a \$2 billion per year investment in the Global Fund. President Biden has requested to Congress that the Global Fund be funded at this level.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Move Against Malaria 5K: Join the global community going the extra mile for malaria



The Move Against Malaria virtual 5K has officially begun, and **it's not too late to register!** Between May 20 - June 5, supporters from around the world will be walking and/or running a 5K to raise awareness and funds for lifesaving malaria prevention and treatment programs.

This is a **virtual 5K event**, meaning that you can participate from wherever you are, on your own day, time, and pace. Participants can engage with the event in a variety of ways: we invite to host a 5k run in your community, share your participation on social media, raise awareness about malaria, and/or raise funds for United to Beat Malaria. No matter how you participate, you will be part of a **global community working together to end malaria within our lifetimes!**

The **Move Against Malaria 5K** is our first event under our new name. Through this effort, we will engage our global audience of private sector partners, supporters, and global health champions to recommit to the fight against malaria to end this disease.

We hope you'll join this global event and get your community involved as well!

A huge thank you to our partner, [Mosquito Joe](#), for sponsoring this event!

[Register Today!](#)

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Thank you! for your dedication to ending malaria in our lifetime.
Your support protects families and saves lives.