Since July 2019, the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Malaria Elimination Initiative (MEI) has been partnering with the Namibia Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) National Vector-borne Disease Control Programme (NVDCP) and five Regional Health Directorates (RHD), representing 6 of Namibia’s malaria-endemic regions, to strengthen advocacy and leadership to mobilize domestic resources and raise commitment amongst subnational leaders to reach malaria elimination goals in Namibia.

Through collaborative workshops and consultations, RHDs developed tailored advocacy strategies to achieve goals related to strengthened evidence for resource mobilization, enhanced leadership capability for advocacy, and increased multi-sectoral engagement and cross-border collaboration. RHDs have made remarkable progress in prioritizing malaria on regional agendas, establishing subnational multi-sectoral task forces, and strengthening financial management skills, in spite of the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Relevant Resources

- Malaria Budget Advocacy in Namibia: Slideshow
- National Broadcasting Corporation: SADC Malaria Day Panel discussion
- Coming Soon: Budget monitoring, expenditure tracking, and advocacy training videos (CEGAA)

Partners (alphabetically)

- The Centre for Economic Governance and Accountability in Africa (CEGAA)
- Namibia Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) National Vector-borne Disease Control Programme (NVDCP)
- Regional Health Directorates of Ohangwena, Oshana, Oshikoto, Kavango East and West, and Zambezi
- UC Global Programs Office, Namibia (GP)
- UCSF Malaria Elimination Initiative (MEI)

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