

# N T O N T O M



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## Message from the Program Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management and staff of AngloGold Ashanti (Ghana) Malaria Control Limited (AGAMal), I introduce to you the maiden edition of Ntontom Bulletin – a quarterly newsletter from AGAMal. We are pleased in sharing periodic program update, community news and organizational development.

We seek to partner with you in eliminating malaria from our operational areas. Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of

infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. It is preventable, curable and can be eliminated from our communities. It affects business productivity, community development and family wellbeing.

We at AGAMal believe the time to say ‘good-bye’ to malaria is now. This can be done as all partners recognize and actively play their roles. Let’s help keep the wheels of business rolling, our communities developing and our families thriving by eliminating malaria.

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## World Malaria Day



World malaria Day is commemorated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April as a global effort to raise awareness of Malaria and funds for the prevention and treatment of this life threatening disease. The day also marks the ongoing achievements in the fight against malaria.

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- During floods seek higher grounds.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment if wet.
- Be ready to Evacuate.
- Listen to designated radio/TV emergency alert for emergency instructions.
- If possible, keep valuables and documents in upper floors when flood is imminent.

## WORLD MALARIA DAY



AGAMal in collaboration with the Regional Health Directorate marked World Malaria Day in the Jirapa Municipality of the Upper West Region. The theme for the occasion was exactly as global theme **“Ready To Beat Malaria”**.

In a bid to reinforce the need for improved housing as a major contribution to Malaria control, AGAMal demonstrated its commitment to the screening of household’s campaign by replacing all the worn out screens in the St. Joseph’s Municipal Hospital, Jirapa. It is anticipated that this would be replicated by households who are yet to screen their door and windows.

## AGA/AGAMAL GETS GLOBAL RECOGNITION

AngloGold Ashanti (AGA) Obuasi Mine has been recognized for its contribution to the fight against malaria in the country. AGA’s award was under the Innovative Integrated Malaria Programming category, awarded by the Private Sector Malaria Prevention Project (PSMP) at the West Africa Regional Malaria Safe Awards, held at the plush Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City, Accra on 5<sup>TH</sup> April 2018.

The Awards was to show appreciation to companies and individuals who are helping to eliminate malaria in the West African region and to encourage more companies to participate in the fight against the disease in the region.

AGAMal a subsidiary of AGA has expanded its operation to cover the entire 11 districts in Upper West region, 3 districts in Upper East in addition to Obuasi municipality with support from the Global Fund and AngloGold Ashanti and in partnership with National Malaria Control Program (NMCP), various District Health Management Teams (DHMT) and Ghana Health Service (GHS).

A citation accompanying the award read “your remarkable integrated malaria prevention strategy and innovative best practice intervention led to a massive reduction in malaria cases in your workplace and surrounding communities and resulted in positive and lasting changes to malaria control activities in the country”.

The citation added, “We believe your laudable actions will go a long way to build a culture of private sector leadership in our national malaria control efforts”.

This is a feather in AGAMal’s cap and staff are committed to this course of saving lives passionately.

## AGAMAL TAKES MALARIA CONTROL A NOTCH HIGHER



*Community entry procedure been observed at Odumase*

The AngloGold Ashanti Malaria Control Program as part of efforts to increase the effectiveness of its indoor residual spraying (IRS) program, has introduced a new insecticide in Obuasi.

The new insecticide, SumiShield 50WG chemical has a new mode of action for Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) and has tested effective against many mosquitoes that had already developed resistance to one or all of the major classes of insecticides currently available.

It is colorless and odorless, has low toxicity, readily dilutes in water, easy to handle and transport as they come in small sachets, SumiShield 50WG is based on the neonicotinoid insecticide clothianidin which provides excellent control of malaria

transmitting mosquitoes, therefore very valuable when used in insecticide resistance management strategies.

As part of the introduction of SumiShield 50WG, a field trip was organized by AGAMal and partners to Obuasi.

Key among the participants were, representatives from the National Malaria Control Program, NMCP, Ghana Health Service (GHS), IVCC, Unitaid and Sumitomo Chemical.

The program Manager of the NMCP, Dr. Kezia Malm in her remarks said Ghana was heading for a breakthrough in the management of resistance by embracing this new insecticide SumiShield 50WG from Sumitomo Chemical, a Japanese Company.



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