

# AGAG takes lead to End Malaria for Good



AngloGold Ashanti (Ghana) Malaria Control Limited, AGAMal joins in commemorating World Malaria Day 2020 to End Malaria by promoting “Zero malaria starts with me”, a campaign that aims to keep malaria high on the political agenda, mobilize additional resources, and empower communities to take ownership of malaria prevention and care.

AngloGold Ashanti Ghana, AGAG, has paid its dues and continues to receive global recognition in taking a gigantic initiative in 2006, by setting up a subsidiary with the mandate to fight malaria.

Prior to the inception of this life saving intervention, AGAG was spending over USD 55,000 annually on Malaria, coupled with an average of 7,500 man shifts lost per month. The slow rate of work during recuperation resulted in loss of productivity. The Mine hospital, now AngloGold Ashanti Health Foundation (AGAHF) was recording about 6800 cases every month. Today, Obuasi is almost in the pre-elimination phase

with just about 150 cases per month. AGAMal’s novel vector control intervention Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) has shown proven return on investment. Population of Obuasi is healthier and spends less on healthcare although Malaria is one of the biggest health threats in Ghana and Africa as a whole. The involvement of the private sector in malaria prevention as well as the benefits of private sector involvement in Malaria Control programs is evidenced by AGAG involvement in saving lives beyond its catchment area. AGAMal operates in 16 districts across Ghana thanks to funding from AGAG and the Global Fund.

AGAMal’s IRS program and other activities are important tools for national development. The program has increased productivity in all operational districts. In addition to this, it provides employment while reducing cost of healthcare. AGAMal’s data collection tools has contributed significantly to developmental planning in all operational areas.

It is noteworthy that, in these 16 operational districts, over a thousand enthusiastic staff of AGAMal are on the frontline to end Malaria and help their communities fight COVID-19 mainly through our robust social and behaviour change strategy with focus on COVID-19 preventive education. Thanks to this outstanding initiative of AGAG, AGAMal, a wholly owned subsidiary of the mining company has made giant strides in the fight against Malaria in Ghana.

The fight against Malaria is a fight we can win, support “Zero Malaria Starts with Me” challenge by accepting IRS



in your individual homes and communities. By promoting education on malaria, we can all end Malaria for good. Like COVID-19, Malaria respects no one, take charge and support AGAMal.



**ZERO MALARIA STARTS WITH ME**