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About the RBM Partnership

The RBM Partnership is the global framework to implement coordinated action against malaria. It mobilizes for action and resources and forges consensus among partners. The Partnership is comprised of more than 200 partners, including malaria endemic countries, their bilateral and multilateral development partners, the private sector, nongovernmental and community-based organizations, foundations, and research and academic institutions.

RBM's strength lies in its ability to form effective partnerships both globally and nationally. Partners work together to scale up malaria-control efforts at country level, coordinating their activities to avoid duplication and fragmentation, and to ensure optimal use of resources.

A key role of the RBM Partnership is to lead advocacy campaigns to raise awareness of malaria at the global, regional, national and community levels, thus keeping malaria high on the development agenda, mobilizing resources for malaria control and for research into new and more effective tools, including a vaccine.

The RBM Partnership was launched in 1998 by the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank, in an effort to provide a coordinated global response to the disease.

The RBM Partnership is served by a Secretariat, led by the Executive director, and is hosted by the World Health organization in Geneva, Switzerland. The Secretariat works to facilitate information sharing, advocacy, effective governance of Partnership structures, and coordination in support of country scale-up.