South Africa today since the 2009 UAM launch:

700 million estimated viewers saw UAM messages during the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations closing ceremony via South Africa-based media networks¹

$620,000 in UAM bracelet sales raised for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

17 private sector partners committed to malaria control efforts

In Johannesburg, UAM champion Yvonne Chaka Chaka (at center with Themba Mhinga) performs during the 2013 Orange Africa Cup of Nations closing ceremony. "I am committed to working towards ending malaria, a preventable and treatable disease," she says, "and I challenge every public and private sector leader to join me. United, we can beat malaria."

¹. According to estimates by the Confederation of African Football

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South Africa: A UAM Case Study

Over the past decade South Africa has made significant strides in controlling malaria. Malaria cases have been reduced by 85%, from 64,622 cases in the year 2000 to 9,866 cases in 2011.\(^2\) Deaths from malaria have also been reduced by 80%, from 458 to 89 for the same comparison years.

Having achieved the Millennium Development Goal target for malaria, South Africa continues to pursue a malaria elimination agenda, targeting local malaria cases and sharpening its malaria surveillance systems to identify hotspots for local transmission and implement preventative and curative strategies. In the 15 countries of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), several challenges remain: the reintroduction of malaria through cross-border movement of infected persons, stock outs of essential malaria commodities, inadequate or bottlenecked funds, and poor data collection management.\(^3\)

As the host of the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the 2013 Orange Africa Cup of Nations, South Africa has successfully raised the level of awareness about malaria prevention and treatment by harnessing the global popularity of football through the United Against Malaria partnership (UAM). Active public sector leaders, private sector and media partners, and football organizations have strategically worked together to expand the reach of UAM in the region and throughout the continent.

What did UAM bring to South Africa?
Visibility, Leadership and Funds for Malaria Control

To support UN targets to end malaria deaths by 2015, United Against Malaria launched ahead of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, with an aim to leverage strategic partnerships in South Africa, the continent’s de facto economic capital. Recruiting multinational corporations as well as media networks, the campaign expanded its message and brand from South Africa to the malaria-endemic nations most affected.

After a highly visible World Cup campaign, UAM was selected by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) as an official cause of the 2013 Orange Africa Cup of Nations. As the continent tuned in, UAM achieved remarkable visibility—valued by CAF at $3.8 million—through banners on the pitch, logos on player escorts, public service announcements (PSAs) in the stadiums, and 20,000 copies of UAM’s GOAL! magazine distributed in Johannesburg, Nelspruit, Rustenburg and Durban. Additionally, the campaign reached an estimated one billion cumulative media views, with PSAs in 6 pan-African television and radio stations, 26 national television and radio stations in 15 countries, and more than 160 billboards in 16 countries, according to initial estimates by UAM partners.

Committed Private & Public Sector Champions

None of this progress could have been achieved without powerful leadership within the private and public sector. Today, 17 private sector companies in South Africa have joined the campaign, led by many passionate individuals who have donated their time and expertise. In the earliest days of UAM, Nando’s partnered with Relate Trust to create and sell UAM bracelets, through which $620,000 has been raised for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Another partner, Standard Bank, embraced UAM’s workplace program, Malaria Safe, to educate and protect 45,000 employees in 17 African countries.

President Jacob Zuma greets UAM ballboys during the 2013 Orange Africa Cup of Nations.

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\(^3\) 2011 SADC Malaria Report

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During the Africa Cup of Nations, Standard Bank put the UAM logo on the uniforms of 704 player escorts, reached out to journalists, and urged other companies to join UAM.

Powerful public sector leaders have also championed UAM as a mechanism to help South Africa and other countries in the Southern Africa Development Community achieve malaria elimination. During the Africa Cup of Nations, Minister of Health Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi demonstrated how South Africa is shrinking the “malaria map” through WHO-recommended interventions: vector control, case management, surveillance, health promotion and epidemic preparedness and response. In South Africa, these interventions have been funded almost entirely by the government. Neighboring countries like Mozambique and Swaziland are taking similar steps, bolstering the regions cross-border efforts.

To hold government leaders accountable, celebrities in South Africa have played an important role. Singer-songwriter Yvonne Chaka Chaka, a Goodwill Ambassador for the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, has used her influence and musical talents to address dignitaries and business leaders at the African Union, World Economic Forum, and 2010 FIFA World Cup. At the 2013 Africa Cup of Nations, she performed UAM’s malaria anthem, “Hearts on Fire,” to a televised audience of 700 million; online sales of the song will benefit UAM. Other celebrities include former Bafana Bafana footballers Mark Fish and Steven Pienaar and explorer-humanitarian Kingsley Holgate, whose expedition teams have distributed insecticide-treated nets in remote areas of Africa.

Looking forward

United Against Malaria is uniquely situated to assist with upcoming malaria elimination efforts in South Africa. As part of the final push needed to finally rid the country and region from malaria, the South African Department of Health has requested UAM’s assistance in provinces where malaria remains, as well as in cross-border initiatives, supporting advocacy and behavior change communication efforts. UAM will also feature in the upcoming Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) Conference taking place in Durban in October 2013.

“The malaria map is shrinking, and it’s not shrinking because malaria is becoming charitable. It’s shrinking because there is hard work being performed all over Africa. There’s no charity about it.”

Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, South Africa

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