

# The Road to Malaria Elimination Using Community Health Structures with Private Sector Support in Bonny Island, Nigeria

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Community participation especially when partnership, delegated power or citizens' control is attained remains pivotal to sustainability of project goals and objectives. Global efforts towards malaria eradication were stalled and possibly regressed due to disruption of health systems by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, community health structures continued to serve as first point of care for most diseases. Health reforms in most countries have focused on health system strengthening with attention to the formal health structures. This leaves a system-strengthening gap between the primary health care system and the informal community health structures that are consulted by majority. This session will share the journey so far of the partnership between the community health system and private sector towards a malaria-free Bonny Island despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The community health system strengthening strategy will play a key role in containment of future pandemics especially in low and middle-income countries.

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## **INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES**

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## **BONNY MALARIA ELIMINATION PROJECT: HOW IT ALL STARTED**

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## **RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA USE OF BEHAVIOR ECONOMICS IN HEALTH FACILITIES AND COMMUNITIES TO DRIVE OWNERSHIP**

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## **REACHING EVERY HOUSEHOLD THROUGH STRONG COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS AND LOCAL STRUCTURES**

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