



RACE AGAINST MALARIA 2

RAM1 - 2003

The **First Race Against Malaria** campaign, held in November 2003, included convoys of country malaria teams driving from Angola to Tanzania – through Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, and Malawi. Regional and local partners from the corporate community were instrumental in mobilizing malaria commodities which were distributed to support activities for malaria prevention and control in the region.

Zambezi River - 2008

The **2008 Zambezi River of Life Malaria Expedition (ZOL)** which raised global awareness about the high burden of malaria along the Zambezi river valley and lack of access to health care faced by the communities, as well as the need for community case management, cross border referrals and outreach programmes through mobile boat clinics.



Why race against malaria?

Malaria is a major burden of disease in the Southern Africa region and freely circulates across borders; so working together as a region to raise awareness and support for resources is essential. The Race Against Malaria (RAM) 2 is a Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) initiative to accomplish that goal — **to create awareness and mobilize resources for action against malaria and strengthen the malaria control infrastructure within the region.**

Two previous, regional events have fertilized the ground for RAM2. The RAM1 campaign in 2003 and the 2008 Zambezi River of Life Malaria Expedition (ZOL) were two high-profile, successful advocacy events supported by stakeholders, corporate and implementing partners in malaria control, increased malaria awareness at all levels, and facilitated the delivery of essential malaria commodities to those in need.

In 2009 the Health Ministers in the SADC region formed Elimination 8 (Windhoek Resolution) and agreed to strengthen existing cross-border collaborations in Southern Africa. Commitment to Elimination 8 triggered the need for additional efforts between SADC front-line countries (Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland) and second-line countries (Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe)



RAM2 Equipment & Products Needed

- ✦ GIS and GPS equipment
- ✦ mobile phones
- ✦ vehicles
- ✦ motorbikes
- ✦ bicycles
- ✦ rapid diagnostic tests
- ✦ artemisinin combined therapy (malaria treatment drugs)
- ✦ laboratory equipment and reagents
- ✦ indoor residual spraying equipment and insecticides
- ✦ social, behaviour change, and communication materials
- ✦ long-lasting insecticide treated nets
- ✦ camping equipment



towards malaria elimination as well as other countries in SADC. Following the in the wake of the success and gains of RAM1 and ZOL and taking into consideration the need for additional resources for moving towards malaria elimination in the region, SADC has planned the RAM2 campaign. Zimbabwe joins other SADC countries in the RAM2 campaign.

The RAM2 campaign will start from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 13 April 2014 and will end on the 25 April 2014 in Angola. The countries that will take part in RAM2 include Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Tanzania, and Angola.

Participants of RAM2 will include individuals, institutions or organizations that share the commitment to a malaria-free Africa and seek to achieve parasite-free communities. RAM2 partners include government departments, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, corporate entities, private sector, health professionals, and uniformed forces.

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Objectives of RAM2:

- ✦ mobilizing leaders and empowering communities for malaria control & elimination
- ✦ strengthening awareness among the communities and reinforcement of community participation and ownership
- ✦ supporting multi-sectoral action for malaria control and elimination
- ✦ mobilizing resources for cross-border malaria initiatives

Partners are invited to join and showcase their products & services during RAM2 events with potential to reach an estimated 500,000 people.