

MALARIA SUMMIT YOUTH DECLARATION

We are the youth delegates for the Malaria Summit. We are the 90% of Commonwealth countries that are affected by malaria. We are the 60% of the Commonwealth that are under the age of 30. We are researchers, community health workers, doctors and entrepreneurs. We are from different walks of life and we are playing our part in eliminating malaria.

For us as young people across the Commonwealth malaria has become a fact of life. But, it's a fact that doesn't have to be. It doesn't have to destroy families, it doesn't have to rob us of our education – through days lost at school- and it doesn't have to stop us contributing to our economy.

We want to be the generation that eliminates malaria.

We are calling on heads of government to make clear commitments, with earmarked domestic financing, to join young people in eliminating malaria by 2030.

As young people, we have a long-term perspective. We call on national government, international donors and the private sector to work with us to sustain and accelerate progress towards eliminating malaria. We do not want to pass on this challenge to the next generation.

We call on stakeholders to recognise our expertise, create the space for young people's voices and provide a platform for our leadership.

Finally, we call on our fellow young people to scale up their efforts, through the Commonwealth Youth networks and partners and help us make history. Give us the space, give us the resources and watch us beat malaria once and for all!



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