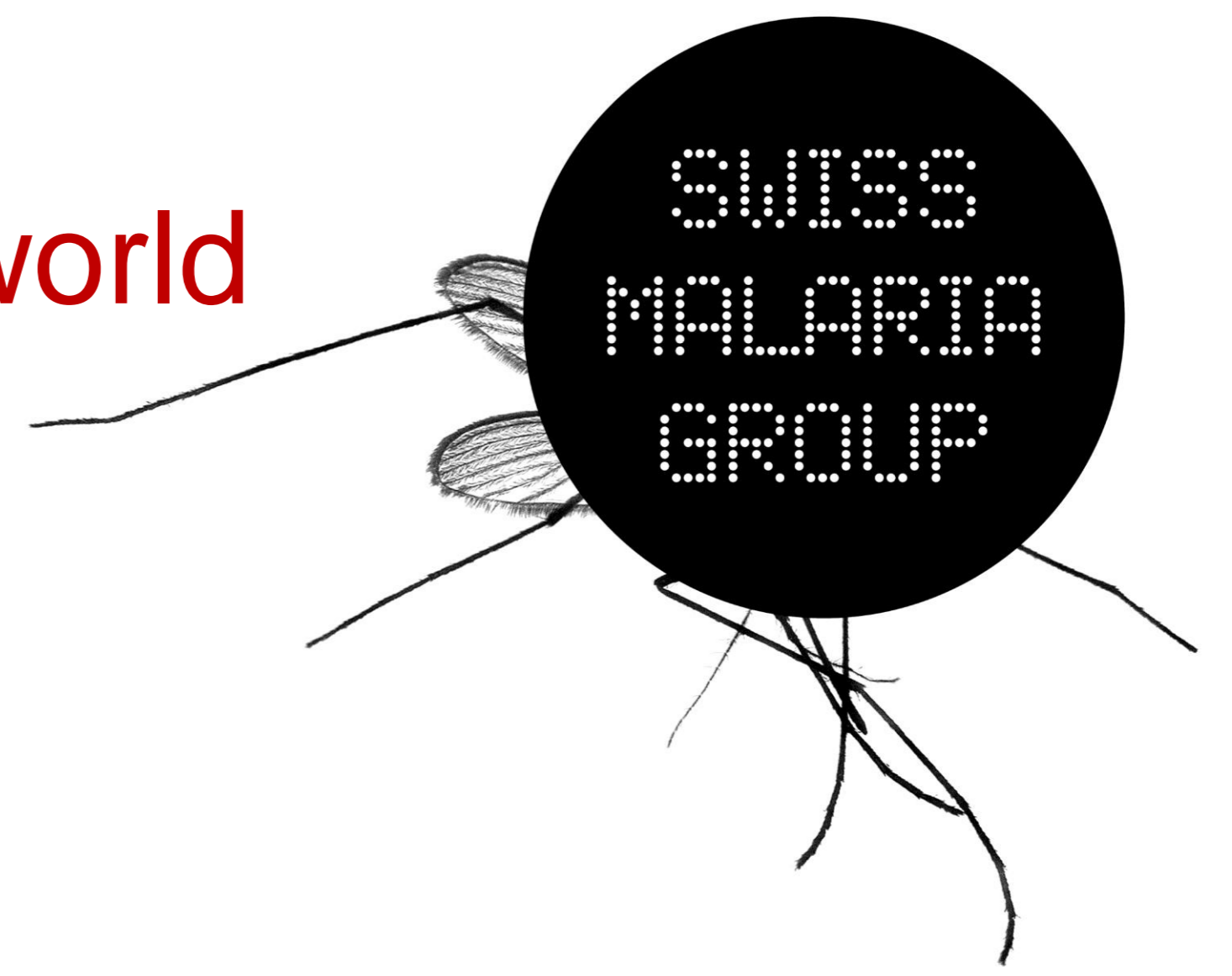


SWISS MALARIA GROUP

Swiss leadership for a malaria free world



A Swiss Leadership Network

The Swiss Malaria Group (SMG) is a leadership network that unites 16 Swiss-based public, private, academic and civil society institutions working towards a malaria-free world.



Invest, Innovate and Implement

SMG engages Swiss decision-makers and the public with the aim of strengthening Swiss leadership in the fight against malaria at national and global levels: to promote investment, research and innovation, and effective support to the fight against malaria in endemic countries.

SMG Achievements 2020 – 2023

During the last strategy period, regular **networking** events allowed our group to effectively liaise with member organizations and partners to keep global health and the fight against malaria on the political agenda.

Two large **advocacy** events with Swiss parliamentarians and a parliamentary study tour to Mozambique in 2022 allowed us to strengthen political commitment to the fight against malaria. SMG helped launch the **Swiss Global Health Hub** that led to Elisabeth Schneider-Schneider's successful parliamentary intervention resulting in the inclusion of health as a priority theme in Switzerland's Dispatch on International Cooperation 2024-27.

Online **public relations** campaigns in Switzerland featured the two SMG ambassadors Christa Rigozzi and Marcel Bieri raising awareness of Switzerland's role in the fight against malaria.

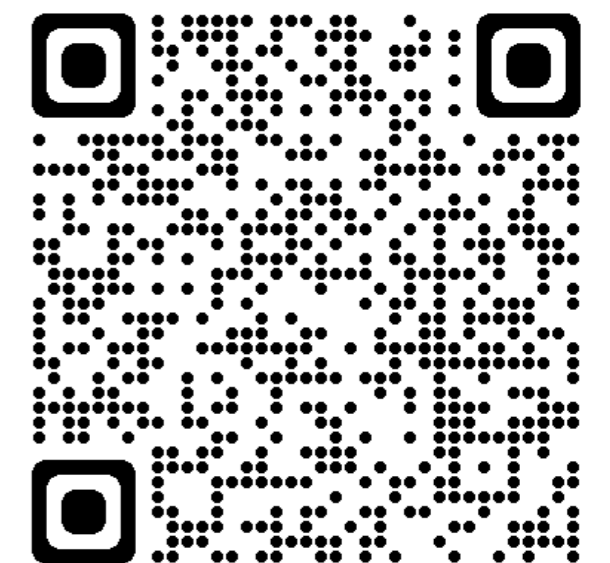
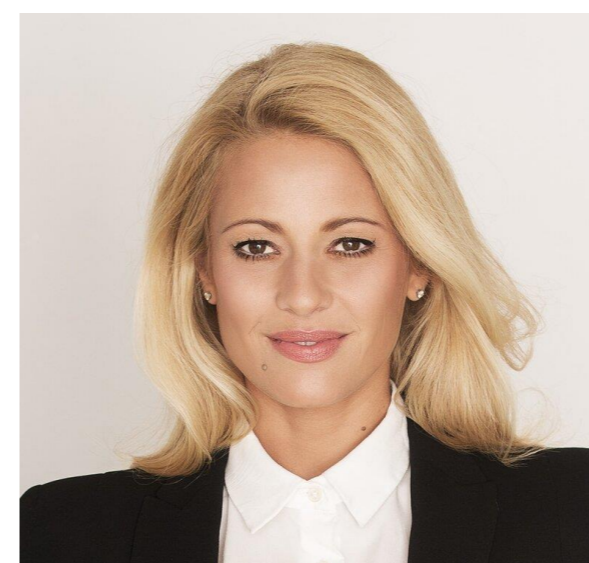
Annual **technical exchanges** organised by SMG have provided members with multiple opportunities to share knowledge and expertise that each organisation can apply within their individual setting.

SMG members jointly contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 3.3: "By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases."

The SMG Approach

SMG members' activities cover the entire value chain from research and innovation to large-scale implementation and advocacy both in Switzerland and 'on the ground' in malaria endemic countries. SMG members are active in the fields of antimalarial medicines, diagnostics, vaccines, vector control, health systems, policies, and financing.

Four strategic pillars are the foundation of SMG activities to foster Swiss commitment to end malaria: 1) **Networking activities** among SMG members to unlock the full potential of our multi-stakeholder partnership; 2) **Advocacy efforts** towards Swiss decision-makers and technical agencies to foster political commitment and secure sustained financial investment in the fight against malaria; 3) **Raising awareness** among the Swiss general public about malaria and its relevance for Switzerland and the World; and 4) **Technical exchange events** to promote sharing of knowledge and expertise among SMG members, enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of our activities.



SMG members commitments

- Promoting partnerships that foster the inclusion and leadership of stakeholders from malaria-endemic countries
- Building on their strength as a multistakeholder group to understand the priorities and needs across the research-to-implementation continuum and advocate for a leading role of endemic country stakeholders in decision-making processes
- Highlighting the heavy economic toll of malaria and the return on investment that can be achieved by sustained Swiss investments in malaria activities and the inclusion of health components in Swiss-sponsored international cooperation programs
- Fostering discussions between stakeholders to help incentivize research, development and implementation and advocate for sustainable, predictable and diversified malaria-related funding in support of achieving SDG targets
- Supporting the strengthening of systems that generate and use locally relevant data
- Recognising the paramount role of functioning health systems in the delivery of malaria interventions and the advocating for sustainable investments and improvements in local health systems

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