

ALMA Awards for Excellence

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At the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) Forum today, thirteen African leaders will receive the third ALMA Awards for Excellence for their exemplary leadership in policy, and impact and implementation. The ALMA Awards for Excellence are chosen by an independent awards selection committee, comprised of the following individuals:

- Global Malaria Program (World Health Organization) – Dr. Rob Newman
- Roll Back Malaria Partnership – Dr. James Banda
- University of Ho, Ghana – Prof. Fred Binka
- Nando's - Mr. Sherwin Charles
- Friends of the Global Fund, Africa - Dr. Akudo Ikemba

Based upon the data in the ALMA Scorecard for Accountability and Action and country Quarterly Reports, two categories have been selected by the awards committee.

In the **Policy** category, recipients of the awards are the leaders of countries that have increased progress in performance as observed for:

- Removal of tariffs on antimalarial commodities
- Ban status of oral artemisinin-based monotherapy
- Community case management of malaria

Recipients of the 2013 **ALMA Award for Excellence in Policy** are: Cameroon, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda and Uganda

In the Impact and Implementation category, recipients of the awards are the leaders of countries that have made the best performance in:

- Reduction in malaria mortality
- Operational long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs)/IRS coverage

Recipients of the 2013 **ALMA Award for Excellence in Impact and Implementation** are: Cape Verde, Namibia, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zambia.

The recipients of the 2013 ALMA Awards for Excellence are congratulated for their significant contribution in the fight against malaria.