

DOLF Rivers Celebrates World Malaria Day 2026
Location: Port Harcourt LGA (PHALGA), Rivers State
Community: Borokiri Waterfront (Enugu Waterside)
Date of Implementation: 2 May 2026
Reporting Period: April 2026 (Q2)

1. Background and Rationale

In commemoration of World Malaria Day 2026 (April 26), Dawn of Life Foundation (DOLF), in collaboration with the Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) and local health stakeholders, implemented an integrated community outreach in Enugu Waterside, Borokiri.

This intervention was designed to extend integrated TB, HIV, and Malaria (ATM) services to underserved and hard-to-reach populations who face significant barriers to accessing facility-based healthcare. The outreach aligns with DOLF's mission to improve healthcare access for vulnerable populations through community-driven approaches.

2. PRE OUTREACH/PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Pre-outreach advocacy and planning activities commenced on 22 April 2026, engaging key community stakeholders and health system actors to ensure ownership, acceptance, and effective mobilization.

3. Community Profile (Know Your Community – KYC)

Enugu Waterside is a densely populated informal settlement within the Borokiri waterfront, comprising six sub-communities ("Polos"). The area is predominantly inhabited by the Ijaw ethnic group, whose livelihoods are closely tied to fishing and informal trade.

Despite its economic relevance—providing access to Creek Road Market and Borokiri Evening Market—the community faces significant public health challenges, including:

- Poor environmental sanitation
- Open defecation practices
- Inadequate waste disposal systems
- Stagnant water bodies serving as breeding grounds for malaria vectors

These conditions heighten the risk of communicable diseases, particularly malaria and tuberculosis, making the community a priority for targeted interventions.

4. Advocacy and Stakeholder Engagement

DOLF conducted strategic advocacy visits in collaboration with: Rivers State Malaria Elimination Program (RSMEP),

Port Harcourt LGA health authority

Ward 7 focal personnel

Church-Hill Model Primary Health Centre staff

Community leaders (Polo Chairmen).

The DOLF Malaria Focal Person, Mr. Chidera Onuoha, led engagements with leaders across four Polo within Enugu Waterside. These consultations facilitated:

- Community entry and trust-building
- Selection of an accessible outreach site (Unity Road, Belema Polo)
- Mobilization support across the communities

5. Outreach Implementation

The outreach was conducted at a centrally located venue to maximize accessibility. Strong community mobilization ensured high turnout and participation.

Services Provided

An integrated package of health services was delivered, including:

- Malaria Testing and Treatment for confirmed cases
- Tuberculosis Screening (symptom-based and GeneXpert/PDX-supported testing)
- Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Testing
- HIV and Syphilis Testing, including PMTCT services for pregnant women
- Health Education and Risk Communication on communicable diseases and prevention
- Distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticide-Treated Nets (LLINs) to pregnant women

Community members expressed strong appreciation for the outreach, particularly due to the rarity of such services within the waterfront setting.

6. Results and Key Achievements

Overall Reach

865 individuals reached with integrated TB, HIV, and Malaria services and messaging

Service Uptake

Malaria Testing: 132 individuals

Malaria Treatment: 31 confirmed cases treated

TB Screening (PDX): 86 individuals

TB Symptom Screening: 76 individuals

TB Investigations Conducted: 15

HBV Testing: 132 individuals

Pregnant Women Screened for HIV/Syphilis: 65

Pregnant Women Tested for HIV/Syphilis: 54

Community Engagement

Advocacy visits conducted across 4 community clusters

Strong community ownership demonstrated through active participation and post-event sanitation support

Impact Highlights

- Improved awareness and knowledge of malaria, TB and HIV among residents
- Increased demand for integrated outreach services
- Strengthened collaboration between community structures and health systems

7 . Methodology

The outreach utilized a community-centered, integrated service delivery approach, including:

- Health education sessions on malaria, TB, HIV, and WASH practices
- TB counseling and screening (symptom-based and diagnostic support)
- Use of PDX/GeneXpert technology for TB detection
- Targeted service delivery for vulnerable groups, especially pregnant women