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President calls for funds for Uganda's anti-malaria research

President Yoweri Museveni appealed to the international community to assist Uganda in financing the country's anti malaria research programmes.

President Museveni was attending a meeting of African leaders' Malaria Alliance on the side lines of the 18th African Union Ordinary Summit in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa. The African Leaders' Malaria Alliance was mandated by the African Union to take decisions on financing, challenges, solutions and new commitments to the malaria fight and its impact on child and maternal health.

President Museveni told the meeting that his government tried to get money from the World Health Organization (WHO) to fund its research adding that, "When the head of WHO then did not pick interest, we used our little funds and we have come up with promising results."

Research, the President revealed, has been carried out on killing the larvae. He, however, noted that there is need to find out its impact on the human beings. In addition, the President told the meeting that research has been carried out on the possibility of using cattle as mobile-bite killers. He said that in cattle keeping areas, cows can be sprayed with drugs and act as live-bites to the mosquitoes.

President Museveni explained that the same method has been proved effective in killing ticks and tsetse flies. The drugs, he noted, can remain effective for two weeks during the dry season and one week during the rainy season.

The outgoing World Bank Director for Africa, Mrs. Ngozi Okonjo, told the meeting that there is need for a locally developed African method.

Liberian President, Ellen Johnson, replaced Tanzanian President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete as Chairperson of the African Leaders' Malaria Alliance. She pledged her commitment to the fight against malaria. Rwanda, Burundi and Benin emerged winners in the anti-malaria national

programmes.

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