



#### **SPEAK UP AFRICA: 13** YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO **SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**

Founded in 2011 by Yacine Djibo, Speak Up Africa has been committed to working with various stakeholders to provide sustainable solutions to the major challenges faced by African populations.

Initially focused on the fight against malaria, the organization has expanded its efforts between 2011 and now to include areas such as child health, family planning, menstrual hygiene, neglected tropical diseases, vaccination, sanitation, digital health, and gender issues.

### 2014 - 2017

**ZERO MALARIA START WITH ME: A CITIZEN CAMPAIGN** FOR MALARIA ELIMINATION IN SENEGAL

Speak Up Africa, in collaboration with PATH, the Ministry of Health, and the National Malaria Control Program (PNLP), launched the national campaign "Zero Malaria Start With Me" aimed at eliminating malaria in Senegal. Based on three pillars - political engagement, private sector involvement, and community engagement - the campaign seeks to raise awareness, mobilize, and engage stakeholders.

On the political level, **140** commitments have been signed by national and international leaders, including 50 parliamentarians and 53 mayors. The private sector, through 14 companies, has raised over **\$25,000** to support the campaign and the National Malaria Control Program. At the community level, 8 champions trained in Pikine have raised awareness among **8,310** people over six months through home visits and **27** community events.

## SPEAK UP AFRICA: 13 YEARS OF IMPACT AND COMMITMENT

### 2018

#### **PAN-AFRICAN LAUNCH OF THE "ZERO MALARIA" CAMPAIGN: A CONTINENT-**WIDE MOBILIZATION

Following the success of the "Zero Malaria Start With Me" campaign in Senegal, Speak Up Africa presented the initiative to the Partnership and African Union Commission to help end malaria. Recognizing the urgency to accelerate malaria elimination, the African Union Commission supported the pan-African expansion of the campaign.

Since then initiatives such as "March to Kigali," "Zero Malaria F.C.," and ZMBLI have emerged to amplify the campaign's impact across the continent.

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#### LAUNCH OF THE REGIONAL **COALITION AGAINST NEGLECTED TROPICAL** DISEASES (NTDS)

Speak Up Africa co-founded the first African civil society network to combat neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). This movement, «No to NTDs» launched in 2019 in Niger on the sidelines of the African Union Summit, aims to unite the efforts of civil society organizations, political leaders, and citizens to raise awareness and secure sustainable funding for NTD programs. In collaboration with the national programs of Senegal, Niger, Guinea, Burkina Faso, and Benin, Speak Up Africa has developed advocacy initiatives to support the goals of NTDs elimination in Africa.

# 2020

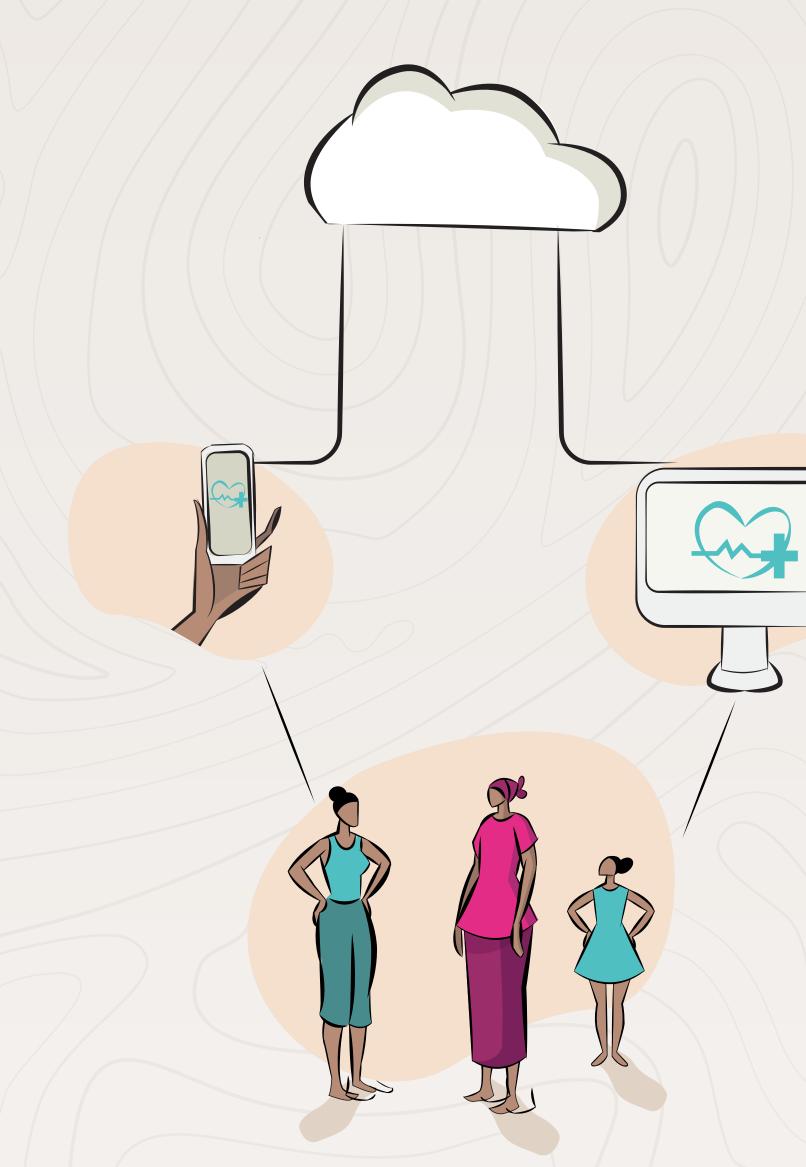
#### A COMMITMENT TO **GENDER EQUALITY AND ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Speak Up Africa received an umbrella grant of USD 17.8 million from BMGF and is committed to continuing the implementation of initiatives aimed at achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1 through 6. The organization is also launching projects focused on equity as part of the African LeadHERS campaign.

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#### **10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPEAK UP AFRICA: EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS AND** PROGRAMS

To mark its **10th anniversary**, Speak Up Africa has strengthened its financial partnerships and expanded its programs. With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through the Umbrella Grant the organization aims to accelerate the fight against malaria and neglected tropical iseases, improve sanitation services, and increase investments in health research for the 2021-2024 period. New partnerships, such as hosting the administrative and financial services of the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit and the collaboration with the Fondation Chanel, have enabled the launch of the "Voix Essentielles" program, which promotes the involvement of women and girls in health decision making. Additionally, the "African Voices of Science" initiative, supported by the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) encourages innovation among young African entrepreneurs in the health sector.

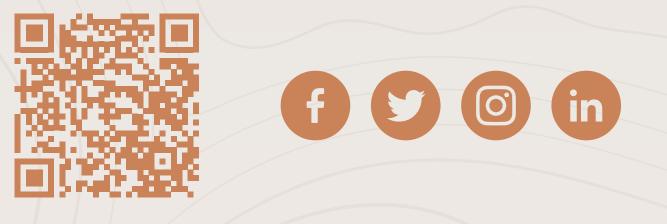


#### 2022 **CREATION OF THE FIRST SANITATION VILLAGE AT THE 9TH WORLD WATER FORUM – DAKAR 2022** During the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Speak Up Africa introduced a major innovation from previous editions: the "Sanitation Village" a space for sharing ideas and solutions to tackle sanitation challenges. With 24 booths and over 2,000 visitors, the Village helped promote the achievement of SDG 6.2 which aims

for universal access to adequate sanitation services by 2030.

On this occasion, Speak Up Africa also launched the Golden Sludge campaign, focused on raising awareness and political engagement for inclusive sanitation policies, supported by the Senegalese Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam.

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#### **AWIDH: A PIONEERING INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN'S INCLUSION IN DIGITAL HEALTH IN AFRICA**

During the 2022 International Conference on Public Health in Africa, the African Women in Digital Health (AWiDH) initiative was launched by Africa CDC, Speak Up Africa, and their partners. This group of organizations and individuals advocates for gender equality in the field of digital health. In addition to increasing women's representation, AWiDH supports partnerships that invest in skill development and training for women in the digital health sector

# 2023

#### **AFRICAN LEADHERS: PROMOTING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP THROUGH OUR VOIX ESSENTIELLES**

In 2023, Speak Up Africa invested \$800,000 in 39 women's and local organizations to promote gender equality. Three leaders from the Voix EssentiELLEs initiative joined major decision-making bodies such as the Global Fund and the National Assembly.

Additionally, six young African women benefited from mentorship through the Teaming Up program, in collaboration with the Basketball Africa League, enhancing their professional and personal m development.