



AngloGold Ashanti's Malaria Program – The Motivation, Successes, Challenges, And Lessons Learned



Introduction

- AngloGold Ashanti is a global gold mining company with a geographically diverse portfolio of operations and projects.
- Africa is currently home to five operations - Ghana (Iduapriem and Obuasi), Guinea (Siguiiri), Tanzania (Geita) and the DRC (Kibali).
- In Ghana, AngloGold Ashanti operates the Obuasi and Iduapriem mines located in the Ashanti and Western regions respectively





AngloGold Ashanti's operations in relation to Malaria Areas

In the company's 2004 Report to Society, malaria was identified as the most significant public health threat to AngloGold Ashanti's operations in Ghana, Mali, Guinea and Tanzania

OUR MOTIVATION

- The mine wanted to maximize productivity and contribute to a broader corporate social responsibility strategy that creates a positive “social license” to operate in an area.

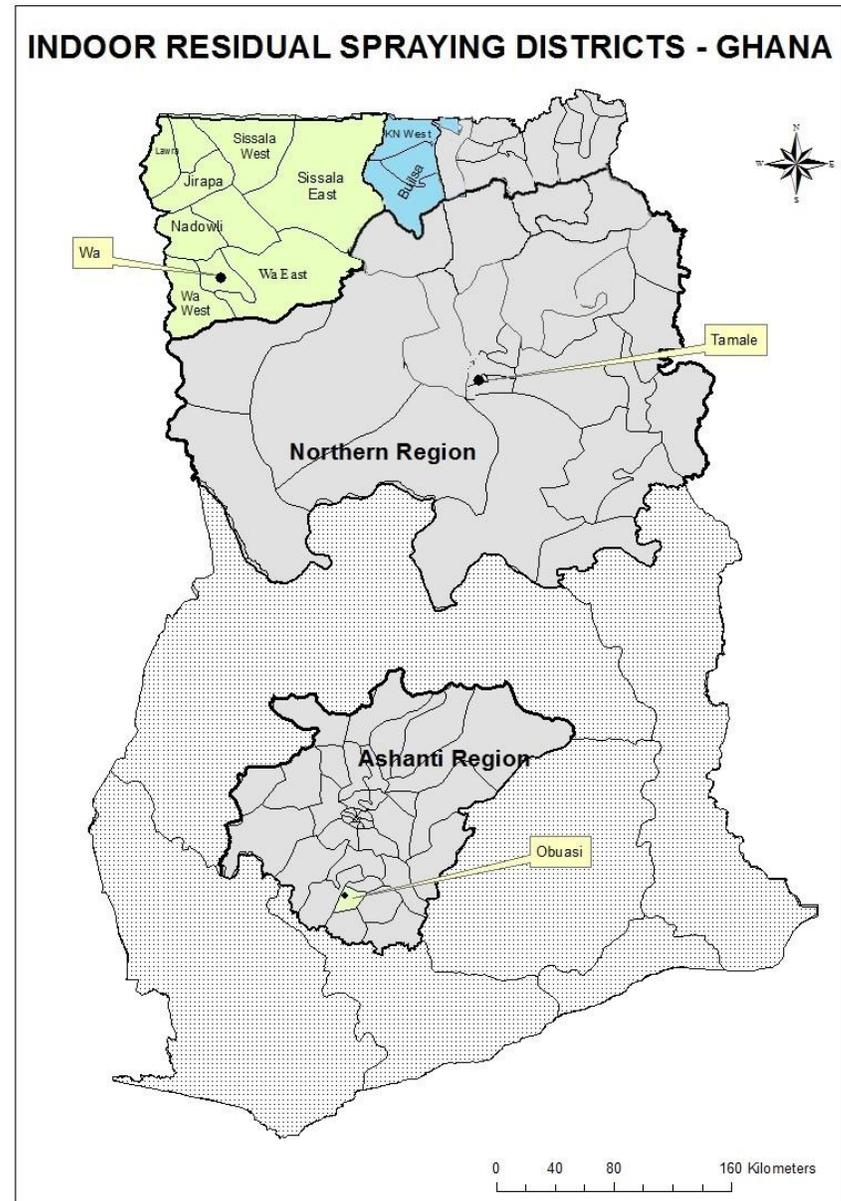
- Extract from AngloGold Ashanti’s value statement:

“...strive to form a partnership with the host community, sharing their environment, traditions, and values, we want communities to be better off for AngloGold Ashanti having been there”

Why the Program was started..

- The Malaria program was initiated by the mine because productivity was being affected by lost time and days as a result of malaria. The benefits of the program were soon recognized a few years after.
- On the recommendation of the NMCP (Government of Ghana) through Ghana CCM, AngloGold Ashanti Ghana has been a principal recipient of Global Fund Grant for the past 10 years. It has replicated the control model to 16 districts across Ghana in the Upper West and Upper East, some of which are far from our mines.
- AngloGold Ashanti (Ghana) Malaria Control (AGAMal), was established as a subsidiary company to implement IRS in the targeted areas.
- AGAMal currently targets sprays over 150'000 structures/houses annually, protecting approximately 1.2M people from malaria, and creates about 1,300 local temporary jobs every year.

AGAMaI IRS Operational Districts



Implementation Framework

Vector Control

Indoor Residual Spraying
Larval Source Management.



SBCC

Community Education & Promotion
Advocacy for Other interventions
e.g LLINs, House screening

Disease Management

Diagnosis
Treatment

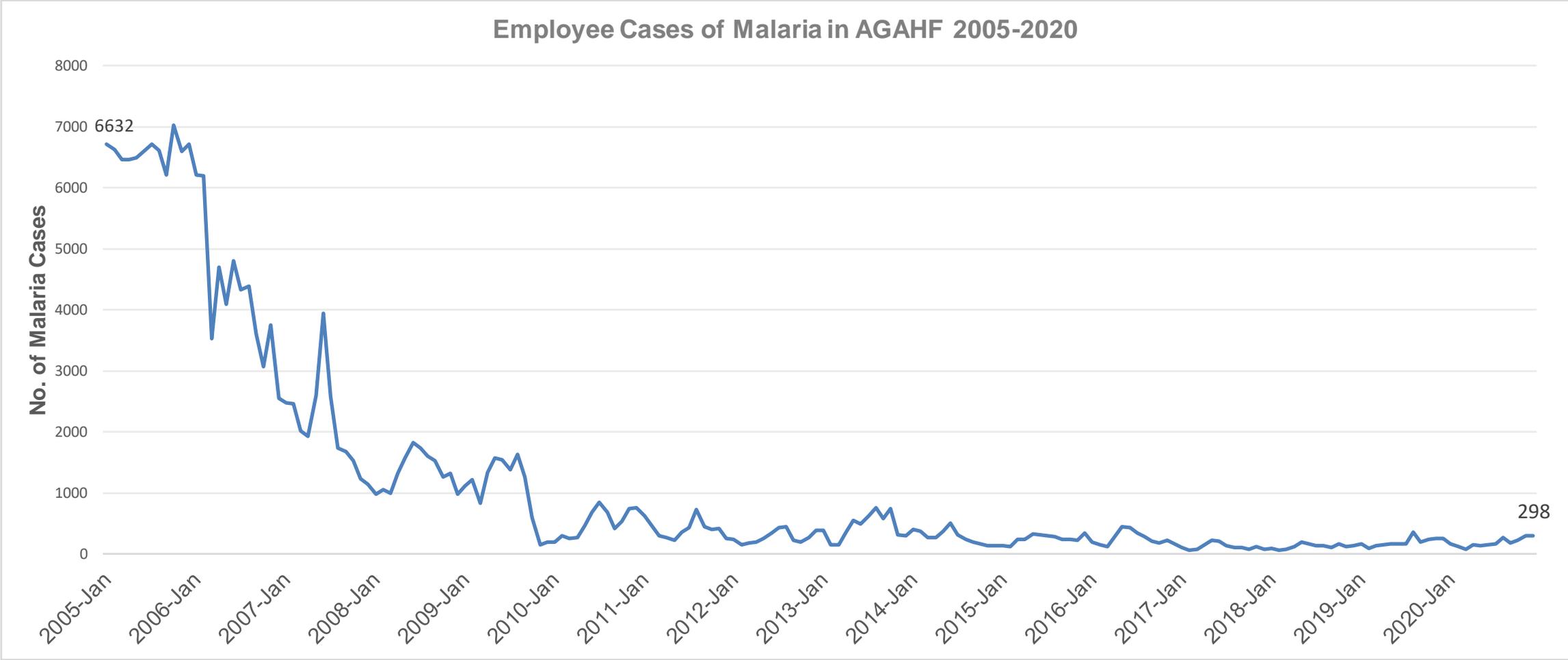
Surveillance & Monitoring

Malaria MIS
Insecticide Resistance.

Program Strengths

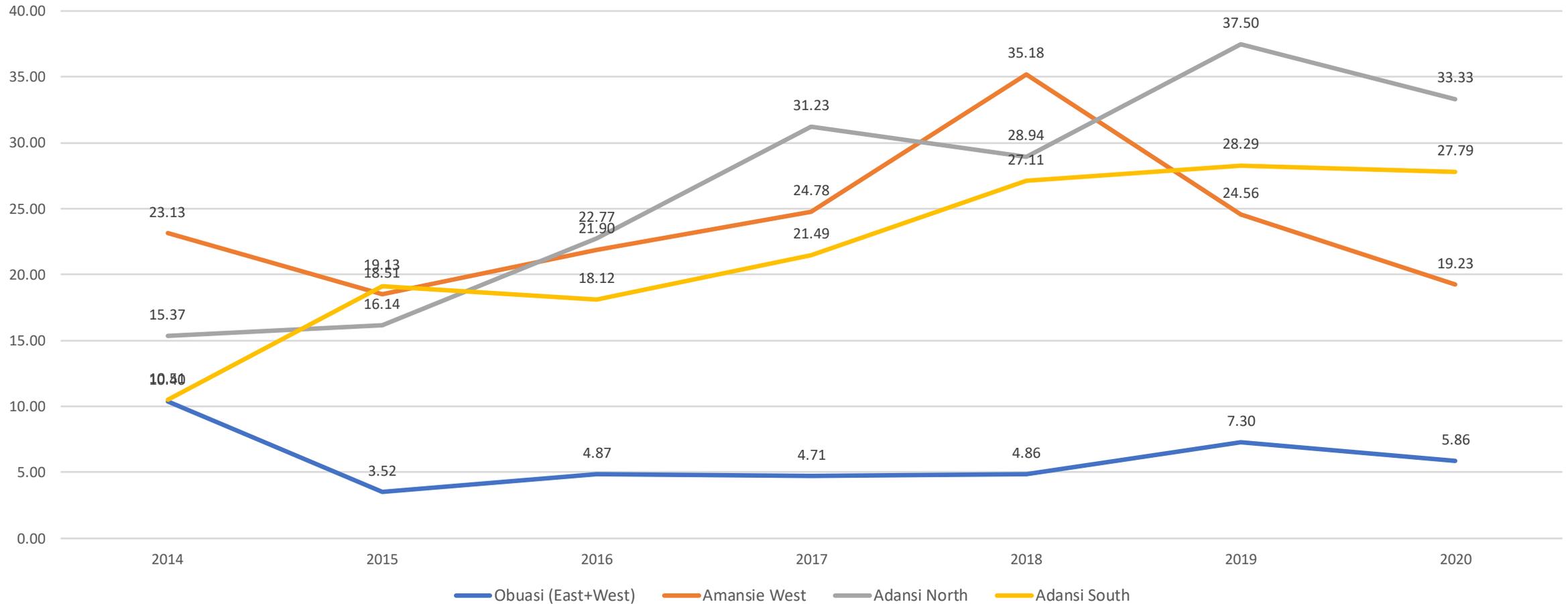
- Robust Surveillance, Entomological Monitoring and Supervisory system to ensure conformity to standards.
- Highly trained Staff
- Strong relationships with stakeholders at various levels of implementation – high community acceptance
 - Chiefs, Leaders, Governmental Agencies, etc.
- Program Diversity – Covid- 19RM beneficiary and implemented disinfection and community education activities.

Successes - Impact



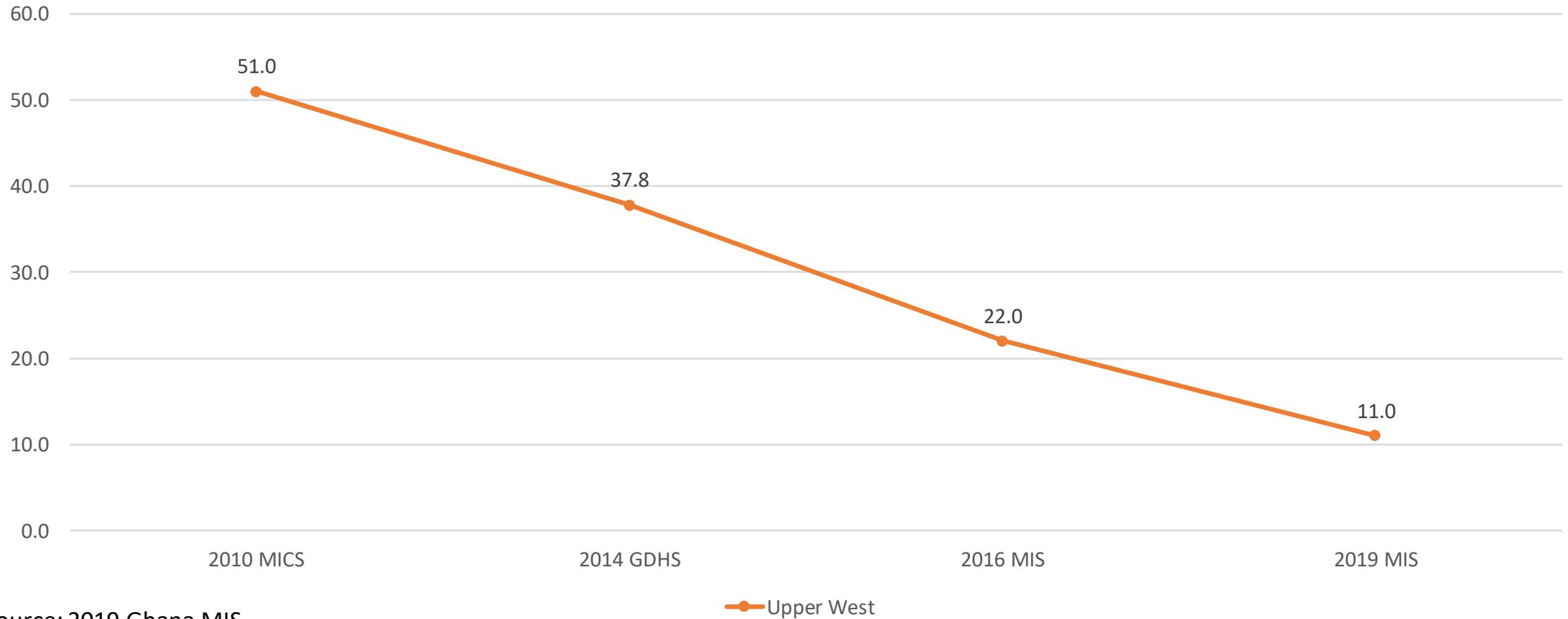
Successes - Impact

Malaria Cases out of OPD Attendance in Obuasi 2014 - 2020



Successes - Impact

Parasite Prevalence in Children 6 - 59 Months in the Upper West



Source: 2019 Ghana MIS



Challenges

- **Insecticide Resistance**

- high levels of Pyrethroid and Organophosphate resistance in implementation districts
- Limited options for rotation resulting in difficulty in rolling out an effective resistance management strategy.
 - New pipeline products to be available soon.

- **Sustainability of Funding**

- Global Fund main source of funds for implementation beside generous contribution of AngloGold Ashanti Obuasi Mine

- **Strong Brand Name**

- AngloGold Ashanti – Association with global mining brand restricts access to other potential sources of funds for implementation of other interventions

Closing thoughts!

- Malaria Control programs offered by the private sector can further act as centers of excellence that provide platforms for capacity building.
- Investing in the fight against malaria yields a good return on investment for companies and beneficiary communities.
- Preventing malaria-attributable deaths and saving lives is a worthwhile investment.
- The lives saved today are the world's greatest assets tomorrow!

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