ANNUAL REPORT

CENTER FOR MALARIA RESEARCH AND PHYTOMEDICINE

SUBMITTED TO:

OFFICE OF THE DVC, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Reporting year:
1.0 Identification Information
i. Name of Centre: Center for Malaria Research and Phytomedicine
ii. Name of the Director: Dr. Ologhaguo Macstephen Adienbo
2.0 vision of the Center
i. To be a leading center of excellence in malaria research, related diseases and in
phytomedicine.
3.0 Specific Objectives of the Center
i. To achieve malaria control and better health for all through basic and operational
research
ii. To explore the indigenous plant sources of new medicinal compounds for the
treatment of malaria and other related diseases.
4.0 Names of Advisory Board Members
i. Emeritus Prof. Nimi D. Briggs (Chairman)
ii. Prof. Catherine Olufunke Falade
iii. Dr. Elizabeth Didia
iv. Pharm. Steve Onya
v. Prof. Innocent O. Ujah
vi. Prof. Ben Ndukwu
5.0 Goals set out for Reporting Year
i. To establish a network of researchers and stakeholders in malaria research in
Rivers State.
ii. To Organize forum for knowledge exchange, dissemination and networking by
means of periodical seminar presentations
iii. Capacity building in advanced malaria microscopy, molecular techniques and
clinical management of severe malaria, through training and workshop

January 2022 – December 2022.

iv. Publication of the 4 th edition of the malaria journal by the research center-Journal
of Malaria and Phytomedicine.
v. Behavior change communication-visitation and follow-up of the malaria school
clubs earlier created in secondary schools in Rivers State.
vi. Follow up on the projects under the different professorial chairs
vii. To seek for Research grants
viii. To embark on collaborative Laboratory based and qualitative research.
6.0 Activities and achievement
i. In 2022, four students from various institutions, including University of Port
Harcourt, had their Industrial Training at the Malaria research Laboratory, for the
6-months Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES).
ii. The malaria research laboratory of the centre hosted several researchers and
students who came to familiarise themselves with the equipments and facilities at
the centre.
iii. The Centre actively participated in the activities for the 2022 world malaria day
celebration by the Rivers State held on April 25 th, 2022. In appreciation, the center
was awarded a Certification of Recognition for the dedication and outstanding
collaboration with the Rivers state malaria elimination programme.
7.0 Publication
The 4 th edition of the malarial journal was also published online at the Centre’s website.
These publications can be accessed via the University’s website www.uniport.edu.ng
8.0 Awards, Honours, Endowed chairs
i. The NDDC Chair on malaria elimination and phytomedicine has an on-going
study titled “ malaria parasitaemia and survey of plasmodium species among
pregnant women and under-five children in the Niger Delta of Nigeria.” There is
another study, also related to the Chair, which seeks to establish the efficacy and
safety of a device in the treatment of malaria in selected states of the Niger Delta.
ii. The SJS Cookey Professorial Chair was able to organize a three-days workshop on
vector control strategies as a way of helping to reduce the incidence of malaria in
our environment. It was also able to host the 2 nd Professor Cookey legacy lecture
which also served to commemorate World Malaria Day. 2019.

9.0 Challenges
1. Inadequate funding for the following:-
a) Repairs / acquisition of Laboratory Equipments and Furniture
b) Research Studies
c) CMRAP running costs for the centre
2. Office furniture: The central office and the laboratory urgently need office equipment
(computers, printers, inverters, etc) and furniture (tables, chairs etc) as the office
equipment are non serviceable and the furniture dilapidated.
3. Staff: There is need for more Research Fellows, as all the trained research fellows
have left the Center
4. CMRAP Building:- For efferent operations, CMRAP needs a separate building which
will house its research laboratory and staff office.
5. The laboratory experienced and is still experiencing power outage due to electrical
faults in the Ofrima building. Repairs are however on going. This situation has
affected the equipments and the productivity of the laboratory resulting in poor/non
patronage by researchers.
6. Official vehicle: There is no vehicle for the centre. This is affecting the running of
the centre.
10.0 Financial Report
Statement of Account for 2022.

Description Amount N Sub-total

Income

Balance brought forward 11,632.00

Expenses

Bank Charges 1,100
Balance 10,532.00

11.0 Reporting Officer’s Signature

Dr. Ologhaguo Macstephen Adienbo