

FROM GLOBAL HEALTH CHALLENGE TO MARKET OPPORTUNITY: A CASE STUDY OF GOODKNIGHT'S

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ABSTRACT

“The Smallest Bite Can Create The Biggest Threat To Human Life.

In recent years, the rapid increase in insects, especially mosquitoes, has become a serious global concern. Climate change, rising temperatures, rapid urbanization, stagnant water, and poor sanitation have created ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. As a result, nearly half of the world's population is exposed to mosquito-borne diseases. Mosquitoes transmit dangerous illnesses such as Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika, and Yellow fever, affecting millions of people every year. Globally, vector-borne diseases cause more than 7,00,000 deaths annually, with malaria alone accounting for around 247-249 million cases and over 6,00,000 deaths each year, especially in Africa. The rising health risk has increased awareness and demand for mosquito prevention products, leading to strong growth in the insect repellent industry. The global mosquito repellent market is expected to be valued at over USD 11 billion in the coming years. In this competitive market, several global and regional brands such as Mortein, Raid, Baygon, and local unbranded repellents operate alongside Goodknight. Goodknight, a leading brand of Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL), serves the market through a wide product range, including liquid vaporizers, coils, mats, fast cards, and electrical solutions. The brand competes by focusing on affordability, safety for families, long-lasting protection, and strong distribution networks. Good Knight holds nearly 60% market share in India and is widely used in countries such as India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, and other Asian markets, along with selected regions in Africa and Latin America. The major advantage is strong brand trust, innovative formats, competitive pricing, and the backing of GCPL's global operations in over 80 countries.

As Goodknight moved beyond its core markets, it entered highly competitive and price-sensitive environments where low-cost local brands already had a strong presence. Differences in consumer habits, living conditions, and infrastructure meant the brand had to adjust its product formats and communication strategies, while growing concerns around chemical safety and varying regulations added further complexity to international expansion. In this context, Africa emerged as a region with both significant challenges and strong potential. The continent faces a heavy burden of mosquito-borne diseases, yet access to reliable mosquito control solutions remains limited. Recognizing this gap, Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL) introduced Goodknight into African markets such as Nigeria and Mozambique, focusing on building trust and relevance among new consumer segments. This

case study examines how Goodknight plans to use strategic positioning, market adaptation, and competitive responses to sustain its presence in African markets, highlighting the brand's efforts to balance public health needs with long-term business sustainability.

INTRODUCTION:

Mosquito-borne diseases have become one of the most serious health threats globally, and their impact is especially severe in Africa. The continent experiences ideal environmental conditions for mosquito breeding, including high temperatures, heavy seasonal rainfall, poor drainage, and stagnant water sources. These conditions are further exacerbated by rapid urbanization and insufficient sanitation infrastructure. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), malaria alone kills more than 400,000 people in Africa annually, while other mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and Zika continue to affect millions more. This health crisis creates a daily challenge for families, who must protect themselves from these life-threatening diseases. In such a scenario, mosquito repellents are not merely lifestyle or convenience products—they are essential for everyday survival, especially in malaria-prone regions. The market for mosquito repellents in Africa reflects this urgency. Unlike in Asia, where indoor electric vaporizers are common, many African households rely on portable and outdoor solutions like sprays, creams, and mosquito coils due to irregular electricity supply and lifestyle habits. Consumers are not only concerned about efficacy but also expect products that act quickly, are long-lasting, and can be used in various settings, from homes to outdoor areas. Urban centers have modern retail outlets such as supermarkets and pharmacies, while rural and remote areas depend on small shops, informal markets, and mobile vendors. This creates a complex and fragmented retail environment that requires careful planning for product distribution and visibility.

For international brands like Good Knight, Africa represents a massive growth opportunity but also a unique set of challenges. The market size is enormous due to the high incidence of mosquito-borne diseases, but consumer behavior, purchasing power, and brand loyalty differ significantly from Asian markets where Good Knight is a dominant player. Additionally, infrastructure challenges, regulatory variations between countries, and cultural perceptions about product effectiveness require brands to adapt their product formats, pricing strategies, and marketing messages. A product that succeeds in India cannot be directly transplanted into Africa without careful customization.

In this context, Good Knight's expansion strategy must balance public health responsibility with commercial objectives. The brand must educate consumers about product safety, efficacy, and proper use while competing with established international brands like Mortein, RID, Jungle Formula, and local alternatives that already dominate African markets. The introduction of Good Knight into Africa is not just a business decision but also a public health intervention, providing safe and effective mosquito protection in regions where malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases continue to threaten millions of lives. This case study examines how Good Knight navigates these challenges and uses strategic market approaches to establish a sustainable presence in Africa.

AFRICAN MOSQUITO REPELLENT MARKET ENVIRONMENT

The African mosquito repellent market is one of the most unique and challenging in the world due to the continent's environmental, social, and economic conditions. Unlike Asian or European markets, where households rely heavily on electric vaporizers or indoor coils, many African consumers live in areas with irregular electricity supply, making such products less practical. In addition, outdoor activities in the evening and tropical living conditions mean that repellents are not just used indoors—they must also protect people outside their homes. This has led to a preference for portable solutions such as sprays, creams, lotions, and mosquito coils, which are easy to carry, require no electricity, and can be used in any setting.

Consumer perception in Africa is also different from other regions. Studies and surveys show that African consumers often equate stronger chemical smells or visibly potent products with higher

protection. A mild-smelling, child-friendly product, which works well in Asia, may not automatically appeal to African consumers because the belief that “strong smell equals effectiveness” is deeply ingrained. Therefore, any international brand entering Africa must work to educate consumers about product efficacy while building trust in milder formulations.

The retail structure in Africa further complicates market dynamics. Urban areas feature modern supermarkets, pharmacy chains, and organized retail networks, where international brands can establish visibility and brand credibility. However, rural and semi-urban regions—which are often the most affected by mosquito-borne diseases—rely on informal markets, small neighborhood shops, and mobile vendors for product access. Distribution networks are often fragmented, transportation costs are high, and supply chains can be inconsistent. Brands need local partnerships, careful logistics planning, and tailored packaging to reach these areas effectively.

Pricing is another crucial factor shaping the market. A significant portion of African consumers are price-sensitive and may opt for low-cost local alternatives rather than premium international products. Bulk or refill options often perform better than high-priced devices or large packages. Seasonal variations also affect demand; during the rainy season, when mosquito activity peaks, there is higher product consumption, while dry periods see a decline in sales.

In addition, awareness about chemical safety and health implications is growing. Regulatory authorities in different African countries have strict requirements for product ingredients, labeling, and efficacy testing. International brands must comply with these standards to gain market access, which adds complexity to launching new products.

Overall, the African mosquito repellent market is characterized by high disease risk, diverse consumer preferences, infrastructure challenges, price sensitivity, and strict regulatory environments. For a brand like Good Knight, this market requires careful product adaptation, targeted marketing, flexible pricing, and strong distribution strategies. Understanding these conditions is essential to successfully introducing products that can protect families, build trust, and compete effectively against established local and international players.

MAJOR MOSQUITO REPELLENT BRANDS IN AFRICA

Several international and regional brands dominate the African mosquito repellent market. Leading companies include:

Mortein (Reckitt) – known for sprays, coils, and electric mats, trusted for fast protection.

RID (SC Johnson) – strong presence with creams, sprays, and coils; widely available across urban and rural areas.

Jungle Formula, Tabard, Bushman Ultra, Ben’s 100, Ultrathon (3M) – focus on outdoor protection, long-lasting formulas, and high-strength repellents.

These brands have built trust over many years. Many consumers in Africa prefer them because they perceive chemical strength as equivalent to effectiveness. Local brands also play a role by offering affordable solutions at lower prices. Collectively, these competitors create a highly competitive environment for new entrants like Good Knight, especially in rural and high-risk regions.

TOP MOSQUITO REPELLENT BRANDS IN AFRICA

<i>Brand</i>	<i>Key Product Types</i>	<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Market Focus</i>
<i>Mortein</i>	<i>Sprays, Coils, Vaporizers</i>	<i>Strong chemical effect, wide distribution</i>	<i>Urban & Rural</i>
<i>RID (SC Johnson)</i>	<i>Sprays, Creams, Coils</i>	<i>Fast-acting, trusted brand</i>	<i>Urban & Semi-Urban</i>
<i>Jungle Formula</i>	<i>Sprays, Lotions</i>	<i>Outdoor protection, portable</i>	<i>Outdoor users</i>
<i>Tabard</i>	<i>Repellent creams, coils</i>	<i>Affordable, multi-use</i>	<i>Rural & semi-urban</i>
<i>Bushman Ultra</i>	<i>Sprays, lotions</i>	<i>Outdoor focus</i>	<i>Outdoor users</i>
<i>Ben's 100</i>	<i>Sprays, creams</i>	<i>Long-lasting</i>	<i>Outdoor & travel</i>
<i>Ultrathon (3M)</i>	<i>Repellent lotions</i>	<i>High chemical strength</i>	<i>Urban & peri-urban</i>

GOOD KNIGHT’S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND AFRICAN GAP

Good Knight has strategically entered selected African markets where the burden of mosquito-borne diseases is high, and the potential for growth is significant. The brand is currently present in countries such as Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, Egypt, and Mozambique, leveraging GCPL’s international operations to establish distribution and brand visibility. These countries were chosen based on a combination of factors, including disease prevalence, population density, urbanization, and consumer purchasing power. By targeting both urban and peri-urban regions, Good Knight aims to capture a segment of the market that is increasingly conscious about family health and safety. In urban centers, Good Knight products are mainly available through supermarkets, pharmacy chains, and modern trade outlets, where consumers are more aware of global brands and have access to electricity for electric vaporizers. The brand uses promotional campaigns, in-store visibility, and product sampling to build recognition and trust. Urban consumers tend to be receptive to Good Knight’s messaging around child safety, low odor, and indoor effectiveness, which differentiates it from competitors that emphasize chemical intensity. These urban regions provide a foundation for market penetration and brand establishment.

However, rural and remote regions remain a challenge. These areas often experience high mosquito-borne disease risk, yet access to Good Knight is limited due to fragmented retail networks, lower awareness, and price sensitivity. Unlike established brands such as Mortein, RID, Jungle Formula, and Ben’s 100, which have long-standing presence in rural markets, Good Knight’s reach in these regions is still developing. The brand is working on partnerships with local distributors, small shops, and community health programs to increase penetration. Market share data indicates that Good Knight is

still a minor player in Africa compared to its Asian markets, largely because of competition from entrenched brands, infrastructure challenges, and differing consumer perceptions. However, the company's long-term strategy focuses on gradual expansion, increasing visibility in high-risk regions, and educating consumers about safe and effective indoor repellents. By introducing smaller packs, portable coils, and refills, Good Knight is addressing both affordability and accessibility. Furthermore, Good Knight is exploring collaborations with NGOs and government health initiatives, particularly in malaria-prone areas, to boost brand trust and social impact. Such partnerships not only enhance brand reputation but also align with GCPL's mission to provide sustainable health solutions. In essence, Good Knight's presence in Africa represents a strategically phased approach, focusing on high-potential urban markets while progressively expanding to rural regions to create a balanced and sustainable market footprint.

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CHALLENGES DURING MARKET EXPANSION

Good Knight's expansion into African markets has faced a series of complex challenges, reflecting the diversity and unique conditions of the continent. One of the most significant obstacles is the intense competition from well-established international and local brands. Companies like Mortein, RID, Jungle Formula, Tabard, Bushman Ultra, Ben's 100, and Ultrathon dominate the market with products designed to meet African consumers' preferences for strong, outdoor-active protection. These competitors benefit from decades of brand recognition, extensive distribution networks, and consumer trust, making it difficult for a new entrant to secure meaningful market share immediately. Consumer behavior and perception present another challenge. In Africa, many consumers associate a strong chemical smell with greater protection. This contrasts with Good Knight's global positioning, which emphasizes mild-smelling, child-friendly formulations for indoor use. Educating consumers about the effectiveness of these products without chemical intensity requires significant marketing efforts, including demonstrations, community campaigns, and targeted advertisements. Convincing households that a safer, low-odor product can be as effective as conventional options is a slow process that involves changing long-held beliefs. Infrastructure and distribution challenges further complicate expansion. While urban areas have organized retail outlets, rural regions—which are often most affected by mosquito-borne diseases—rely on fragmented supply chains, small neighborhood shops, and mobile vendors. This makes reaching rural consumers costly and logistically challenging. Transportation difficulties, long distances, and inconsistent stock availability are common issues that can delay product adoption. Regulatory hurdles also play a crucial role. African countries have varied safety standards, chemical regulations, and import requirements. Each country may have unique rules regarding product registration, labeling, and permissible active ingredients. Compliance with these standards is mandatory and often time-consuming, requiring careful documentation, testing, and approvals. Any delays or non-compliance can prevent the product from entering the market or cause reputational damage.

Price sensitivity is an additional factor. Many African consumers, especially in rural and lower-income segments, prioritize affordability over brand reputation. Single-use sprays or coils, which are cheaper than electric vaporizers or refill packs, are often preferred. For Good Knight, this means balancing the brand's premium image with pricing strategies that make products accessible without eroding profitability.

Finally, cultural and lifestyle differences influence product acceptance. Outdoor living habits, large family sizes, and community sharing of products necessitate adaptation in packaging and formats. Good Knight must develop smaller, portable packs, multipacks, and refill options to align with local usage patterns. In summary, competition, consumer perception, infrastructure, regulation, pricing, and lifestyle differences combine to create a challenging environment for Good Knight in Africa. Overcoming these obstacles requires strategic marketing, targeted education, flexible distribution, and product adaptation, ensuring the brand can establish a sustainable presence while meeting public health needs.

PRICING STRATEGY IN THE AFRICAN MARKET

Pricing plays a critical role in the success of consumer products in Africa, and for Good Knight, it is particularly important due to the continent's price-sensitive consumer base. African households vary widely in income, purchasing behavior, and product preferences. While urban consumers in major cities may afford premium products, rural populations—often the most vulnerable to mosquito-borne diseases—typically seek low-cost alternatives such as single-use sprays, coils, or locally produced

solutions. Understanding this diversity is crucial for establishing a pricing strategy that balances accessibility, affordability, and profitability.

Good Knight has adopted a tiered pricing strategy to cater to different consumer segments. In urban areas, products are offered in full-size packs and refillable electric vaporizers, targeting middle-income families who value convenience, safety, and brand trust. These products are priced slightly higher than local alternatives to reflect their quality, effectiveness, and child-friendly features. To encourage adoption, Good Knight often introduces promotional discounts, bundle packs, and loyalty schemes, particularly during peak mosquito seasons, making the products more attractive to urban households. For rural and low-income segments, Good Knight uses smaller pack sizes and portable coils. These smaller, cost-effective formats allow first-time users to try the product without committing to a full-size purchase. Refill packs are priced competitively to encourage repeat use and increase customer retention. This approach ensures that even price-conscious consumers can access Good Knight products while maintaining the brand's presence in high-risk areas.

Another key aspect of Good Knight's pricing strategy is seasonal adaptation. Mosquito activity peaks during the rainy season, leading to increased demand. Good Knight adjusts its pricing and promotional campaigns to maximize sales during these periods, offering discounts, multipacks, and free samples to encourage trial and adoption. Conversely, during dry seasons, smaller packs and refills are emphasized to maintain consumption while minimizing stock wastage. Competitive positioning is also central to Good Knight's pricing approach. African markets are dominated by brands like Mortein, RID, Jungle Formula, and Ben's 100, which have varying price points but often offer single-use or high-strength products at lower costs. Good Knight differentiates itself through its child-safe formulations, mild odor, and indoor-focused solutions, which allow the brand to justify a slightly higher price while emphasizing added value. Finally, Good Knight aligns its pricing strategy with promotional and educational campaigns. By demonstrating product effectiveness, safety, and convenience, the brand convinces consumers that the slightly higher cost is justified. This integrated approach—combining affordability, strategic pack sizes, urban-rural segmentation, and value-driven messaging—ensures that Good Knight remains competitive and accessible across diverse African markets.

PROMOTION AND BRAND MESSAGING

Promotion and brand messaging are critical components of Good Knight's strategy in Africa, where consumer awareness, trust, and perception play a decisive role in product adoption. Unlike Asia, where Good Knight has an established reputation, the African market presents a new consumer base that must be educated about product safety, efficacy, and usage. To establish credibility and encourage adoption, Good Knight focuses on family-friendly, child-safe, and indoor-effective messaging, which differentiates it from competitors that primarily emphasize chemical strength and outdoor protection. One of the key elements of Good Knight's messaging is the "no strong smell" proposition. In many African regions, consumers often associate strong odor with effectiveness, so introducing a mild-smelling product requires extensive educational campaigns. Good Knight addresses this by highlighting that its products are scientifically tested to provide effective mosquito protection while remaining safe for children and adults. Promotional campaigns in urban centers leverage TV advertisements, social media, in-store displays, and point-of-sale demonstrations to build trust and brand recall. These campaigns emphasize that users can protect their families without sacrificing comfort or indoor air quality. In addition to urban campaigns, Good Knight invests in community outreach and educational programs in rural and peri-urban areas. The brand collaborates with local health authorities, NGOs, and schools to promote awareness about mosquito-borne diseases and safe prevention methods. By distributing samples, informative leaflets, and low-cost starter packs, Good Knight encourages first-

time trials while educating consumers about product usage and safety benefits. Such initiatives also help the brand overcome skepticism about mild-smelling, low-odor products.

Another significant aspect of the brand's promotional strategy is seasonal marketing, which aligns campaigns with periods of high mosquito activity. During the rainy season, Good Knight emphasizes immediate protection, offering multipacks, discounted refill packs, and promotional bundles. This approach ensures that consumers are aware of the product when demand is highest and helps build long-term habits of usage. Good Knight also tailors its messaging to different consumer segments. Urban families are targeted with messages highlighting convenience, indoor use, and child safety, while rural communities receive communications focusing on affordability, portability, and effective protection against malaria and dengue. This dual messaging strategy ensures that the brand resonates across diverse socio-economic and geographic segments. Finally, Good Knight emphasizes trust and reliability through consistent branding, clear instructions, and visible product quality. By positioning itself as a safe, family-oriented solution, the brand can gradually compete with stronger chemical-based alternatives. In essence, the African promotional strategy combines education, community engagement, seasonal campaigns, and targeted messaging to create awareness, drive trial, and establish long-term brand loyalty.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Good Knight's expansion into Africa is not only a commercial endeavor but also a strategic effort to align business growth with public health objectives, making sustainability a central component of its international strategy. Africa represents a region with both high disease burden and untapped market potential, but succeeding requires a thoughtful balance between profitability, accessibility, and social impact. Recognizing this, Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL) has crafted a multi-pronged approach for Good Knight, focusing on product adaptation, distribution, marketing, and community engagement. Product adaptation is a cornerstone of the strategy. Unlike Asia, where electric vaporizers dominate, African consumers rely more on portable sprays, coils, and refillable formats due to limited electricity access and prevalent outdoor living. Good Knight has responded by developing smaller, cost-effective packs and refillable solutions suitable for both urban and rural use. These adaptations not only ensure usability across diverse settings but also support affordability, which is crucial for price-sensitive segments. By offering different formats, Good Knight addresses both functional and economic needs, making its products accessible to a wider audience. Distribution is another critical element of sustainability. The African retail landscape is fragmented, with modern supermarkets concentrated in cities and informal shops dominating rural areas.

Good Knight leverages a combination of urban distribution channels, partnerships with local distributors, and community-level outreach to ensure consistent product availability. This dual approach allows the brand to maintain visibility and reliability, which are essential for building consumer trust in a new market. Sustainability also extends to marketing and education. Good Knight's promotional campaigns emphasize child safety, mild odor, and indoor effectiveness, positioning the brand as a reliable family-focused solution. In rural areas, partnerships with NGOs and local health programs allow Good Knight to educate communities about mosquito-borne diseases while simultaneously promoting product usage. This not only drives brand adoption but also contributes to improving public health outcomes, reinforcing GCPL's social responsibility goals. Furthermore, Good Knight monitors regulatory compliance and environmental considerations to ensure long-term market viability. By adhering to local chemical safety regulations and promoting responsible usage, the brand maintains credibility and avoids legal or ethical issues. In essence, Good Knight's strategic direction in Africa is integrated, adaptive, and sustainable. By combining product innovation, targeted distribution,

consumer education, and responsible marketing, the brand seeks to establish a durable presence. The strategy ensures that Good Knight is not only competing effectively against established brands but also contributing meaningfully to the continent's public health landscape. Ultimately, sustainability in Africa means balancing commercial success with social impact, creating a model that can be replicated in other emerging markets globally.

CONCLUSION AND KEY INSIGHTS

Good Knight's entry into Africa represents a strategically calculated expansion of a globally trusted brand into a high-potential, high-risk market. Africa is characterized by a severe burden of mosquito-borne diseases, including malaria, dengue, and chikungunya, yet access to safe, effective, and reliable mosquito control solutions remains limited, especially in rural areas. This creates a unique opportunity for brands like Good Knight to combine public health impact with business growth. The case study demonstrates that Good Knight's competitive advantage lies in its focus on family safety, child-friendly formulations, and mild odor, differentiating it from established competitors such as Mortein, RID, Jungle Formula, and Ben's 100, which emphasize chemical strength. While these brands dominate the market, Good Knight brings a new value proposition, positioning itself as a health-conscious, trustworthy choice for urban households and gradually for rural consumers. Expansion into African markets like Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Mozambique, South Africa, and Egypt requires careful adaptation. The brand must navigate price-sensitive consumers, fragmented distribution networks, regulatory differences, and cultural perceptions about product effectiveness. Good Knight's strategy addresses these challenges by offering smaller packs, refill options, portable coils, and awareness campaigns, ensuring affordability, accessibility, and usability across diverse environments.

Promotion and education are central to market penetration. By emphasizing child safety, indoor protection, and mild odor, Good Knight challenges the perception that chemical intensity equals effectiveness. Community outreach programs, NGO partnerships, and educational campaigns help build trust, brand recognition, and long-term adoption. Seasonal marketing, urban-rural segmentation, and flexible pricing further enhance the brand's competitive positioning. Sustainability is integrated into the strategy, combining commercial objectives with social responsibility. Good Knight not only competes effectively in a fragmented, high-potential market but also contributes to reducing the health burden of mosquito-borne diseases through education and safe product offerings. By aligning its product innovation, distribution, promotion, and compliance with local realities, Good Knight demonstrates a model for international expansion that balances profitability with social impact.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Africa presents a high-risk, high-opportunity market for mosquito repellents.

Strong competition from established international and local brands requires differentiation through safety, trust, and innovative formats.

Consumer education is vital to overcome misconceptions about product efficacy and chemical strength.

Pricing strategies must consider urban-rural segmentation, affordability, and pack-size variations.

Sustainability and public health impact are central to long-term success.

In conclusion, Good Knight's strategic approach in Africa showcases how a brand can adapt global strengths to local realities, building both market presence and social credibility. While challenges exist, careful planning, community engagement, and continuous adaptation position Good Knight as a

promising leader in African mosquito repellent markets, with the potential for sustained growth and meaningful public health contributions.

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