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The Malaria Communities Program

Reaching out to build lasting new community partnerships in the fight against malaria

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The President's Malaria Initiative

On June 30, 2005, President George W. Bush announced a new \$1.2 billion U.S. Government initiative to fight malaria, a largely preventable and treatable disease that kills more than 1 million children every year, mostly in Africa. The President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) will accelerate delivery of a package of proven preventive and curative interventions in 15 high-burden African countries. The program aims to reduce malaria deaths by 50 percent by achieving 85 percent coverage of proven antimalaria interventions, including effective treatment with artemisinin-based combination therapies, prevention with insecticide-treated mosquito nets, indoor residual spraying, and intermittent preventive treatment for pregnant women.



The Malaria Communities Program

Through the Malaria Communities Program (MCP), PMI will provide \$30 million over four years in grants to new partners. Funding will support the efforts of communities and indigenous organizations to combat malaria at the local level.

Purpose of the MCP

The MCP will identify and enable groups to become new partners in malaria control in Africa, specifically aiming to:

- Identify potential new organizations uniquely positioned to work at the community level in the 15 PMI focus countries
- Increase local and indigenous capacity to undertake community-based malaria prevention and treatment activities
- Build local ownership of malaria control for the long term

How the MCP Will Work

- Competitive grants: The MCP will include a competitive process to award a series of grants totaling approximately \$7 million per year to new partners. The total program will be \$30 million over the life of PMI.
- New partners: Indigenous nongovernmental organizations will be encouraged to apply with a focus on building strong networks among both civic and faith-based groups and on mobilizing established community groups to fight malaria.
- Pre-competition assistance: The MCP will offer technical and capacity-building assistance to potential applicants focusing on topics such as initial needs assessment, proposal writing, pre-award audits, personnel recruitment, and monitoring and evaluation planning.
- Post-award capacity-building assistance: The MCP will offer assistance to successful applicants, focusing on successful program implementation, needs analysis, and organizational strengthening, and offer possible mentoring relationships with established USAID partners.
- Timeline: The MCP will announce an initial round of grants in the first quarter of 2007 and issue its first three awards at the end of September.