



## **Malaria Communities Program (MCP) Fiscal Year 2009 Request for Applications**

The President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) is pleased to announce the release of the Fiscal Year 2009 Malaria Communities Program (MCP) Request for Applications (RFA). The complete RFA can be found at:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=WbpHJ5zWQnj3hJqZ3XJfvhg4gkG34npXyqL0HQrG9rLnW4v0bW75!-302410786?oppId=43633&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

The MCP is a competitive assistance program open to new U.S. Government partners including legally constituted U.S. or non-U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are non-profit organizations and have not been awarded in excess of \$5 million in total, direct U.S. Government funding over the five years prior to submission of an application. This RFA is limited to the 15 PMI focus countries: Angola, Benin, Ethiopia (Oromiya Region), Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

Eligible applicants may submit proposals for a maximum of \$1.5 million per total award to be used over a 3 year period. It is anticipated that the awards made under this RFA will be made by September 30, 2009, with project start-up beginning immediately thereafter. Pending the availability of funds, it is anticipated that approximately 7 awards will be made under this RFA.

**Applications in response to this RFA must be submitted in English and are due by 10:00 AM EST on February 6, 2009.** Applicants should follow the precise application submission instructions found in the RFA. Any prospective applicant who has questions concerning the content of this RFA should submit their questions in writing to Ms. Jamie A. Beck, [jbeck@usaid.gov](mailto:jbeck@usaid.gov), in the Office of Acquisitions and Assistance at USAID, by **January 7, 2009**. In January, an amendment to the RFA will be posted that answers all questions received by Ms. Beck.

### **About the Malaria Communities Program**

The MCP is a \$30 million initiative created under the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) to support the efforts of communities and non governmental organizations to combat malaria in Africa. First Lady Laura Bush first announced the MCP at a White House Summit on Malaria in December 2006. The Program specifically aims to identify organizations that are new to partnering with the U.S. Government and are uniquely positioned to work at the community

level. The program also seeks to increase local and indigenous capacities to undertake community-based malaria prevention and treatment activities and to build local ownership of malaria control for the long term. MCP grant recipients will operate within respective PMI country strategies, which have been developed in collaboration with each country's Ministry of Health and National Malaria Control Program, with in-country partners, and with other donor organizations working in-country.

In October 2007 USAID announced the first five organizations to receive grants under the MCP. In September 2008 USAID announced 8 additional organizations to receive grants under the MCP.

**Additional information about the MCP can be found on the PMI website at:**  
**<http://www.pmi.gov/about/mcp/index.html>**.