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## **MALARIA AND THE PRESIDENT'S MALARIA INITIATIVE**

Malaria is the single largest killer of children in Africa. More than one million people die each year, most of them children in Africa, despite the fact that proven, cost-effective prevention and treatment solutions exist. On June 30, 2005, President Bush announced the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), a new commitment to spend an additional \$1.2 billion between 2005 and 2010 and cut malaria related deaths by 50 percent in 15 focus countries in Africa.

PMI is providing anti malarial drugs, insecticide-treated bed nets, treatment for pregnant women and indoor mosquito spraying. The first phase of the program was launched in early 2006 in Uganda, Angola, and Tanzania and in 2007 PMI's activities expanded to Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Senegal. The U.S. also fights malaria through funding to the Global Fund and various bilateral programs.

As of November 2007, PMI has provided:

- Prevention and treatment services to 10 million people in the first year; expected to reach 30 million people in 2008;
- Procurement and distribution of 2.3 million insecticide treated mosquito nets;
- Indoor residual spraying (IRS) in five PMI countries, reaching more than 5 million people; and
- Procurement of 15 million malaria treatments.

**ZANZIBAR CUTS MALARIA CASES BY 86 percent:** Zanzibar has achieved 90 percent coverage of insecticide treated nets and indoor residual spraying of insecticides and as a result, the number of malaria cases has dropped by 86 percent since 2003. Until recently, malaria was the leading health problem in Zanzibar- children with malaria accounted for over half of drop-in patients. This success was the result of a partnership among the Tanzanian government, the Global Fund, the Presidential Malaria Initiative and USAID.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Global Fund, Partners in Impact, 66, <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/files/about/replenishment/oslo/Progresspercent20Report.pdf>