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USAID celebrates their long-standing partnership with the Government of Kenya to end malaria.

Kenya joined the international community to mark World Malaria Day on April 25th. Speaking at Moi Kipsitet Girls' High School in Kericho County, USAID's Director of the Office of Population and Health, Barbara Hughes delivered remarks that reflected the U.S. Government's long-standing commitment to work in partnership with the Government of Kenya to fight malaria.

"The United States Government through the President's Malaria Initiative is committed to continue working with the National Malaria program towards the attainment of a malaria-free Kenya. We believe that working together in partnership, we can defeat malaria," said Hughes.

The partnership has yielded substantial results to date. Through support from the U.S. Government, over six million Kenyans have been protected from malaria through indoor residual spraying and over four million bed nets have been procured for families who live in at-risk areas.

In 2012, the Government of Kenya, with the assistance of USAID, marked another milestone against malaria by launching a national distribution of Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Kits. These kits make it easy for Kenyans to receive a quick malaria diagnosis, ensuring they get the right treatment. Correct diagnosis will save the government and Kenyans both time and money in the fight against malaria.

Kenya is one of 19 focus countries under the President's Malaria Initiative, known as PMI. USAID, together with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), works in line with Kenya's national malaria control strategy to support key high-impact interventions such as the purchase and distribution of insecticide-treated nets, indoor residual spraying, diagnosis with rapid diagnostic tests or microscopy and treatment with artemisinin-based combination therapy. "Today, the USG joins the international donors, multilateral and non-governmental organizations to commend the Government of Kenya for its continued commitment in striving to attain a malaria-free Kenya." - USAID's Director of the Office of Population and Health, Barbara Hughes.

Since 2008, the United States Government (USG) through the initiative has invested over **Ksh8.5 billion (over US\$100 million)** in malaria control in Kenya.

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