



On August 2, 2011 Ambassador Michael Owen proudly presented the International Partnership CDC Honor Award to Dr. Isatta Wurie-one of the four laboratory scientists in all of Sierra Leone. This award is a prestigious one, presented to Wurie for her commitment and effort shown through her work to create lasting partnerships with organizations such as CDC, Sierra Leone Ministry of Health, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, World Health Organization. Through these partnerships, Wurie started the foundation for a laboratory specializing in viral and bacterial testing to help with disease outbreaks in Sierra Leone. Wurie continues to work with CDC, PEPFAR and Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health to ensure this project runs smoothly but also to encourage their future participation in the well being of this country's people. Wurie also started the National Infectious Disease Public Health Laboratory in Sierra Leone, another great accomplishment that exemplifies the inspiration she is to women around the world.