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Kenya and the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) first teamed up to fight malaria in 2007. The East African nation is still one of the highest malaria burden countries in the world, yet Kenya's efforts in recent years shows significant progress against the disease. Key to Kenya's malaria control efforts is their emphasis on innovation, including insecticide-treated mosquito nets, indoor residual spraying and participation in the world's first malaria vaccine rollout.

KENYA STEPS UP THE FIGHT

1 OF 3

African countries selected to pilot the first malaria vaccine



↑42%

Increase in percentage of 2 doses of intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy from 2007-2015

↑48%

Increase in percentage of insecticide-treated net access from 2007-2015



↓55%
REDUCTION IN ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY IN CHILDREN UNDER 5

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SCALING UP INNOVATIONS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Since 2007, Kenya drove progress against malaria through increased investment and close partnership with PMI and global partners to scale up access to life-saving malaria interventions. This includes the introduction and scaling up of indoor residual spraying (IRS) campaigns in 2007, rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) in 2012, and most recently, in 2019, with the world's first malaria vaccine roll out.



The advent of RDTs enabled the government to adopt a new policy of universal diagnosis – meaning that all suspected malaria cases were tested before the patient received treatment, compared to the previous policy of presumptive treatment with antimalarials. This change ensured Kenyans received treatment only when they needed it, and improved malaria treatment effectiveness, antimalarial drug management and targeting of resources to where they were needed most. With support from U.S. investments, Kenya was able to implement this policy through a national RDT rollout plan and mass community health worker training.



Significant gains have been made in the battle against malaria and progress needs to be accelerated. As we enter the decade to end malaria, I am committed to ensuring that we accelerate progress and end this ancient scourge.”

– His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta
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