

15X BENIN

Benin and the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) first joined forces to fight malaria in 2008. The West African nation has one of the highest malaria burdens in the world with malaria as the leading cause of death among children under 5 years old and cause of death and sickness among adults. Since 2008, PMI and partners worked in collaboration with Benin to scale up malaria interventions, showing significant improvement in insecticide-treated net access and malaria treatment for pregnant women. Today, Benin stands out as a leader in the malaria fight amidst the COVID-19 pandemic with their effective adoption of digital tools and strategies to prevent and treat malaria.



FIGHTING FOR A MALARIA-FREE BENIN

↑ **62%**

increase in percentage of **insecticide-treated net access** from 2006-2017

↑ **32%**

increase in percentage of **2 doses of intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy** from 2006-2017



13.5M+

PEOPLE PROTECTED

FROM MALARIA THROUGH INSECTICIDE-TREATED NET DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGNS AMIDST 2020 PANDEMIC



DIGITIZING THE MALARIA FIGHT TO SAVE LIVES AND TACKLE OTHER LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES

Malaria-affected countries, with support from global partners, quickly mobilized in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to safely continue malaria programming and prevention campaigns to avoid a worst-case scenario doubling of malaria deaths in 2020. Benin led the charge as one of the first countries to continue its malaria intervention campaigns, using an innovative approach while adhering to COVID-19 safety measures. In 2020, Benin's government, in close partnership with PMI and partners, used digital tools including smartphones, real-time data collection and satellite mapping to distribute nets to more than 13.5 million people safely and more accurately and efficiently. They also used these tools to conduct a large-scale seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC) campaign, timing and tracking treatments that protected over 300,000 children against malaria during the rainy season. The country is using these digital systems and platforms to manage other health campaigns—like vaccinating against meningitis and door-to-door efforts to eliminate neglected tropical diseases.



...In global health, I've learned again and again that saving lives is the result of getting the smallest details—from the temperature of a vaccine to the address of a beneficiary—right. And Benin's new digitized bed net distribution program does just that by giving the government a powerful tool to manage a complex job."

— Bill Gates
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