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# MADAGASCAR

The U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and Madagascar joined forces in 2008 to combat malaria. U.S. investments contributed to substantial reductions in Madagascar's malaria cases, but the country's 2009 political crisis disrupted these efforts and a resurgence in malaria followed. Malaria is one of the leading causes of death among children under five in Madagascar and severe malaria is among the top five causes of overall deaths in the country. Today, PMI is working in close coordination with Madagascar's government to reclaim previous gains against the disease. They're laser-focused on improving and expanding Madagascar's national health information system, equipping community health workers with real-time data through smartphone apps, and administering millions of rapid diagnostic tests and malaria treatments to Malagasy communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

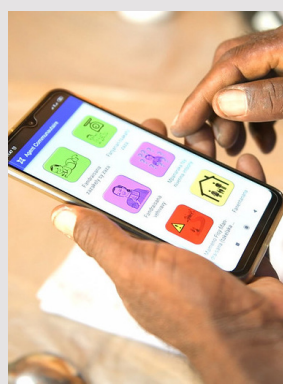
## MADAGASCAR STEPS UP THE FIGHT

↓ 37%

Reduction in  
**all-cause mortality in  
children under 5**  
since 2003

↑ 46%

Increase in percentage of  
**insecticide-treated net  
use by children <5**  
from 2008-2018



## HOW U.S. INVESTMENTS IN MADAGASCAR FIGHT DISEASE ON MULTIPLE FRONTS

After prevention, early diagnosis and timely, accurate treatment of malaria are key to beating it. In 2016, PMI, with USAID's support, helped Madagascar's Ministry of Health bring mobile technology to remote villages on this island off Africa's southeast coast.

Enter CommCare app. The easy-to-use program helps health workers and volunteers more easily and quickly identify and treat malaria, and report malaria cases and supply needs to country health officials. When COVID-19 reached Madagascar, CommCare was updated to put COVID-19 health information and contract tracing capabilities in health workers' hands.

Today, more than 1,000 community health volunteers use CommCare. By 2023, with PMI's support, the ministry will rollout this life-saving tool to 5,000 health workers.



While we are currently battling the COVID-19 outbreak, we must continue to be vigilant against other threats to our public health and safety. Malaria remains a significant challenge and a risk to the health and well-being of Malagasy people.

— Michael P. Pelletier

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