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Liberia and the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) first teamed up to fight malaria starting in 2008. Despite earlier progress in fighting malaria, the 2014-2015 Ebola epidemic caused massive disruptions in health service delivery in Liberia, making adequate care for malaria nearly impossible. By 2016, the country reported malaria programs were back up and running, with PMI and partners providing technical and financial support to reduce the country's malaria burden. PMI's years of investment in Liberia, as well as its other focus countries, provide critical health infrastructure, expertise, and country capacities that can be leveraged to respond to health crises like COVID19 and prevent the next pandemic.

LIBERIA'S FIGHT TO END MALARIA

↓ **18%**

Reduction in
**all-cause mortality in
children under 5**
since 2009

↑ **17%**

Increase in percentage of
**insecticide-treated
net access**
from 2009-2016



LIBERIA'S FIGHT AGAINST SUBSTANDARD AND FALSIFIED ANTIMALARIALS

In 2010 and 2011, half of the antimalarial medicines sampled by regulators in Liberia were of poor quality. While medication is key to malaria prevention and treatment, consuming medicines that have limited or no effect on disease can contribute to drug resistance and render malaria treatments ineffective. In 2010, with support from PMI, the government of Liberia established a regulatory authority to combat the proliferation of substandard and falsified medicines. The regulatory authority identified and removed bad drugs from the market, introduced the rapid detection of poor-quality medicines at the Guinean border and strengthened and expanded its staff considerably. As of today, Liberia's citizens can once again trust in these life-saving medicines they depend on, as well as their health providers when seeking malaria treatment.



Front-line community health workers are the backbone of any country's health system and essential to tackling malaria, improving health outcomes, and preparing us for the next pandemic.

– Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
FORMER PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA
AND END MALARIA COUNCIL MEMBER

