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Each year at its annual partners' meeting, the Alliance for Malaria Prevention's (AMP) Core Group selects countries or individuals to receive awards for exceptional performance in the fight against malaria, specifically vector control with insecticide treated nets (ITNs). The decision on who to award is difficult given the enormous efforts and accomplishments of so many national malaria programmes and their partners over the previous year. The AMP Core Group congratulates all the national malaria programmes and partners that have worked to ensure that ITN distributions, through both campaign and continuous channels, were implemented as planned.

The AMP Core Group generally presents three awards at the annual meeting.

- First, the award for leadership is provided in honour of the late Dr. Samuel Juana Smith, former Programme Manager of the Sierra Leone National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP). Dr. Smith worked tirelessly to combat malaria, especially among children under five and pregnant women who are particularly affected by the disease. His leadership was critical for his country to accelerate progress against malaria with a focus on integrated interventions.
- Second, the award for using data for decision-making honours the memory of Dr. Jorge Alexandre Harrison Arroz, former Technical Malaria Manager of the World Vision Mozambique Global Fund Project, whose passion was to utilize quality data to ensure continuous improvements in programme planning and implementation.
- Third, an award is presented to a national malaria programme or individual making significant efforts to ensure that ITN access and use are scaled up through adapted operational strategies and innovative approaches or that has adopted other unique methods for the management of ITNs at different points in their in-country life.

In 2025, the AMP Core Group presented a fourth award, recognizing the contributions and support of the US President's Malaria Initiative over the past 20 years.



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Kenya National Malaria Control Programme



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**National Malaria
Control Program**

The AMP Core Group wishes to acknowledge the immense work of the National Malaria Control Programme over the past years and also recognizes the support of partners including the Global Fund, the US President's Malaria Initiative and other partners towards malaria control and elimination in Kenya.

The vision of the Malaria Control Programme is to have a malaria-free Kenya, and the goal is to ensure a reduction of malaria incidence and deaths by 75%. With government commitment and support from partners, Kenya has reduced the prevalence of malaria by over 50% in the last decade, and the number of new cases has also significantly decreased. Kenya's reduction in malaria has come through concerted efforts and high-impact interventions delivered by trained staff and with a focus on ensuring data collection and use for programmatic decision-making to improve outcomes.

Kenya's NMCP has continued to innovate in its work on malaria, including the DIGIMAL digital application developed in-house for the last ITN campaign, which allowed increase visibility of progress against targets in the field, improved data collection and quality of data and a smooth payment process for campaign workers. With strong operational planning, well-executed logistics, robust social and behaviour change and targeted supervision and monitoring, the NMCP distributed over 14.6 million ITNs to over 4.8M households across 24 malaria endemic counties and districts.

The AMP Partnership has been fortunate to have been hosted by the Kenya Ministry of Health and the National Malaria Control Programme, allowing us to convene partners for the past three years to share learning and experiences with ITN distribution. Thank you to Kenya for the vision and leadership towards malaria elimination. And thank you for the welcome to AMP partners!



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Sierra Leone National Malaria Control Programme



The AMP Core Group is pleased to present its award for leadership to the entire team of the National Malaria Control Programme in Sierra Leone. The AMP Core Group further recognizes the support of the Global Fund, Catholic Relief Services, the US President's Malaria Initiative and other partners.

Over the past years, the NMCP has worked to use data for prioritizing and targeting malaria interventions in the country, with strong leadership and commitment for advocating for a more differentiated vector control approach, including defining areas for indoor residual spraying (IRS) and ITNs, as well as using different channels to ensure that ITN access is achieved and sustained.

In 2023 and 2024, the Sierra Leone NMCP and partners implemented the first national digitalized ITN campaign, improving data quality, use of data for decision-making and overall programmatic outcomes. Additionally, with strong leadership, the NMCP successfully organized the first large-scale public-private partnership to ensure effective waste management for over 5M ITNs, approximately half of which were delivered to the country in individual packages (see [here](#)).

The AMP Core Group congratulates the Sierra Leone NMCP and encourages the national programme and partners to continue strong leadership and focus on impact as we enter a period of resource scarcity.

Somalia National Malaria Control Programme



Federal Republic of Somalia
Ministry of Health & Human Services

The AMP Core Group presents the award for utilizing data for decision-making to the Somalia NMCP. The AMP Core Group recognizes the support of The Global Fund, UNICEF and other partners.

As presented during Day 1 of the 2025 AMP Partners Meeting, Somalia demonstrated the use of small-scale surveys, specifically clustered lot quality assurance sampling (cLQAS) for evaluating the outcomes of the ITN mass campaign implemented in 26 districts of the country in 2022. Using cost-effective methods for data collection and analysis, the Somalia NMCP assessed net coverage, ownership and usage with qualitative and quantitative methods to inform, target and prioritize future campaign planning in what is often a complex operating environment.

The Somalia NMCP successfully presented how survey data can be quickly and easily collected to support decision-making and identified, using data, areas that will require programmatic adjustments and interventions to improve the outcomes of efforts to scale up malaria prevention.

The AMP Core Group wishes to thank the Somalia NMCP for their presentation and their work to ensure that the population of the country in malaria-endemic areas has access to effective malaria prevention, despite operational constraints in their context.



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US President's Malaria Initiative



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AMP celebrates with enormous gratitude the over twenty years of contributions to global malaria prevention achievements by the United States Government through its President's Malaria Initiative.

PMI and its implementing partners established an extraordinary collaboration with national malaria programs and their partners to champion innovation, technical training, strong logistics systems, and visionary country leadership of ITN programs. Name most any aspect of ITN programming and PMI stood ready to help: best practices for campaign and continuous distribution, ITN quality and durability, development, procurement and supply logistics, quality monitoring and impact evaluation--just to name a few. PMI gave strong technical and financial support early on to AMP, including direct funding for AMP's technical and program leads and active membership on its Core Group. The US Government should be proud of its investments and the millions of lives saved over two decades.

As the US Government considers how it may support malaria programs going forward, AMP stands ready to explore new ways to collaborate. Partnership for preventing malaria transmission benefits ALL countries. Thank you, PMI!