



Yaoundé Call to Action on Malaria

We, the participants of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership Forum V, meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon on 18-19 November 2005, express our commitment to work together to rapidly scale up action against malaria:

Considering the magnitude of the disease, in particular its devastating impact on young children and pregnant women, and its economic consequences in Africa;

Acknowledging that the implementation of effective interventions has enabled some countries to reduce the illness and death caused by malaria, we note with concern that the targets of the Abuja Declaration on Roll Back Malaria in Africa of April 2000 have not been achieved;

Recognizing that these successes can be replicated provided sustained funding is available and is complemented by national leadership and mobilization of adequate human resources at all levels of the health system;

Alarmed that current levels of global spending on malaria control are only 20% of the estimated \$3 billion needed annually, and deeply concerned about the lack of long term predictability of funding that is provided;

Acknowledging that adequate investment in, and incentives for, research and development are required to ensure new and effective medicines, diagnostics, vaccines, vector control tools and strengthened health systems;

Building on all previous commitments and targets to roll back malaria, and recognizing that increased global attention to development and poverty reduction as expressed in the Millennium Development Goals, has created an unprecedented opportunity for rolling back malaria;

Aware that the effects of malaria reach far beyond health and that the response requires the involvement of society as a whole;

Emphasizing the importance of national leadership for a single coordinating authority, a single national plan and a single monitoring and evaluation framework;

Our duty is to the people and communities that suffer most from malaria, but whose voices are all too often not heard. High level commitment and action is needed by all partners led by the principle of local ownership of the challenges and solutions for reducing the devastating impact of malaria.

Therefore, it is with a sense of urgency that we commit ourselves, as RBM partners, to take forward the actions agreed at the Yaoundé RBM Partners Forum, **including the following priority actions, and to implementing the RBM Global Strategic Plan 2005 – 2015**, holding each other accountable to its resource needs, targets and timelines:

- *National governments* should continue to **develop national plans for scaled up action**, linked to health and development plans, through participatory mechanisms, establish broad based national coordinating mechanisms and scale up programmes.
- *In supporting national governments all other RBM partners, consistent with principles agreed in Paris in March 2005 (Paris Declaration on AID Effectiveness), should base their overall support on countries' national strategies* and implement, where feasible, common arrangements at country level for planning, funding, disbursement, monitoring, evaluating and reporting to government on activities, progress and impact.
- *We shall rapidly establish monitoring mechanisms to ensure mutual accountability* to these commitments, and joint review of our progress towards them.

We invite all those who share our commitment to engage in this Call to Action