



THE MONTHLY

United to Beat Malaria (formerly *Nothing But Nets*) IMPACT REPORT

The Monthly brings you closer into the world of United to Beat Malaria, our global partners, and the people and communities impacted by our work.



The family shown above lives in southwest Haiti, the epicenter of last year's devastating earthquake that severely damaged 115,000 homes and 97 health facilities. Healthcare access has always been a fundamental challenge in southwest Haiti; and the earthquake and continued nationwide civil unrest have further complicated delivery of basic needs. They have also caused malaria rates to double in recent years. United to Beat Malaria is supporting a network of community health workers who conduct door-to-door malaria testing, treatment, and education in some of the region's most remote, hard-to-reach communities.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

As Haiti reels from converging crises, health workers continue the fight to end malaria

CONTEXT

It's been a year since a [7.2 magnitude earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace struck the remote and mountain region of southwest Haiti two days apart](#), severely damaging over 115,000 homes and 97 health facilities (UNICEF). The events of 2021 - which includes a Presidential assassination that has [enflamed civil unrest across the country and further constrained aid delivery](#) - have fueled rises in food insecurity and infectious disease across the country, with southwest Haiti being among the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach regions.

These events have also complicated the country's fight to achieve a major global health milestone: malaria elimination.

From 2010 to 2018, annual malaria cases in Haiti fell from 84,153 to 8,828. For the first time in decades, malaria cases in Haiti had fallen below 10,000. This remarkable period of progress was the result of joint efforts between the Haitian government and local and global stakeholders, including United to Beat Malaria. Elimination efforts focused largely on southwest Haiti, which carries the majority of the country's malaria burden.

However, by 2020, malaria cases had more than doubled to 21,219; and then the events of 2021 further jeopardized elimination efforts.

And yet, **with continued investment and collaboration, malaria elimination in Haiti is still within reach.** Achieving this milestone would effectively make the Caribbean a malaria-free zone.

ACTION

United to Beat Malaria continues to fund a network of community health workers who conduct door-to-door malaria testing, treatment, and education in the most remote communities of southwest Haiti. **From December to March, this network of 28 mobile health workers administered 1,889 malaria rapid diagnostic tests and diagnosed 182 positive malaria cases.** Many of the people reached live miles away from the nearest health facility.

To ensure cultural competence, community health workers have been recruited from the communities in which they serve. Community health workers also use mobile technology to collect vital information for Haiti's National Malaria Control Program. This information feeds into a disease surveillance system, which monitors potential outbreaks of malaria at a community level, providing insights that make it easier to slow the spread before it erupts.

United to Beat Malaria and our local partners are committed to continuing outreach to these hard to reach populations at this very critical inflection point. In Haiti, history serves as a lesson that the fight is not over until it is over. **Thanks to sustained funding and collaboration, the ultimate milestone of zero cases can be achieved in this decade.**

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ADVOCACY SPOTLIGHT

Upcoming Advocacy Day comes at key watershed moment in the fight against malaria



Attention all US-based malaria Champions: Registration for our next virtual Advocacy Day is now open! [Click here](#) to confirm your participation in digital meetings taking place on Thursday, September 8. The last day to register is August 5 - don't miss your chance to represent your state and **meet virtually with your Members of Congress** to ensure that malaria remains a US priority!

Over the years, the persistent advocacy of our Champions has helped build bipartisan support and secured steady increases in US funding for vital malaria programs. In 2022, **your advocacy is more important than ever.** Even before COVID-19, the fight against malaria was getting harder. Things like insecticide and drug resistance have threatened our path to elimination and require us to innovate to stay on track.

Meanwhile, the US is hosting the [Seventh Global Fund Replenishment](#) (September 19-21 in New York City) where countries and donors from around the world pledge to get the world back on track towards ending malaria, AIDS, and Tuberculosis. With your support, we are hopeful that Congress will continue its longstanding partnership by supporting a bold pledge this year. A fully replenished Global Fund would save an additional 20 million lives, cut HIV, TB and malaria deaths by 65%, and strengthen health systems to reinforce pandemic preparedness.

Billions of dollars, and millions of lives, hang in the balance in the coming months. But here's some good news: Thanks to your persistent advocacy, the [House Appropriations Committee appropriated \\$2 billion for the Global Fund, and \\$820 million for the President's Malaria Initiative!](#) This is great news; however, we must continue to champion bi-partisan support for malaria-ending programs as these proposed funding levels are considered and voted on by the full House of Representatives and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Your support will impact millions of lives and will hopefully inspire other countries to step up their pledges.

With so much at stake in 2022, our Advocacy Day is a great opportunity to keep your Members of Congress engaged in the fight against malaria and thank them for their support.

[Click here](#) to confirm we can count on you to build off of our successes earlier this year and keep the steady drumbeat of malaria advocacy going year-round.

Once you've confirmed meeting participation, our team will include you in email and text message communication with the latest details, tools and updates regarding your participation.

[Register today!](#)

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

African Great Lakes Countries Team Up with Private Sector to Fight Malaria Across Borders



In the African Great Lakes region, millions of refugees and migrant workers regularly cross borders, making conditions ripe for malaria transmission. But a new partnership among governments, civil society, and the private sector is pushing back and giving new meaning to regional cooperation in the fight against malaria.

The Great Lakes Malaria Initiative (GLMI) is a multi-country collaboration supported by SC Johnson that aims to reduce malaria cases in the African Great Lakes region by 50% by 2025. United to Beat Malaria is partnering with SC Johnson to reach even more vulnerable populations across the African Great Lakes region and advance the efforts of GLMI. Check out the [video](#) and visit [beatmalaria.org/glmi](#) to learn more.

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Thank you! for your dedication to ending malaria in our lifetime. Your support protects families and saves lives.

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