

Stomping Out Malaria in Africa

Rwanda



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Malaria Prevention Activities

In 2013, 63 Peace Corps Volunteers reached over 15,000 people in all five of Rwanda's provinces, hosting 82 different projects and activities focused on malaria prevention and control.

Education Campaigns: Volunteers taught malaria prevention to nearly 3,000 students with outreach at local schools through lessons, clubs, afterschool activities, and youth development camps.

Community Mobilization: Volunteers reached an additional 4,000 people by hosting six large-scale mobilization events— theater tours, sporting competitions, carnivals, and parades. Additionally, PCVs worked with 100 students from Southwestern Cyangugu Region to develop Rwanda's first series of youth-led radio shows on HIV/AIDS and malaria prevention.

Training of Trainers: Volunteers trained leaders in their communities to be malaria prevention advocates, reaching over 800 service providers in the health and education sectors.

Targeting Vulnerable Populations: Volunteers helped people most at risk for increased illness or death from malaria, specifically reaching 150 pregnant women; 340 people living with HIV/AIDS; and 225 children under 5 or their caregivers.

Bed net distribution: Volunteers distributed approximately 5,800 nets to people in need.

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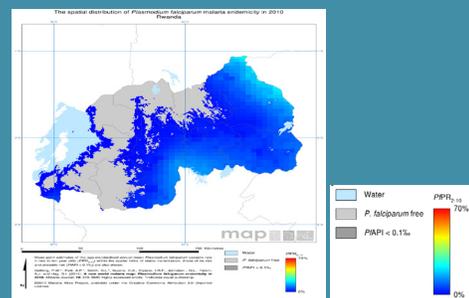
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Malaria in Rwanda

- Population: 12 million
- 100% of population at risk of malaria
- Malaria was responsible for 459 deaths in 2013
- 483,470 confirmed malaria cases in 2013
- One of the first African countries to reach universal bed net coverage



Peace Corps Rwanda

- 113 Volunteers serving in the sectors of Health and Education
- 100% of Volunteers trained in malaria prevention
- 68% of Health Volunteers and 49% of Education Volunteers involved in malaria prevention activities
- 8 Volunteers and two staff members have attended an extensive international malaria training



Project Highlight: Mobilizing Community Leaders

Implementing Peace Corps Rwanda's first major malaria prevention and control project, Community Health Volunteers John and Beth Braaksma reached 1,300 citizens in Rwanda's endemic Nyagatare District by making learning about malaria fun. Focusing on behavior change communication, community mobilization and interactive learning, the two worked with Nyakigando Health Center staff to develop, translate and facilitate 5 two-day, 10-hour malaria prevention trainings for local health workers and community leaders.

of reiterating net use and early treatment. They played games, designed malaria prevention tee-shirts, made dream banners, and raced to answer malaria facts and debunk malaria myths. They discussed the devastating way malaria impacts Rwanda's

mobilization events, household visits and net checks. Twenty-two mobilization events were held in 19 different villages.

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 -Justine Niwemugore, Nurse, Nyakigando Health Center

"I like how we prepared the training and how we gave it," said local nurse and training facilitator Justine Niwemugore. "I learned about the ways to prevent malaria, to use a net properly, and new, exciting ways to educate all citizens so they can help us eliminate malaria throughout the whole of Rwanda."

development and came up with community solutions to this largely preventable public health problem.

Equipped with new skills, tools and knowledge, local community health workers and area leaders collaborated to plan and execute their own community



Participants learned about the importance

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