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## Tanzania and U.S. Join Forces in Malaria Fight with Mosquito Net Campaign

**Dar es Salaam** - Today, The United States Government and Government of Tanzania launched a collaborative mass replacement campaign for insecticide treated bed nets to intensify their partnership in the fight against malaria in Tanzania. The campaign will distribute nearly four million insecticide-treated bed nets to households in the Kagera and Tabora Regions.

With funding from the United States President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), the United States is honored to work in partnership with the Government of Tanzania, donor agencies, implementing partners, and other local organizations to provide Tanzanians with enhanced protection against malaria and contribute to reducing malaria cases and related morbidity and mortality.

"Today, we stand united in our commitment to combat malaria as we launch this mass replacement campaign. We acknowledge the valuable support of our partners, including the United States Government, Global Fund, WHO, other donor agencies, and implementing partners, in our collective efforts to fight against malaria," said the Honorable Godwin O. Mollel, Deputy Minister of Health speaking during the launch event. "By replacing outdated nets and ensuring access to effective prevention tools, we can significantly reduce malaria transmission and protect the health of our communities."

Malaria remains a significant health challenge in Tanzania, affecting vulnerable populations, particularly women and children. To address this ongoing threat, the U.s Government and the Government of Tanzania recognize the need to enhance malaria prevention measures and ensure high-quality mosquito nets are accessible to all at-risk households. The mass replacement campaign is a critical step towards achieving this goal.

"The United States government is honored to join forces with our partners in launching this treated bed net mass replacement campaign. By ensuring that households have access to bed nets, we can significantly reduce malaria transmission and protect vulnerable populations," said USAID/Tanzania Deputy Health Office Director, Anna Hoffman. "Through this campaign, the United States reaffirms its commitment to supporting Tanzania in its fight against malaria and improving the health and well-being of its citizens."

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