



PAMO Plus

# ZAMBIA HEALTH FACT SHEET

## USAID PAMO PLUS

### BACKGROUND

To accelerate progress to end malaria, the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) PAMO Plus project, managed in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), supports the Zambia Ministry of Health to reduce illness and death from malaria by improving the prevention, detection, and treatment of malaria in high-burden areas.

PAMO Plus works to increase access to quality malaria control interventions in Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern provinces in alignment with Zambia's National Malaria Elimination Strategic Plan. This project builds strong effective partnerships with communities, civil society, health facilities, District Health Offices, Provincial Health Offices, the private sector, and other partners to scale up and institutionalize proven strategies to fight malaria.

### GOALS

#### GOAL ONE

Support the Government of the Republic of Zambia to reduce malaria incidence by two-thirds and to reduce severe malaria cases and deaths by half (over five years) in the

target provinces. To deliver on this goal, the project has five strategic objectives:

**GOAL TWO**

Increase the capacity of health facilities and community health workers (CHWs) to improve the quality and accessibility of malaria case management and services.

**GOAL THREE**

Increase the accessibility and quality of services to prevent malaria during pregnancy through early antenatal (before birth) visits.

**GOAL FOUR**

Improve individual and community uptake of proven malaria control behaviors, products, and services.

**GOAL FIVE**

Improve malaria surveillance data, including data from health facility and community levels, for effective, data-led decision-making.

**GOAL SIX**

Increase and expand the effectiveness of malaria control measures in districts targeted by PMI's pre-elimination program.

**KEY RESULTS FOR 2023**

- Trained and deployed 1,157 CHWs in the four focal provinces to provide malaria case management and services. This brings the total number of CHWs trained by PAMO Plus to over 4,000.
- Oriented 700 Safe Motherhood Action Group (SMAG) members in the national antenatal care (ANC) guidelines. SMAG members are community-based volunteers that increase knowledge in the community about the importance of antenatal care.
- Trained 119 staff from MOH and civil society organizations (CSOs) as trainers in Interpersonal Communication (IPC). IPC is a key social behavior change intervention aimed at increasing the uptake of priority behaviors for malaria control and elimination and the correct use of key malaria interventions.
- Trained 640 religious leaders to promote the uptake of malaria products and services in their communities.

- **Life of Project:** September 2020 - September 2025
- **Geographic Focus:** Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern Provinces
- **Partner:** PATH
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