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## USAID/Zambia HEALTH PAMO PLUS

Despite steady advances in the fight against malaria over the last decade, The World Health Organization’s 2018 World Malaria Report indicated that between 2017 and 2018, the global number of malaria deaths remained the same. In Zambia, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the U.S. government and Zambia’s Ministry of Health (MOH), malaria deaths continue to decline. To maintain and accelerate progress, the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI) PAMO Plus Program will reduce illness and death from malaria by improving the prevention, detection, and treatment of malaria in high burden areas.

- **Life of Project:** September 30, 2020-September 29, 2025
- **Geographic Focus:** Eastern, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern Provinces
- **Partner:** PATH
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PAMO Plus works to increase access to quality malaria control interventions in Luapula, Muchinga, Northern, and Eastern provinces through the following objectives:

- Increase the capacity of health facilities and community health workers (CHWs) to improve the quality and accessibility of malaria case management and services;
- Increase the accessibility and quality of services to prevent malaria during pregnancy through early antenatal care visits;
- Improve knowledge, attitudes, and practices toward proven malaria control behaviors, products, and services;
- Improve malaria surveillance data, including from health facilities and communities, for effective, data-led decision-making; and
- Increase and expand the effectiveness of malaria control measures in districts targeted by PMI's pre-elimination program.

The activity aligns with Zambia's National Malaria Elimination Strategic Plan and works closely with the Ministry of Health to strengthen malaria prevention, detection and treatment in Zambia at national, provincial, district, and community levels. This activity builds strong effective partnerships with communities, civil society, health facilities, District Community Medical Offices, Provincial Medical Offices, the private sector, and other partners to scale-up and institutionalize proven strategies to fight malaria.

### **Expected Results**

Advancing the goal of the Ministry of Health to eliminate malaria, PAMO Plus will contribute to a two-thirds reduction in malaria incidence (new cases of malaria) and will cut in half the number of severe cases and deaths due to malaria over five years in the focus provinces. PAMO Plus's legacy will support MOH-owned and MOH-led, high-quality, data-driven malaria programming at all health system levels, ensuring expanded access to effective measures to prevent, diagnose, and treat malaria.