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Dear partners,

Zero Malaria – Draw the line against malaria!

On April 25, 2021, PAMCA joins the global health community in commemorating this year's World Malaria Day <https://endmalaria.org/>. The world has made historic progress against malaria, saving millions of lives, thanks to the selfless contributions from the various groups including the affected communities, health professionals, researchers, private sector and funders. According to the World Malaria Report 2020, malaria mortality fell by 60% in the period between 2000 to 2019, with reductions in annual malaria deaths falling from a high of 680, 000 in 2000 to 384,000 in 2019 in Africa. However, we do recognize that half the world is still at risk from this preventable, treatable disease, which costs a child's life every two minutes, with the highest burden being in Africa. We at PAMCA wholeheartedly stand in support with all the healthcare workers, scientists, the industry, bilateral partners and individuals who continue to tirelessly serve our communities, often even placing their own lives at risk. As a professional body we remain steadfast in our commitment to continue the fight against malaria.

I call upon all our partners, to join hands and use this important day to reflect on the great achievements reached in the fight against malaria and the enormous work ahead of us that still remains to realize the elimination goal. Now, more than ever, we must stay focused and ensure that the most vulnerable communities are protected by deploying appropriate evidence driven interventions. Through our PAMCA network, we will share good practice and innovations that promote the continuation of much needed vector control initiatives across our chapters and collaborators in Africa.

PAMCA is committed to building the best platform for advancing and sharing expert knowledge to support the malaria endemic countries in Africa. I urge all PAMCA members, malaria control experts, civil society, NGO's and the private sector to come together in setting and operationalizing the local agenda for the elimination of this preventable disease. Malaria elimination is within our reach only if we dare and commit to stand together and keep the good fight against the disease. We at PAMCA will continue to promote cross-country dialogue about the challenges facing malaria control efforts and using all means possible to support malaria control programs so that we may defeat the disease and save lives.

Thank you to everyone who has been at the frontline supporting vector control activities and we look forward to continuing the journey together as we continue writing a new chapter in the malaria elimination effort!

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