

Teamwork and partnership

An update on activities from our **Publishing Partners**

ExxonMobil Malaria funding boost

ExxonMobil participated in events across Africa to mark World Malaria Day and announced more than \$10 million in new grants to support lifesaving programmes across Africa and in the Pacific Rim, where the disease is a major threat to health and economic development.

The grants from ExxonMobil and the ExxonMobil Foundation will support a wide range of research, advocacy, treatment and prevention programmes to accelerate progress in the fight against malaria.

In addition to funding, ExxonMobil provides business expertise and insights to help strengthen these initiatives. ExxonMobil has been committed to fighting malaria for more than a decade, and has provided more than \$120 million to programmes that are helping more than 105 million people.

The new grants build on the company's support for innovative programmes to control and one day eliminate deaths from this preventable and treatable disease.

Through events, combined with advocacy and education efforts, ExxonMobil has increased awareness and progress in the fight against malaria in the communities in which it works.

'We have seen first hand how the lives of ExxonMobil workers, families and communities are directly harmed by malaria – and improved by the efforts of our partners on the front line fighting this disease,' said Suzanne McCarron, president of the ExxonMobil Foundation.

'Together, we are investing in sustainable solutions to help people live a healthy life without the burden of malaria.'

Unprecedented commitment from the global community in the past decade has led to a 45 per cent reduction in malaria mortality worldwide since 2000. Yet the disease is still a leading cause of death among children.

'The private sector has a crucial role to play in defeating malaria and alleviating poverty,' said Dr Fatoumata Nafo-Traoré, Executive Director of Roll Back Malaria Partnership. 'The engagement of ExxonMobil shows how public-private partnerships provide the resources, knowledge and expertise that drive progress in the global fight against malaria, which in turn drives development.'

ExxonMobil's grants will help drive a comprehensive response to the disease that generates deeper impact in local communities and around the world. Highlights of ExxonMobil's 2014 malaria grantees include:

- Grassroots Soccer to use the convening power of soccer to educate and mobilise youth in Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania to protect themselves and their communities from malaria.
- Seed Global Health to place US medical volunteers

in tropical disease settings to help train the next generation of health care professionals.

- Harvard Malaria Initiative to support Dr Regina Rabinovich as the ExxonMobil Malaria Scholar-in-Residence at the Harvard School of Public Health, where she is advancing innovative strategies to combat malaria. ExxonMobil is also supporting a leadership development course for emerging malaria leaders from developing countries.



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University of Liverpool now offers professionals working in public and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) the opportunity to increase their knowledge, skills and connections with an online Master of Public Administration (MPA).

The fully online programme brings together professionals from across the public and NGO sector and across the world to share best practice, discuss global themes – including crime, clean water and population change – and find solutions that work in their local environment. International in its approach, the MPA encourages participants to compare and question public administration models from around the world and to investigate the key role played by frontline public servants such as social workers and emergency services personnel.

'For public sector professionals looking to develop their knowledge and skills as managers and leaders, an online Master of Public Administration (MPA) with the University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS) is an ideal choice,' said Professor Murray Dalziel, Director of the AACSB-accredited School. 'Part of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, ULMS' mission is 'Learning to make a difference'. We aim to prepare and develop leaders who are committed to managing and contributing to change, for the benefit of people, organisations and communities.'

MPA students come from managerial positions in public sector organisations all over the world, including international agencies, NGOs, government organisations, the uniformed services, social enterprises and voluntary groups. The MPA's 100% online format allows students to continue in their jobs while they study and interact in a dynamic global classroom.

'I had the good fortune of studying with people from all over the world with different backgrounds and experience which enriched my experience,' said Ugandan online graduate and public health specialist Rose Apondi.

For more information: www.university-liverpool-online.com/irf/onestep or google the University of Liverpool Master of Public Administration.