

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first issue of the MEASURE Evaluation PIMA (MEval-PIMA) Activity Update, a monthly publication to share news on the project's work to strengthen monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems in Kenya.

The first issue focuses on gains made in malaria control as expressed by the Cabinet Secretary of Health and other experts during the media briefing and official celebrations of World Malaria Day. We also focus on malaria surveillance training and its impact among health workers in malaria-endemic zones, like Kisumu county.

## Supporting Malaria Control through Surveillance Training

In support of the government's efforts, MEval-PIMA has assisted in developing a comprehensive malaria surveillance training package and the roll-out of malaria surveillance in the country through a training of trainers (TOT) model. MEval-PIMA has supported training of forty trainers (TOTs) and 649 health workers in four malaria-endemic counties: Migori, Homabay, Kisumu, and Kakamega. Mr. Moses Otieno, a lab technologist in Seme, who participated in one surveillance training, says, "We can say that we have an approximately 50% reduction in cases of malaria treated in this facility" – an important measure of progress.

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## Commemoration of World Malaria Day

World Malaria Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year and look toward future efforts in malaria control. This year's commemoration was a special one for Kenya, as the country is documenting its progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Combatting malaria is part of MDG goals 4, 5, and 6, which focus on reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, and combating malaria, HIV/AIDS, and other diseases. [Read more.](#)

## PIMA BLOG: Investing in the Future: Know What Works to Defeat Malaria

News from clinical trials of a partially effective malaria vaccine that could help immunize millions of children against the disease grabbed many of the World Malaria Day headlines.

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## Malaria Programs Incomplete without Gender Data

Mosquitos don't discriminate when they bite. Anyone in a



Photo by Yvonne Otieno, MEval-PIMA

Faith Anne Akinyi watches over her daughter Gill Adhiambo (19 months old) who is receiving treatment for malaria at Kombewa County Hospital. She is one the many children who benefit from services of trained health workers.

malaria-endemic locale – men, women and children – is fair game for the mosquito. But evidence paints a different picture on how vulnerable they may be to contracting malaria. Many people know that children and pregnant women are biologically more susceptible to infection. Fewer know that other gender differences also affect who gets infected and who gets treatment. [Read more.](#)

## Malaria Forum Ends with Commitment to Eliminate Disease

The second Kenya National Malaria Forum concluded with the promise to confront the dangers of malaria in the country by boosting collaborative efforts between the counties and the national government. More than 250 researchers, academics, policy makers, county health executives, and representatives from the private and public sector gathered in Nairobi, October 13–14, 2014, to discuss how best to devise intervention strategies under the devolved healthcare system to eliminate malaria in Kenya. [Read more.](#)

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