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Dear reader,

### Malaria control is successful!

Significant progress has been made in delivering life saving malaria nets and treatments over the last few years, but the coverage of malaria programmes needs to be stepped up drastically in order to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), according to the World Malaria Report 2009 launched this month.

The WHO Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan described the findings in the report as cause for cautious optimism and said "While much remains to be done, the data presented here clearly suggest that the tremendous increase in funding for malaria control is resulting in the rapid scale up of today's control tools. This, in turn, is having a profound effect on health - especially the health of children in sub-Saharan Africa. In a nutshell, development aid for health is working."

### Supporting Community Responses to Malaria

Remote areas are often hardest by malaria and other diseases due to lacking health infrastructure and insufficient awareness among the population. Organisations working in these areas, so-called Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), therefore play a key role in malaria reduction. But they often lack funds.



To address this issue STOP MALARIA NOW! conducted a needs assessment among CBOs in Kenya to identify barriers to access funds from the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria as the largest donor in malaria control.

The assessment showed various barriers CBOs are facing, among those lacking infrastructure, qualified personnel and project management skills. Based on these results we developed a one-week training on Global Fund application processes tailored for CBOs. Two trainings with more than 50 participants representing 40 CBOs were conducted in Kisumu and Malindi, both in Kenya. All that was done in partnership with Community Capacity Building Initiative, Kenya.

Being present at one of the trainings we saw how important it is to strengthen capacities of grassroots organisations working in malaria control and what great job they are doing on the ground.

**We wish you happy holidays and a prosperous new year!**

**Frohe Weihnachten! Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Wesolych Swiat!**

P.S. Mosquitoes do not know holidays. Health is a gift! Take action for a healthier world and show your face against malaria. [Upload your photo here](#)

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