



*Women in Kano line up to receive their free nets  
Photo: William Daniels*

# PROJECT BRIEF

## Support to the National Malaria Programme

The general purpose of this project is to support the Nigerian government in coordinating malaria control interventions at all three levels of government, harnessing the various skills and resources of the Roll Back Malaria partners

### **COUNTRY**

Nigeria

### **DONOR**

UKAID for the UK  
Department for  
International Development  
(DFID)

### **LENGTH OF PROJECT**

Five years

### **PARTNERS**

National, state and local government; the Roll Back Malaria partnership; World Health Organization; UNICEF; World Bank; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the President's Malaria Initiative/USAID

### **PROJECT OUTLINE**

SuNMaP is a five-year programme that works with the federal government of Nigeria, the government of six states (Kano, Katsina, Niger, Ogun, Lagos and Anambra) and the local governments and health providers within these states. The aim is to support the government in harnessing the complementary advantages of public, private and commercial sectors in scaling up malaria control activities.

Nigeria presents the challenge of being a federal government system where health is a priority for three tiers of government, leading to unclear roles and responsibilities in the health sector. Nigeria has among the highest mortality indices in the world, mainly due to weak management systems and the poor quality of the Nigerian health service.

Malaria kills around 250,000 Nigerian children every year. It is

in this context that SuNMaP aims to provide support to the Nigerian government in its efforts to coordinate and manage malaria control programmes using domestic resources. This is to be achieved by offering short and long-term technical assistance from expert support teams and the provision of malaria-related commodities for the rapid scale-up of malaria control interventions.

The specific aim of this programme is to harmonise the efforts of the various partners supporting Nigerian malaria control, who have committed \$1.2 billion for the period 2009 – 2013. This partnership provides Nigeria with a massive addition of resources to support its scale-up effort, thereby seeking to strengthen the Nigerian government's commitment to the control and, one day, the elimination of malaria.



The free net entitlement card handed out as part of the distribution campaign  
 Photo: William Daniels

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Develop a framework of coordination for malaria, led by the government.
- Complete government capacity assessments and develop a comprehensive approach to capacity building in order to address the capability gaps.
- Design a national bed net distribution campaign that gives two nets to each family by the end of 2010, with a total of 63 million contributed by different partners.
- Lead the first two states' campaigns and successfully distribute nets to approximately one million households in Kano and Anambra.
- Support an innovative temporary management structure to ensure effective implementation of the campaign in the 37 states of the nation.
- Design a malaria communication campaign with the participation of all partners.
- Support and strengthen the commitment, capacity and capabilities of the Nigerian government to control and eliminate malaria.

This project has a direct impact upon efforts to:

- ✓ Combat malaria
- ✓ Encourage behaviour change through communication
- ✓ Strengthen health systems
- ✓ Provide operational research outputs
- ✓ Provide monitoring and evaluation outputs
- ✓ Provide health support to marginalised populations