

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2854

To require the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit a report on progress relating to malaria reduction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2023

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HILL, and Ms. WILD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) April 25 of each year is recognized inter-
6 nationally as “World Malaria Day”.

7 (2) Malaria is a leading cause of death and dis-
8 ease in many developing countries, with nearly half

1 of all cases globally occurring in only 4 countries,
2 despite being preventable and treatable.

3 (3) At the end of 2021, there were an estimated
4 247,000,000 malaria cases in 84 endemic countries
5 and 619,000 deaths from malaria.

6 (4) Between 2019 and 2021, an estimated addi-
7 tional 13,400,000 cases and 63,000 deaths were at-
8 tributed to disruptions during that period of the
9 COVID–19 pandemic.

10 (5) Young children and pregnant women are
11 particularly vulnerable to, and disproportionately af-
12 fected by, malaria, with children under the age of 5
13 accounting for 76 percent of malaria deaths each
14 year.

15 (6) Malaria was once a leading cause of death
16 in the United States.

17 (7) Fighting malaria is in the national interest
18 of the United States because reducing the risk of
19 malaria protects members of the Armed Forces and
20 other people of the United States serving overseas in
21 malaria-endemic regions, and reducing malaria
22 deaths helps to lower risks of instability in less de-
23 veloped countries.

24 (8) United States support for efforts to fight
25 malaria—

1 (A) is in the diplomatic and moral inter-
2 ests of the United States;

3 (B) generates goodwill toward the United
4 States; and

5 (C) highlights the values of the people of
6 the United States through the work of govern-
7 mental, nongovernmental, and faith-based orga-
8 nizations of the United States.

9 (9) Global investments made in malaria inter-
10 vention programs have averted an estimated
11 2,000,000,000 malaria cases and 11,700,000 ma-
12 laria deaths between 2000 and 2021.

13 (10) The United States Government has played
14 a leading role in the recent progress made toward
15 reducing the global burden of malaria, particularly
16 through the President's Malaria Initiative and the
17 contribution of the United States to the Global Fund
18 to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

19 (11) In fiscal year 2021, the President's Ma-
20 laria Initiative protected nearly 100,000,000 people
21 with insecticide-treated bed nets, more than
22 21,000,000 people with indoor insecticide spraying,
23 more than 8,000,000 children with seasonal preven-
24 tive treatments, and more than 5,000,000 women
25 with preventive treatments in pregnancy.

1 (12) The United States is the largest donor to
2 the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and
3 Malaria, and every \$1 contributed by the United
4 States leverages an additional \$2 from other donors,
5 as required by law.

6 (13) The United States Government is pursuing
7 a comprehensive approach to ending malaria deaths
8 through the President’s Malaria Initiative, led by the
9 Administrator of the United States Agency for
10 International Development and implemented with as-
11 sistance from the Director of the Centers for Dis-
12 ease Control and Prevention, the Secretary of State,
13 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
14 Director of the National Institutes of Health, the
15 Secretary of Defense, and private sector entities.

16 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

17 It is the sense of Congress to—

18 (1) support the goals and ideals of “World Ma-
19 laria Day”;

20 (2) recognize the importance of reducing ma-
21 laria prevalence and deaths to improve overall child
22 and maternal health in all endemic regions, espe-
23 cially in sub-Saharan Africa;

24 (3) commend the recent progress made toward
25 reducing global malaria morbidity, mortality, and

1 prevalence, particularly through the efforts of the
2 President's Malaria Initiative and the Global Fund
3 to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

4 (4) commend the efforts and achievements in
5 preventing and treating malaria by endemic coun-
6 tries through the national malaria control programs
7 of such countries;

8 (5) welcome ongoing public-private partnerships
9 to research and develop more effective and afford-
10 able tools for malaria prevention, diagnosis, treat-
11 ment, and vaccination;

12 (6) recognize the goals, priorities, and authori-
13 ties to combat malaria set forth in the Tom Lantos
14 and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership
15 Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Re-
16 authorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–293;
17 122 Stat. 2918);

18 (7) support efforts to reduce malaria case inci-
19 dence and malaria mortality rates by at least 90 per-
20 cent by 2030;

21 (8) support continued leadership by the United
22 States in bilateral, multilateral, and private sector
23 efforts to combat malaria and to work with devel-
24 oping countries to create long-term strategies to in-
25 crease ownership over malaria programs; and

1 (9) encourage other members of the inter-
2 national community to sustain and increase their
3 support for, and financial contributions to, efforts to
4 combat malaria worldwide.

5 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

6 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the United States
8 Agency for International Development shall submit to
9 Congress a report on the cumulative progress toward 90
10 percent malaria reduction by 2030, including by providing
11 incidence and mortality rates of malaria.

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