

MALARIA CHAMPIONS OF THE AMERICAS AWARD

LAUNCHED BY THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION PAHO

The [Pan American Health Organization PAHO](#) launched in April 2016 the [Malaria Champions of the Americas Award 2016](#) during the 2nd annual commemoration of Malaria Day in the Americas.

The Award aims to identify and honour innovative efforts that have demonstrated success in malaria prevention, control, elimination, or prevention of reintroduction, and that have significantly contributed to overcoming the challenges of malaria in communities, countries, or the Americas as a whole. Nominations will be evaluated based on demonstrated achievements in capacity building, innovation and equity, collaboration, and impact.

In the Americas, deaths from malaria declined 79% between 2000 and 2014, and the number of cases declined by 67%. Nineteen of the 21 malaria-endemic countries in the Region saw a decrease in cases in 2014 relative to 2000. Fourteen of these countries reported reductions of more than 75%; two countries reported decreases of 50% to 75%; while three others saw reductions of <50%, indicating progress. Only two endemic countries continued to report increases in their total number of cases.

Winners of the 2016 Malaria Champion of the Americas award will receive: The opportunity to participate in three PAHO capacity-building trainings for malaria prevention, control and elimination; US\$2,500 in funding to support malaria-related capacity-building efforts (e.g., staff training/education, research, project proposal development, or other activities that enhance skills and abilities to achieve goals and targets); A commemorative plaque and the opportunity to be featured in various communication platforms of PAHO, UN Foundation, GWU-MISPH, and JHU-CCP as a "best practice" story on malaria.

Nominations for the 2016 Malaria Champions of the Americas will be accepted from April 25 to June 20, 2016. Full details and nomination forms can be downloaded in the PAHO website. Top winners will be recognized during the commemoration of Malaria Day in the Americas in November 2016.

To know more

[Call for nominations](#)

[Winners of the 2008-2015 Award](#)

