

Malaria Champions of the Americas Award 2010

Background, Concept, and Objective

As countries of the Americas work to decrease the burden of malaria in the Region, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF) and the George Washington University Center for Global Health (CGH) seek to identify, celebrate, and provide avenues to emulate best practices and success stories in malaria prevention and control. Conceived and launched on 6 November 2008 during the 2nd annual commemoration of Malaria Day in the Americas, the Malaria Champions of the Americas honors innovative efforts that have significantly contributed towards overcoming the challenges of malaria in communities, countries, the Region, or the globe. The recognition is conferred to implementers and provides them and their respective projects and institutions opportunities for capacity building, an expanded network for technical collaboration, and the distinction of being role models and inspirations for the global battle against malaria.

Criteria for Nomination

The 2010 Malaria Champions of the Americas Award recognizes organizations or collaborations applying innovative approaches to reach high-risk groups (e.g., indigenous and mobile populations, etc.) to overcome the challenges of malaria in the Americas. Activities should be ongoing or completed within one year from Friday, June 25, 2010. Nominations will be evaluated based on demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

- **Capacity Building**
Promotes the development of sustainable skills that translates into a strengthened ability to define and achieve objectives
- **Technical Expertise and Innovation**
Exhibits competent use of current technical knowledge, tools, and skills; and incorporates original ideas, inventive approaches, and creative strategies that increase productivity
- **Collaboration**
Fosters partnerships with stakeholders that fortify and broaden the scope and reach of activities
- **Leadership**
Displays capacity to establish direction and to influence and align other collaborators towards accomplishing common objectives in a cohesive and coherent manner thereby serving as an influential role model
- **Impact**
Demonstrates measurable positive effect in malaria prevention and control in the community, country, Region or globe

The organization carrying out project activities must be a legally established, and registered bona fide entity, and the nominated activities must not be projects carried out directly by PAHO, PAHEF, or the George Washington University CGH.

Selection Process and Calendar of Events

Nominations for the Malaria Champions of the Americas will be accepted from 22 April 2010 to 25 June 2010 (11:59pm EST). To download forms, visit www.paho.org/malaria2010. A select panel of judges representing various sectors and stakeholders will review the top qualifying submissions and select the top three nominees. These top three candidates will be filmed for a documentary profiling their achievements and efforts in overcoming the challenges of malaria. The panel of judges will use these documentaries to assist in the final selection of a winning candidate. The top three nominees will be announced in July 2010 and will be invited to participate in a regional event that commemorates Malaria Day in the Americas on 4 November 2010 where the Malaria Champion of the Americas will be honored.

Award

The 2010 Malaria Champion of the Americas will receive:

- Opportunity to participate in three PAHO capacity-building trainings for malaria prevention and control
- Support from a PAHO-based George Washington University Global Health Service Fellow for approximately three months to aid in research and field work
- US \$2,500 cash award for 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)
- Commemorative plaque

The top three nominees will be invited and hosted to participate in a regional event for the commemoration of Malaria Day in the Americas on 4 November 2010 where the Malaria Champion of the Americas will be honored. Their work will also be featured in PAHO's communications and advocacy publications, including a short documentary film and a range of news and magazine articles.

For any further questions or concerns you may contact us at champion@paho.org or malaria@paho.org