

LONDON MALARIA SUMMIT 2018



Seattle #4 Past President, Nancy Osborne represented Rotary International at the London Malaria Summit 2018 on April 19, 2018. Ms. Osborne founded Rotarian Malaria Partners (RMP) in 2009 to commemorate Seattle Rotary's Centennial and to engage Rotarians in the eradicate malaria. Since 2009, RMP has joined over 50 Rotary Clubs worldwide to collaborate in malaria control.

The London Malaria Summit is part of the British Commonwealth Heads of State meeting which includes leaders from 53 Commonwealth nations as well as the private sector, and NGO's. Commonwealth citizens account for one-third of the world's population, but more than half of all malaria cases and deaths globally. Among other global leaders, Bill Gates and HRH Prince Charles addressed the Summit.

At the close, the Summit leaders committed:

- Reduce by half the burden of malaria across the Commonwealth within five years which will prevent over 350 million cases and save 640,000 lives.
- Pledged financial, political, and scientific commitments worth over \$4 billion

These commitments demonstrate the importance of collective leadership and signal renewed global attention and action against malaria – a disease with no borders so eradication work must also transcend national boundaries.

The Summit focused on a high-level discussion of funding and innovation. Rotary, however, will be essential to the implementation of the varied strategies at the community level. Our successful history in the delivery of healthcare to remote areas will be critical to the ultimate eradicate of malaria.

Rotarian Malaria Partners also renews a commitment to work with global leaders, government programs, and other NGOs to engage the Rotary network internationally to join local Rotary Clubs within the Commonwealth and elsewhere to work toward the eradication of malaria.

*** Since its founding, RMP has facilitated the partnering of over 50 United States Clubs and African Clubs. RMP has active projects in Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, and will begin work in Ethiopia in the fall of 2018. For more information see www.rotarianmalariapartners.org.

