



# CENTER FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

## *Inter-Religious Campaign against Malaria in Mozambique*

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*This report summarizes progress of the Inter-Religious Campaign against Malaria in Mozambique (IRCMM), a program supported by Washington National Cathedral's Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation (CGJR). Part of CGJR's mission includes programs that support interfaith collaboration for justice. Fighting malaria and other CGJR programs are part of the Cathedral's overall efforts to provide programs that "heal a broken world."*

### Malaria in Mozambique

Even though it is preventable and treatable, malaria remains one of the leading causes of death in Africa. Malaria statistics for Mozambique paint a grim picture of debilitation and loss of life with:

- 6 million cases reported each year;
- 44% of all outpatient hospital admissions and 65% of all pediatric hospital admissions;
- 40,000 deaths a year among children under five;
- a high risk population of 3.6 million children under five and 900,000 pregnant women; and
- year-round transmission peaking from December through April.

### Funding for Malaria Control

Several multilateral and philanthropic donors provide funding to the Ministry of Health and work together to support a comprehensive national malaria control and prevention program. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS has recently contributed \$28 million; the Lubombo Spatial Development Initiative, a multi-country malaria control project in Southern Mozambique, has received two \$21 million Global Fund Malaria grants; the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has made major investments in malaria vaccines in Mozambique; and the World Bank is determining how best to apply \$40 million of funding to malaria initiatives. The U.S. government has allocated \$17 million per year to Mozambique for three years under the Presidential Malaria Initiative.



*Malaria accounts for 40,000 deaths per year for children under five.*

### Inter-Religious Campaign against Malaria in Mozambique and CGJR

While this funding is essential to support the government's efforts to combat the spread of malaria, a complementary approach has brought together religious leaders from across the globe to aid in this important effort.

In April 2006, the Inter-Religious Campaign against Malaria in Mozambique was launched by the faith community in Maputo, with eleven leaders formalizing their commitment later that July to mount a national interfaith collaboration against malaria.

CGJR is proud to be an integral partner of IRCMM, providing technical, programmatic, human and financial resources to expand existing educational and social mobilization efforts by the interfaith community working to end malaria in Mozambique.

Formed on the premise that faith leaders are uniquely positioned to carry out an effective combative effort, Anglican Bishop Dinis Sengulane, Muslim Congress Chair Hassan Makda and Methodist Bishop Joao Machado convened a “Working Group in Support of IRCMM” meeting in Washington, D.C. to leverage support for the campaign against malaria in Mozambique. Faith leaders have been activists, community educators and advocates against malaria for years and have been successful by building on their unique advantages, which include:

- they are where the government is not;
- they are the most trusted leaders and teachers;
- they can mobilize entire communities to achieve the kind of large-scale action required to make a significant impact on combating malaria; and
- they have a history of effective interfaith collaboration.

The Working Group is staffed by CGJR and includes



Participants in the March 2006 meeting to constitute the Working Group to support IRCMM

representatives from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Methodist Church, Islamic Charities, the Catholic Medical Mission Board and Population Media Center and Sonny Fox Associates. It is advised by representatives of the World Bank, Centers for Disease Control, the UN Foundation and the National Library of Medicine, among others. Working group members generously contribute time and expertise to IRCMM, including providing technical and programmatic support, producing a video documentary about IRCMM, “Together Against Malaria” ([www.togetheragainstmalaria.org](http://www.togetheragainstmalaria.org)) and assisting in negotiations with the funding community.

In September 2006, the Adventist Relief and Development Agency, Mozambique office (ADRA), acting on behalf of IRCMM, submitted an unsolicited proposal for funding to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In early January 2007, ADRA was notified of USAID’s intention to fund IRCMM and under the direction of IRCMM, and in consultation with CGJR, is preparing a detailed implementation plan.



## IRCMM to Launch Campaign in Zambezia Province

IRCMM has been invited to submit a detailed plan to mount a province-wide malaria control and prevention campaign in Mozambique’s Zambezia province (to launch in the fall of 2007) by working in close cooperation with the National Malaria Control Program administered by the nation’s Ministry of Health. There are four million inhabitants of Zambezia with an esti-

mated 610,600 children under five and 171,000 pregnant women. More than half of the pregnant women live in areas that have not been sprayed, and insecticide-treated bed net (ITN) coverage is estimated at less than 40% of the vulnerable group in six of seventeen districts. Indoor residual spraying (IRS) and ITN campaigns are planned for 2007.

Faith leaders estimate that there are at least 800 Imams and Christian pastors, as well as many indigenous faith leaders. A “train-the-trainers” campaign is being developed whereby key provincial faith leaders will be trained by IRCMM staff, national Muslim and Christian leaders and technical experts from the World Health Organization, Malaria Consortium and others. These provincial leaders will be equipped to model best malaria control and prevention practices in their own families and to conduct training for all faith leaders in each of the seventeen districts of Zambezia. District training will occur with the rollout of the Ministry of Health’s IRS program and with its contractors’ programs of distribution of long-lasting ITNs, so as to maximize the impact of all interventions. District Inter-Religious Councils (DIRCs) will be strengthened or established *de novo* as a focal point for ongoing collaboration against malaria. As the capacity of these DIRCs devel-



*Members of IRCMM met recently in Maputo, including Mr. Hassan Makda, Chair of the Islamic Congress; Rt. Rev. Bishop Dinis Sengulane; Sheikh Abdul Carimo Sau of the Islamic Council; Rev. Antonio Chicolo, Assemblies of God; Ms. Jacinta Magesso, Roll Back Malaria; Mr. Larindo Manual, representing the Bahai and Hindu communities; together with Mr. Darcy de Leon and Ms. Jennifer Schmidt, ADR-A; and Ms. Jean Duff from CGJR*

ops, they will provide sustainable infrastructure for the religious sector to engage in a variety of health and social welfare needs in their districts.

## About the Cathedral’s Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation



*The Reverend Canon John L. Peterson, CGJR Director, holds a toddler at a crèche for AIDS orphans in South Africa.*

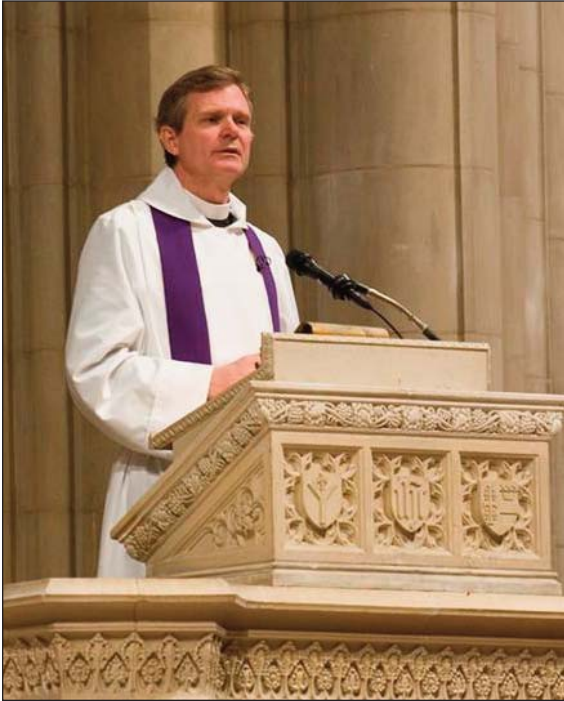
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The Center’s leadership includes the Reverend Canon John L. Peterson, Director; Jean F. Duff, Managing Director; Evan Anderson, Deputy Director for the Center’s International Reconciliation and Peacemaking Program (IRP); Mary Pat Brennan, Women’s Program Coordinator; and Katherine Wilkins, Administrative Assistant.

The Center is currently organized into two major programs: International Reconciliation and Peacemaking; and Global Justice and Global Poverty programs. CGJR’s IRP program seeks to reduce international conflict and promote peace and reconciliation by engaging in inter-religious dialogue and interfaith relationship-building; participating in informal diplomacy; and supporting reconciliation efforts worldwide. In its Global Justice and Global Poverty program, CGJR works ecumenically and through interfaith networking to promote collaboration among faith communities and development NGOs in numerous projects. Framed by the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the program’s priorities include women’s empowerment; economic development; eradicating human trafficking; and leveraging malaria control and prevention.

For more information on IRCMM and CGJR’s work against malaria, please contact Jean Duff, CGJR Managing Director, at (202) 537-2178 or [jduff@cathedral.org](mailto:jduff@cathedral.org)

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