



## Ghana

### **Malaria in Ghana:**

With nearly three million reported cases per year and accounting for 13 percent of all recorded deaths, malaria is a major public health problem in Ghana.

### **The Booster Response:**

Building on the recent achievements of the malaria control program in Ghana, the Booster Program added a US\$10 million component to a US\$25 million Nutrition and Malaria Control for Child Survival Project. The component aims to increase utilization of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) among pregnant women and children under five by supporting free distribution of LLINs, which are not financed by government budget. The funding also subsidizes education activities to improve the correct utilization of nets. By 2011, it is expected that 80 percent of households in project areas will have at least two LLINs and this is should be sufficient to extend protection from malaria beyond the individuals sleeping under nets to the entire community.