

## ALMA Awards for Excellence: January 2012

At the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) Forum today, seven African leaders will receive the second ALMA Awards for Excellence for their exemplary leadership in accelerating and sustaining access to malaria control and treatment. The ALMA Awards for Excellence are chosen by an independent awards selection committee, drawn from implementing partners, civil society, the private sector, NGOs and academia. Based upon the data in the ALMA Scorecard for Action and Accountability, two categories have been selected by the awards committee:

1. In the first category, recipients of the awards are the leaders of nations that have banned the importation and use of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies, which cause drug resistance that weakens the effectiveness of recommended malaria treatments; and additionally have removed tariffs on all essential commodities used in the fight against malaria. Tariffs can increase the cost of malaria control, reduce available donor funds, and make treatment and prevention less affordable to the poor. Recipients of the 2012 ALMA Award for Excellence in this category are Burundi, Rwanda, and Mozambique.

2. In the second category, recipients of the awards are the countries that have made outstanding progress in malaria control over the last year. Recipients in this category are Benin, Cameroun, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The recipients of the 2012 ALMA Awards for Excellence are congratulated for their significant contribution in the fight against malaria.

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- Botswana
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- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
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