



Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030

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Honorable Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

I have the honor to present the State of Kuwait's national statement under agenda item 12

The State of Kuwait thanks the Director-General for his report.

Despite being recognized as a malaria-free country, the State of Kuwait's efforts in malaria prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, and treatment of imported cases align closely with the World Health Organization's Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030. This alignment underscores Kuwait's commitment to maintaining its malaria-free status while also supporting global objectives to eliminate the disease.

Kuwait's Ministry of Health ensures its malaria-free status by employing robust surveillance systems to prevent outbreaks. Strategies include vigilant



monitoring at entry points, integrated vector management, environmental surveillance, and ensuring healthcare facilities are equipped for prompt malaria diagnosis and treatment.

In the short term, Kuwait aims to maintain malaria surveillance to quickly identify and prevent imported cases. Long-term goals include enhancing healthcare infrastructure, training workers in malaria prevention and treatment, and ensuring all facilities have the necessary resources to manage cases.

Kuwait's proactive approach to maintaining its malaria-free status while supporting global elimination efforts reflects a commitment to public health that transcends its borders. By aligning with international health strategies, Kuwait not only protects its population but also contributes to the broader global goal of eradicating malaria by 2030.

Kuwait demonstrates its commitment to regional and global health through the contributions of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED). By April 2023, KFAED had allocated approximately USD 15.5 million to combat malaria



and other infectious diseases worldwide. These funds support programs and initiatives by the World Health Organization's Global Malaria Control and Elimination program, the Global Fund, the US Carter Center, and Gavi. Furthermore, Kuwait has been actively supporting the Global Fund. To date, Kuwait has contributed a total of US\$18 million to the Global Fund, through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.

These contributions underscore Kuwait's dedication to global health initiatives and its proactive role in supporting the eradication of malaria and other infectious diseases worldwide.

Thank you, Chair.