



MEDIA ALERT

Swiss parliamentarians learn about malaria projects in Tanzania

(Basel, 2nd April 2015) Seven parliamentarians are traveling to Tanzania on the 6th March 2015 in order to learn about the fight against malaria in Tanzania. This trip is being organised by the Swiss Malaria Group, a multi stakeholder group dedicated to ensuring strong Swiss commitment in the fight against malaria.

These seven parliamentarians can expect a busy programme: this is strongly connected to do with the fact that a lot of the organisations, institutions and companies engaged in the fight against malaria in Tanzania, have their head offices in Switzerland. Among them are the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), SolidarMed, the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Novartis, the Novartis Foundation, the Novartis Malaria Initiative, as well as product development partnerships such as Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) and Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DND).

All of these organisations with projects in Tanzania, as well as NGOs and companies, are working together with the Swiss Malaria Group (<http://www.swissmalariagroup.ch>), in order to strengthen Switzerland's leadership role in the fight against malaria, strengthen research and innovation and effectively combat malaria on a local scale.

This study trip to Tanzania gives these parliamentarians the opportunity to learn about the fight against malaria and talk to local experts. A talk with the Tanzanian Minister for Health, Dr Ally Mohamed, and Tanzanian parliamentarians, as well as a visit to the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI), will be part of the programme.

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