

To put the world on a path to eradicate malaria, funding will need to grow to more than \$5 billion annually by 2025, according to the report titled *From Aspiration to Action: What will it take to end malaria?* Recent models in Africa and the Americas demonstrate that the tools of innovative finance can play a role in filling that gap and unlocking domestic resources for malaria and broader health issues.

“Malaria disproportionately affects women, putting their lives at risk, threatening the health of their unborn children and hampering earning potential. This is a critical time to mobilize new resources to step up the fight to end malaria. Malaria No More’s work has contributed to the global effort that resulted in saving 7 million lives and preventing more than 1 billion malaria cases since 2000. I am honored to join my fellow board members who are committed to ending this preventable and treatable disease”, Park added.

Malaria No More was co-founded by businessmen Ray Chambers, who currently serves as the WHO Ambassador for Global Strategy, and Peter Chernin, Founder and CEO of The Chernin Group. Chernin and Chris Combe, Chairman of Combe Incorporated, serve as Co-Chairs of the Board. The additions of Shankar and Park build on Malaria No More’s Board expansion in 2018, which saw the addition of visionary global leaders including Dick Costolo, former CEO of Twitter; Surya Mohapatra, former Chairman, President and CEO, Quest Diagnostics Incorporated; Kieran Murphy, President and CEO, GE Healthcare; and Rich Verma, former US Ambassador to India.

Dr. Sanjeev Singh Gaikwad has been named as its India Country Director. Dr. Gaikwad brings a depth of experience in areas that align closely to Malaria No More’s focus in India, including in technical programs, national communications campaigns, and policy and advocacy work in Delhi and state capitals. He brings 30 years of global service to agencies such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development (DFID), the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), FHI360 and most recently Abt Associates.

“I look forward to leading Malaria No More India to support the Government of India and our partners in making malaria a disease of the past in India, just like India did with smallpox and polio. India has made great strides against this ancient disease, and now we must turbocharge our efforts to rally the political will, increase human engagement, harness data and adopt new innovations to end malaria for good in India”, Dr. Gaikwad added.

To strengthen its work supporting India’s goal to be malaria-free by 2030, Malaria No More also expanded its India Country Team by hiring: Narendra Shekhar Behera, Odisha Research, Data Management and Metrics & Evaluation Manager; Bhesaja Kumar Choudhury, Odisha BCC and Public Relations Communications Manager; Manisha Gautam, Communications Lead; Susanta Jena, Office Assistant; and Ajit Samantray, Administrative Officer.

In addition, Malaria No More recently hired Kate Hourihan, Graphic Designer, and Carrie Nichols, International Programs Manager, to work in its U.S. offices.