

### **PPTM Case Study in Kacheliba, North Pokot**

Agnes Nzuki has been the HealthRight Malaria Manager for North Pokot in the town of Kacheliba for 2 years. When the HealthRight malaria project began, Agnes reported that the Kacheliba District Hospital was providing malaria medication to anyone who had a fever. There was no adequate testing or diagnosis of malaria and many children were treated unnecessarily. She said that at times there would be up to 300 patients receiving treatment while only 50 were confirmed with malaria. Agnes identified this as not only poor medical practice, but also as a waste of resources. Agnes then set to work with the clinical team in Kacheliba, assisting them in adapting their own practices to achieve a higher level of care. Agnes' initial approach was to mentor clinicians one-on-one, though she quickly saw that this was not cultivating hospital-wide changes. Instead, she adapted her approach and began working with the team as a group, unifying them in a joint effort to reform their approach to testing and treating malaria.

Now, the hospital is becoming a shining example of success. The lab technician makes regular announcements to the waiting area that all patients with fever should come for a malaria test first, so they will have their results in hand by the time they see the doctor. In addition to improving clinical practices, HealthRight donated a new microscope with which to diagnose malaria. This comprehensive approach will one day result in a district fully enabled to provide high quality and efficient malaria care to the people who need it most.



Laboratory in PPTM supported health facility  
(Photo courtesy of Jen Olson)



Microscope Donation from PPTM  
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