

Preface

This Report covers only the period leading up to the close of the External Evaluation on March 31, 2002. Thus, the many substantial and exciting changes which have been set into place since that date will not be reviewed or even mentioned in these pages. Following the presentation of the Team's preliminary findings in Geneva, the partners moved quickly to reorganize the governance and management structures of the Secretariat's activities in monitoring and evaluation. Partners also began energetically to address how to make better use of priority interventions to alleviate poverty and to show rapid progress toward the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. However, before these changes were well underway, the period of observation for the Evaluation Team had come to a close.

Nonetheless, the Evaluation Team has followed these changes as closely as possible, and has been extremely impressed by the extraordinary pace and dedication of the partners involved. This is an exciting period for Roll Back Malaria, and one that will be watched with great interest and optimism by the international community. The challenge is immense, but the collective resources of the Partnership far exceed the challenge. We look forward to being able to look back in 2007 to acknowledge that these were the years that the world decisively and effectively began to roll back malaria.