The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) calls upon Members of Congress to provide the following FY 2011 allocations to advance tropical disease research, prevention, and control:

- $35 billion to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and specifically $5.04 billion to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and $78.5 million to the Fogarty International Center, to support additional biomedical and clinical research, and training and capacity development, related to malaria, neglected tropical diseases, diarrheal diseases and arboviruses.

- $70 million to the Department of Defense (DoD) to support its infectious disease research efforts through the Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and the U.S. Naval Medical Research Center. Presently, DoD funding for this important research is at about $47 million. To keep up with biomedical inflation since 2000, FY 2011 funding must be about $60 million. In order to fill the gaps that have been created by underfunding, ASTMH urges Congress to fund DoD infectious disease research at $70 million in FY 2011; and,

- $924 million for bilateral malaria efforts, including the President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI); and,

- $155 million for bilateral neglected disease control efforts and invest in research and development of future tools at USAID; and,

- $1.75 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (the Global Fund) as the United States’ FY 2011 voluntary contribution; and,

- Direct funding to the CDC for NTD work and to support ongoing work on diarrheal diseases to increase CDC’s important contribution to these efforts; and,

- $18 million to support the malaria control and prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with $6 million set-aside to support malaria program monitoring and evaluation.

Increased FY 2011 funding in the PMI and USAID programs, Global Fund, CDC, NIH, NIAID, Fogarty, and DOD will help ensure that our nation continues to make progress in identifying new methods of tropical disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

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