



**Nzema East Municipal Health Director,
Priscilla Ama Amoah**

AT A GLANCE

The Bridging Gaps: Innovate for Malaria (B4M) project builds the capacities of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and communities on their health rights and responsibilities; increases community knowledge on the national malaria service package; generates evidence of health facilities' adherence to national guidelines for malaria control and prevention; undertakes participatory monitoring of community perspectives and experiences with malaria control and prevention mechanisms and eventually advocates at the national and sub-national levels for improved malaria control and prevention services.

The project is being implemented in Bodi, Juaboso, Mpohor and Nzema East districts in the Western Region of Ghana.

MALARIA PREVENTION AND CONTROL CHAMPION

Priscilla Ama Amoah celebrates the partnership and community participation, which is at the centre of the Bridging Gaps; Innovate for Malaria (B4M) project, among community partners, community members and the Nzema East Municipal Health Directorate. She believes that preventing and controlling malaria and ensuring Primary Health Care (PHC) in Ghana requires rigorous collaboration among these key stakeholders. As the Municipal Health Director at Nzema East, Western Region, her buy-in was essential to the success of the project.

Her stands to improve accountability in malaria prevention and control and to a large extent, PHC systems, catalyzed leadership at the sub-national level to work together to improve malaria health outcomes in Nzema East Municipal. She is most excited about the involvement and participation of community members in the health decision making processes at the municipal through the use of a scorecard assessment approach.

The scorecard assessment approach gives community members the platform to share and score their experiences with malaria care at health facilities and the facilities' readiness to test, treat and track malaria. The core aim of the scorecard assessment is to resolve gaps identified in malaria service delivery at the community level and improve malaria management outcomes.

She asserts that:

“ For us, the important thing is the community involvement and participation. That has also re-awaken that spirit of participation and acceptance of health responsibilities. It is their health and they must be responsible ”

Priscilla's commitment to partnering other stakeholders and involving community members to resolve malaria care gaps makes her a Malaria Prevention and Control Champion.