Dr. Barat’s career in malaria case management and control has taken him to more than 20 countries. He has published widely on this topic - including the quality and use of diagnostic testing for malaria, the distribution of malaria burden and interventions by wealth status.

In this presentation, Dr. Barat will discuss the US President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI). Initially launched in 2005 with the goal of reducing malaria in sub-Saharan Africa, PMI was expanded in 2008 to the Mekong sub-region. This highly regarded program has focused on increasing evidence-based, cost-effective interventions— including insecticide-treated bed nets, indoor residual spraying, preventive treatment of malaria in pregnant women, and effective case management.

A growing body of supporting evidence demonstrates that PMI has been very successful in scaling up these interventions - resulting in significant reductions in child mortality. Dr. Barat will present an overview of the PMI approach, including the evidence base for choosing these interventions and the approaches to achieving scale. Such efforts are helping African countries to achieve the goals of reducing malaria burden and child mortality. Finally, key success factors, and challenges and threats will also be discussed.