



Dear Congressman Paul Ryan,

Imagine if your whole district died of malaria. In Africa in 2011, 610,116 died of that disease; that'd be your whole district. My solution is that we get donations so they can get more vaccinations.

The first thing we need to do is go to Africa and see how bad malaria is affecting them. According to www.gavialliance.com, "amongst the 610,116 deaths 86% of them were kids under 5." As they get older their bodies become more immune to the bites from the mosquitos. As more of the kids get sick their family pays for treatments. If more people were vaccinated, families could save up to \$6 billion. If we gave them more vaccinations more people would be able to fill the jobs that need to be done.

Another solution is instead of just going to Africa and seeing how bad it is, we could work with them to make more vaccines. Getting them more vaccinations will make the kids' and adults' lives better. Children will be able to get a better education and won't have to worry about if they will live another year. "Adults will be healthier, which gives Africa a more productive workforce," said www.gavialliance.com. If Africa had a stronger workforce it would fix more problems. If there were less people with malaria then there could be more teachers. They could have more farmers so the agriculture could be taken care of.

Some people think it's not important, it's a waste of time going to Africa, but they're wrong. By saving people from malaria it will help the health department with any other problems that can be fixed. [Www.gavialliance.com](http://www.gavialliance.com) said "parents will be spending less time watching over their sick kids, so then they can help their family by getting things like water." People need to know that this isn't a waste of time. Think if you where living like this, any time you go outside you could get a bite and you could be hospitalized.

We need donations so that we are able to visit Africa and help them make more vaccinations. Going to Africa and helping them, makes them progress. Getting vaccinations for malaria helps fill jobs and fix some families problems. Thank you for taking time to read my letter and I hope that you take action soon.

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Dear Congressman Paul Ryan,

It's difficult to imagine that there are children in Africa just like me suffering from diseases like malaria every day that have nothing they could possibly do about it. After looking at kff.org, I've learned that out of the one hundred seventy-four million Africans that get infected by malaria, nearly five hundred ninety-six thousand die every year. My solution for this problem is malaria vaccines and medical treatments.

The first thing that needs to happen is to find possible vaccines and medical treatments to send over to Africa because malaria is a rapidly-growing epidemic that needs to be stopped! In fact, kff.org states, "with forty-four countries with ongoing malaria transmission, Africa accounts for the majority of estimated malaria cases (81%) and deaths (90%), but only 12% of the world's population." The importance of this issue is that with Africa being at a 90% death rate, we have the ability to stop its population from rapidly decreasing.

A possible second idea for implementing my solution is to purchase mosquito nets for all the malaria-infected regions and areas in Africa. According to kff.org, "malaria is caused by parasites transmitted to humans by mosquitos." This matters because due to the fact that mosquitos are Africa's source of malaria, we know now that we need to protect the Africans from them by using high-quality mosquito nets.

Vaccines may be a good choice, but according to theglobalfund.org, they have some major flaws like possible unreliability, negative side effects, and they might not have been tested yet. Despite their flaws, vaccines have a lot of positive outcomes. As said in theglobalfund.org, "as a result, deaths from malaria have dropped by 26% and the number of malaria cases has decreased by 17%." This is imperative because it states that in past experiences, vaccines and medical treatments have really been of help, and if we take a stand, they can continue to be of help!

My solution is to help create better vaccines to send to Africa to prevent malaria. Some ways in which we can do this is to find possible malaria vaccines and medical treatments, and purchase high-quality mosquito nets to keep the mosquitos from infecting people in Africa. Thank you for your leadership on this critical human rights issue. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to my voice in addressing this urgent issue.

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Dear Congressman Paul Ryan,

I would like to address you about the energy problem in Africa: just think of how many Africans want to study, but don't have enough light to read. Also think about all the Africans that can't read, too. The Kenyan government was going to give 1.2 million laptops to schools, but 90% of those schools aren't connected to the electrical grid so they realistically could never turn them on. My solution is to fill the Sahara desert with solar panels because 30% of the light that already comes in can power Europe's electrical needs so just imagine how much of that power can help Africa. By doing this we will reduce dehydration in people's own homes, save lives, and help Africans in so many ways.

The first step is to calculate how much money it would take to make and place that many solar panels. For instance, on the site www.worldwatch.org it says "the French president Nicolas Sarkozy has supported plans to build a 46 billion euro (\$64 billion) "super grid" that would connect renewable energy resources across Europe and Africa." This really matters to me, and I think that putting solar panels in the Sahara would make African's lives much easier and will save Africans dying of heat.

Next, I think we need to connect all schools and almost all houses to the electrical grid. On www.one.org it says "a girl cooks with her mom over an open flame, the room fills with toxic smoke, every single night." So, by connecting almost every house to the electrical grid, we could save Africans who have to cook on an open flame every night for food while inhaling smoke that will most likely soon kill her. By connecting houses to the electrical grid girls could finally go to school.

I know some people that care about beauty would say something along the lines of "putting solar panels in the Sahara would make it less beautiful." Also something like "it would cost too much money put in all these panels and connect it to every school and almost every house." I don't agree with "it would to much money" because on www.one.org there is a map of the continents if they were measured by wealth, and you can barely see Africa. Additionally, the USA is massive so I think we have enough money to build solar panels. We have enough money to share and our collaboration could save billions of lives every.

My solution is to put enough solar panels in the Sahara desert to give Africa tons of energy. Next, we have to calculate how much money it would take to build and to connect them to schools and houses. Thank you for your leadership on this critical human rights issue. I appreciate you taking time to listen to my voice in addressing this urgent need.

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