



Phenomenal progress: The UK's pivotal role in turning the tide against malaria

The UK is a global leader in the fight against malaria

Malaria is a disease believed to have killed more than half of all people who have ever lived – but one that is now entirely preventable and treatable. In 2000 world leaders, businesses and charities set an ambitious target to halt and begin to reverse the spread of malaria. At that time there were 108 countries considered malaria endemic with 271 million malaria cases and over three quarters of a million children dying of malaria a year.

Fast-forward to today: UK innovation, investment and compassion has contributed to a phenomenal fall in cases and deaths, smashing the Millennium Development Goal target for malaria. By mobilising public and private resources, pushing down the price of crucial drugs, dispensing hundreds of millions of bed nets, and by boosting the use of indoor spraying, rapid diagnosis and effective treatment, the UK has helped to turn the tide against one of our oldest foes.

The UK has played a major role in **cutting global malaria deaths by over 60% since 2000 - saving 6.8 million lives**. Spurred by the scale of the problem, the cost-effectiveness of the solutions and their phenomenal impact, UK political and financial support for the fight against malaria has increased under successive British governments. In January 2016 the UK government committed to maintain its life-saving investment in tackling malaria at £500 million a year to 2020.

The UK has been at the forefront of this remarkable progress. As a result the world now stands on the brink of ending malaria within a generation.

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“I believe we’re now in a position to eradicate malaria—that is, wipe it out completely in every country—within a generation. This is one of the greatest opportunities the global health world has ever had.”

Bill Gates

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Countries have eliminated malaria since 2000

Spending to tackle malaria is one of development’s best buys

- Investment against malaria offers real value for money, delivering \$36 of social and economic benefits for every \$1 spent.
- The World Health Organisation estimates that the reductions in malaria deaths since 2000 can be valued at US\$ 2040 billion – that’s equivalent to 3.6% of the total GDP of malaria-affected countries in 2015.
- Through their support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, DFID has helped to reduce the cost of insecticide-treated bednets by 50% over the past six years. The Global Fund has distributed 659 million bed nets since it was established in 2002.
- UK investment in the prevention and treatment of malaria improves countries’ overall health systems, building their resilience and sustainability.
- Malaria is a major obstacle to women and girls achieving their potential. UK investment is improving the health of women and girls and other vulnerable populations.



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Malaria deaths have reduced by more than 60% since 2009 in the DRC.

A key factor is the significant increase in children sleeping under insecticide-treated bednets, from 6% in 2007 to 56% in 2013. During this period, UK aid has directly supported this effort, including providing more than 7.8 million nets to the DRC.

But work mustn’t stop here: despite this progress, the DRC continues to have the second highest malaria burden in the world.



62%

Cut in malaria deaths since 2000



49.7m

Nets distributed by the UK government since 2011, saving 800,000 lives



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A child dies from malaria every two minutes

Pioneering UK R&D is providing the tools to win the battle

- UK-funded research helped develop child-friendly malaria drugs, providing over 300 million treatments to children in malaria endemic countries.
- From the development of new insecticides at Liverpool's IVCC (Innovative Vector Control Consortium) to the development and delivery of new anti-malarial drugs in partnership with the MMV (Medicines for Malaria Venture) to GSK leading the way in developing the world's first vaccine against malaria, cutting edge British science is saving lives.

The UK at the forefront of a global partnership

- Spending from governments of malaria-affected countries has increased year on year since 2000. Projected domestic investments in health for 2015-17 showed a 52% increase from 2012-14. UK leadership and investment in the Global Fund has helped to leverage this increased domestic resource mobilisation.
- An innovative match funding model. The UK commitment to the Global Fund in 2017 - 2019 is leveraging additional funding from the private sector.
- Ground-breaking regional elimination plans have been developed for Southern Africa, Asia Pacific and Africa.

Public opinion is behind the push to end malaria for good

Recent YouGov polling shows that **55% of British people agree that "it is right that the UK plays its part in leading the fight to end malaria within a generation"** and 54% want to see it happen in their lifetime.

Continued UK leadership will be vital to getting more of the proven interventions to the people who need them most, and accelerating progress towards ending malaria in our lifetimes.



"Ending malaria was once an impossible dream... It is now within our reach. It will take strong leadership and serious financial commitments, but I believe we can make history and end this brutal disease once and for all."

H.E. Jakaya Kikwete

Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Looking to the future

Despite phenomenal progress since 2000, in 2015 there were over 212 million cases, and 429,000 deaths from malaria, while only 31% of eligible women received malaria treatment during pregnancy. Accelerated action will be needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and global targets to cut cases and deaths by a further 40% by 2020 and a further 90% by 2030 and put us on track to eliminate this disease.



About **Malaria No More UK**

We have an ambitious mission to end the oldest killer disease in human history. We work with governments, private sector partners and the public to galvanise the political will and financial commitment required to accelerate innovation, access and action to end this devastating disease once and for all. We are determined to be the generation to end malaria and believe this goal is within our reach.

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