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**[INSERT NAME], newly elected MP for [CONSTITUENCY] takes the malaria fight to the House of Commons**

[INSERT NAME] has signed up to be a ‘malaria champion’, promising to advocate for continued research and funding to end malaria.

[INSERT NAME], newly elected MP for [INSERT CONSTITUENCY] has joined forces with Malaria No More UK.

Malaria No More UK is Britain’s leading malaria charity working to put an end to the suffering and death caused by this disease.

Malaria is a life-threatening disease spread to humans by some types of mosquitoes

In 2022 there were an estimated 249 million cases of malaria worldwide and over 600,000 people died from the disease.

Malaria is both treatable and preventable and scientists across the UK have helped to fight this disease by researching treatments and preventative tools.

Despite the great progress made in the fight against malaria in the last two decades, progress is stalling, and a child still dies from the disease every minute.

The world’s first malaria vaccines and the next generation of insecticide treated bed nets were developed in the UK.

Alongside saving lives around the world, investing in the global malaria fight will reap economic benefits domestically and overseas, as healthier populations boost productivity and trade.

[INSERT NAME] plans to raise this issue in parliament, [and has announced that they will join the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.]

Members of Parliament can support this cause by joining the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases, calling on the UK government to fund global health mechanisms, and support long-term funding of British malaria science.

**[INSERT NAME, MP for INSERT CONSTITUENCY] said:**

**“The UK has a proud history of fighting infectious diseases like malaria, and pioneering science, research and innovation. There is no shortage of talent amongst British-backed scientists and the research taking place at their institutions. I’m proud to champion the malaria fight in Westminster – the UK can really make a difference here, by funding science to save lives around the world.**

**“I’m backing the fight against malaria, because I know that millions of lives around the world can be saved. It is this kind of cause that made me want to go into politics, and I’m proud to be able to raise the issue in Parliament”.**

**Dr Astrid Bonfield, CEO of Malaria No More UK, said:**

“This government has an opportunity to get the malaria fight back on track and save millions of lives. In so doing, it will unlock economic growth in malaria-endemic countries and contribute to stronger health institutions and improved global health security.

“We must continue to support our science sector to develop an ongoing pipeline of malaria innovations to keep the disease at bay, as well as funding global organisations, like Gavi and The Global Fund, who are best placed to ensure these tools reach those who need them.

“I look forward to working with all parties to help them realise this ambition.”

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**Notes to editor**

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If you are interested in quotes from Malaria No More UK’s spokespeople, please contact [media@malarianomore.org.uk](mailto:media@malarianomore.org.uk)

Malaria No More is a UK charity determined to end malaria by inspiring UK public, businesses and government to fight for a malaria-free world.

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About malaria and global health

- In 2015, the UK pledged its commitment to an international goal to end the malaria epidemic by 2030. Target 3.3 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) commits to this.<sup>i</sup>
- In 2025, replenishments are due for two multilateral institutions that are key in the malaria fight: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The UK has always been amongst the biggest donors to both these institutions.
- Since 2002, malaria deaths have been cut in half and the UK has played a huge role in that success as a leading funder of global infectious disease research and science. But there are still over half a million deaths every year from malaria, and experts warn that funding barriers, drugs resistance and emerging challenges due to climate change and changing weather patterns are jeopardising progress made to end the deadly disease.
- In 2022, the global tally of malaria cases reached 249 million – well above the estimated number of cases before the COVID-19 pandemic, and an increase of five million over 2021.<sup>ii</sup>
- An estimated 608,000 deaths were caused by malaria in 2022.<sup>iii</sup>
- Climate change is one of many threats to the global response to malaria. Millions of people continue to miss out on the services they need to prevent, detect, and treat the disease.<sup>iv</sup>
- Conflict and humanitarian crises, resource constraints and biological challenges such as drug and insecticide resistance also continue to hamper progress.<sup>v</sup>
- There are significant economic benefits to ending malaria, both in countries with the disease, and here in the UK.<sup>vi</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> [https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal3#targets and indicators](https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal3#targets_and_indicators)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.who.int/teams/global-malaria-programme/reports/world-malaria-report-2023>

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<sup>vi</sup> <https://malaria.no.org.uk/fighting-malaria-offers-global-economic-boost>