ASIA PACIFIC: STAY THE COURSE TO END MALARIA

PROGRESS AGAINST MALARIA

NOW IS THE TIME TO GUARD THESE HARD-EARNED GAINS

12 countries have reported zero malaria deaths in 2019

World Malaria Day
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Home to 60% of the world’s population, Asia Pacific has made tremendous progress towards malaria elimination, reducing malaria cases by half since 2010*. We have a historic opportunity to end this age-old disease.

ARE STILL AT RISK OF MALARIA

5 of the highest-burden countries in Asia Pacific account for 90% of malaria cases

India, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Pakistan and Afghanistan

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Less deaths from malaria than 10 years ago

GREAT RESILIENCE IN SUSTAINING EFFORTS AGAINST MALARIA

Afghanistan, Laos PDR and Vietnam reported zero deaths for the first time in 2019

Bangladesh, Laos PDR and Timor Leste are on track to formalize malaria elimination task forces in 2021

Malaysia and China registered zero malaria cases for 3 years running

The Greater Mekong Subregion has turned a tide. >90% reduction in malaria cases and deaths since 2000

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Nations across Asia and the Pacific now have strategies aimed at elimination by 2030 or sooner

What is needed?

No Room for Complacency

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Poverty is a Major Factor

Malaria is a disease of poverty and inequity - the most vulnerable face the greatest risk. It strikes hardest in hard-to-reach populations living in rural areas, especially where the burden is the highest

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WHAT IS NEEDED?

Investment in malaria programs to defeat malaria

Research & development to stay ahead of the parasite and mosquito

Safe and timely treatment of fevers by integrating the malaria response within the broader health system

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