

Invest in the future: Defeat malaria

2014: PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA



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PROGRESS

Child death rates from malaria have been cut in half since 2000.

Thanks to concerted global action and investment, we are turning the tide against malaria, saving millions of lives.

- **We are reaching more people than ever before.** Working together, endemic countries, donors, organizations and communities have increased access to **effective malaria prevention, diagnosis and treatment** for **hundreds of millions of people**.
- **We are accelerating progress to save lives:** with malaria death rates amongst young children **halved** and more than **3.3 million lives saved** since 2000.
- **We are shrinking the malaria map:** 4 countries have recently been certified as malaria free, and 26 of the remaining 104 malarial countries are now **working to eliminate the disease entirely**.

CHALLENGE

The greatest threat to continued success against malaria is financial.

We must sustain investment, innovation and political will to ensure continued success and prevent resurgence of malaria.

- **We must maximize the impact of today's life-saving tools.** Though historic progress has been made, **malaria remains a health risk for more than half the world's population**, with a child still dying every minute from this **preventable and curable disease**.
- **We must continue to develop new solutions and strategies**, including next-generation drugs, diagnostics, and vaccines to further **accelerate progress** and mitigate the **threat of drug and insecticide resistance**.

OPPORTUNITY

Dramatic progress over the last decade shows us what is possible when we work together.

- **We need dependable resources.** Whilst both international and domestic funding to fight malaria **increased year on year** between 2005 and 2012, **financial gaps remain the greatest threat** to progress.
- **We must continue to accelerate progress, or risk losing record gains.** Since the 1930s, there have been 75 documented local resurgences of malaria, the **majority linked to decreased program funding.**¹

Winning the fight against malaria means that families, communities, and countries will thrive as never before.

- **Investment in the malaria fight is one of the best buys in global health.** The tools are cost-effective and the return on investment is high, with the world standing to **gain an estimated US\$208 billion** by 2035 through progress in **reducing and eliminating the disease.**²
- **Defeating malaria is critical to ending poverty and improving maternal and child health.** Lives saved from malaria are estimated to account for **20% of all progress** in reducing child mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa since 2000. **Less malaria means less infant and maternal mortality**, fewer days missed at school and work, **more productive communities, and stronger economies.**
- **To succeed, we must prove ourselves as resilient and adaptive in our global malaria response as the parasite itself.** By working together we can **put an end to this needless suffering** and strengthen the potential of individuals, communities and countries to achieve our ultimate goal – **a world free from malaria.**