



Quick Facts:

Imagine No Malaria

- Malaria is caused by the plasmodium parasite, spread by the bites of infected mosquitoes. If not treated promptly with effective medicines, malaria often is fatal.
- Every 45 seconds a child in Africa dies of malaria.
- Malaria kills more than one million people each year. Ninety percent of these deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Malaria's symptoms include fever, chills, vomiting, severe pain, convulsions, and death.
- Malaria is a completely preventable and treatable disease.
- Prior to 1951, Malaria was a serious public health problem in the United States. A comprehensive effort from 1947 to 1951 virtually eradicated malaria in this country.
- Malaria is a disease of poverty. It severely impacts those who cannot afford treatment or have limited access to healthcare, leading to a detrimental effect on attendance at workplaces and schools.
- Malaria rates in parts of Africa are on the decline: after increasing net coverage and access to medication, the under-five mortality rate in Rwanda dropped by 66 percent in two years. In Eritrea, the overall morbidity rate decreased by 80 percent in just four years using similar methods.
- Aggressive efforts in several African nations have dramatically reduced malaria death rates. The CDC has recently listed Rwanda in the "pre-elimination stage" and South Africa as malaria-free.

