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### BRIEFING: MALARIA 101

## WHAT IS MALARIA?

Malaria is a disease spread by mosquitoes. Though preventable, treatable and in decline, it still kills one child every two minutes.

### Malaria in numbers

In 2015



**212** million cases of malaria worldwide



**90%** of the cases were in WHO Africa region



**429,000** deaths



**70%** of deaths were children under five

Since 2000



Proportion of the population sleeping under ITNs in Sub-Saharan Africa increased from **2%** to **55%**



Mortality rates reduced by **62%**



**17** countries have eliminated malaria



**6.8** million lives saved

“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

### FIND OUT MORE

To find out more and become a malaria champion in Parliament, email [lucy.green@malarianomore.org.uk](mailto:lucy.green@malarianomore.org.uk) or visit [www.malarianomore.org.uk/get-political](http://www.malarianomore.org.uk/get-political)

To get involved, join the APPG on Malaria and NTDs, chaired by Jeremy Lefroy MP ([jeremy.lefroy.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jeremy.lefroy.mp@parliament.uk))



## ONE OF THE BEST BUYS IN UK AID

- Investment against malaria delivers \$36 of social and economic benefits for every \$1 spent
- Through support for the Global Fund to fight Aids, TB and Malaria, DFID has helped to halve the cost of insecticide-treated bed nets in the last six years. Since 2011 the UK Government has distributed 49.7 million bed nets, saving 800,000 lives

## MALARIA IMPACTS US HERE AT HOME TOO

- An imported case of malaria comes into the UK every six hours – that is the equivalent to one hospital ward being taken up for a whole year
- £74.8 million is spent in the UK on prevention and treatment each year

## FIGHTING MALARIA MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE

- There is currently £15.8 billion of trade between the UK and the most malaria-affected countries. EY estimates this trade could have been up to £765 million HIGHER without the negative effects of malaria
- Between 2000 and 2015, an estimated £524 billion was lost from global GDP as a result of malaria
- 90% of the Commonwealth population lives in a malaria-affected country. As the UK seeks to develop better trading relations with these countries, it benefits us to help them become healthier and more prosperous: 77% of business leaders agreed that strengthening trading links with Commonwealth countries post-Brexit is important

## PUBLIC OPINION BACKS THE PUSH TO END MALARIA

- 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'

## UK R&D IS LEADING THE FIGHT

- Funds from UK Government are helping to develop new insecticides at Liverpool's IVCC (Innovative Vector Control Consortium) and supporting MMV (Medicines for Malaria Venture) to develop and deliver new anti-malarial drugs
- GSK, the UK's largest life sciences company, is currently piloting the world's first ever malaria vaccine

## PROGRESS IS UNDER THREAT

- **Flatlining funding:** The global funding needed to end this disease is beginning to plateau. Sustained UK funding and political leadership will be vital in accelerating progress to end malaria
- **Resistance:** There is a growing global threat of drug resistance (AMR). This is a particular challenge in South East Asia. The first cases of drug resistance were reported in the UK in January. The development of new tools is an essential part of tackling drug and insecticide resistance, which is critical in order to end malaria for good.

