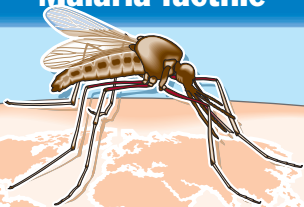


Malaria factfile



● **About 2.5 billion people – at least 40 percent of the world's population – are at risk in more than 90 countries**

● **Malaria causes or contributes to three million deaths and up to 500 million acute clinical cases a year**

● **Almost as many people die of malaria every year as have died of AIDS in the past 15 years**

● **Four children die of malaria every minute worldwide**

● **More than 20 million Western travellers risk malaria every year**

● **Three decades ago malaria had been eradicated or dramatically reduced in 37 countries but the situation has been rapidly reversing itself**

● **The World Health Organisation predicts an extra 80 million cases of malaria each year by the end of the century, or a 16 percent increase in three years**

● **The direct annual commercial cost in Africa due to malaria is about \$1.8 billion**

● **For every person who died of AIDS in 1990, the world spent \$3,274 on research into the disease. For malaria, the global research expenditure per fatal case was \$65. Today there are few effective anti-malarial drugs**