

Quick Facts About Malaria

- ❖ Malaria is transmitted from *mosquitoes* to humans
- ❖ Malaria is curable and preventable¹
- ❖ The WHO estimates that *247 million malaria cases* and *881 thousand malaria deaths* occurred in 2006²
- ❖ **91%** of malaria deaths in 2006 occurred in *Africa*, 4% occurred in Southeast Asia, and 4% occurred in the Eastern Mediterranean region²
- ❖ **85%** of 2006 malaria deaths occurred in children less than 5 years old²
- ❖ As of 2006, malaria affected *109 countries and territories*²
- ❖ As of 2007, it was estimated that one child dies of malaria every 30 seconds³
- ❖ Children and pregnant women are most affected by malaria¹
- ❖ Malaria is said to account for **11.3%** of the *disease burden* in Africa (whose population is 10.8% of the total world population)⁴
- ❖ Malaria transmission can be controlled by placing *insecticide-treated nets* (ITNs) over sleeping areas and *spraying* indoors with insecticide



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