

World Malaria Day: No More Mosquito Deaths



The World Health Organization (WHO) will mark World Malaria Day on 25 April 2021 by focusing on the achievements of countries that are approaching and achieving malaria elimination.

Malaria, a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes, affects 229 million people and kills approximately 409,000 people worldwide. About the half of the world is at risk of malaria. However, this disease is curable and preventable. Therefore, it is imperative that this deadly disease is eradicated.

This year, activities and events will take place around the world in conjunction with governments, non-government organisations and individuals. This year the following countries are actively involved: Belgium, Denmark, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Germany, Mozambique, Switzerland, Uganda, United States and Zambia.

The WHO will publish a new report on 21 April 2021 to highlight successes and lessons learned among the "E-2020" group of malaria-eliminating countries. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, a number of countries have been able to report zero cases of malaria in 2020.

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