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# **Malaria Quick Facts**

Malaria is a disease that is spread through the bite of an infected female anopheles mosquito.

- Malaria is a global health crisis. More than 40 percent of the world's population is at risk.
- **Every 30 seconds, a child dies from Malaria, 3,000 children every day die from Malaria**
- Malaria is the leading killer of children in Africa.
- **Malaria claims up to 3 million lives each year in Africa**
- Malaria kills thousands more people than HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Measles and Leprosy combined.
- Each year, there are over 500 million clinical cases of malaria.
- Malaria is estimated to cost Africa over \$12 billion annually in health care and lost productivity (harvests remain on the fields, people cannot go to work, and children cannot go to school). **making Malaria a leading cause of poverty.**
- Malaria poses the most significant health threat to the population in Uganda (Ministry of Health, Uganda).
- Malaria is a highly preventable disease.
- A bed net is the most cost efficient and effective way in which to prevent malaria (World Health Organization, 2005).
- Long lasting insecticide treated bed nets (LLINs) offer a primary wall of defense, providing a protective barrier against mosquitoes at night, .
- Malaria is spread primarily at night while a child sleeps,
- The eradication of malaria will help the advancement of six of the eight the Millennium Development Goals in the areas of health, education and poverty by 2015.

**Stop the bite, stop malaria.**