Investing in malaria prevention, treatment, and elimination

Investing in malaria works

As malaria spending has increased, deaths from malaria have decreased.

In 2016, a total of $4.3 billion was spent globally on malaria, which includes funding from all sources: donor, government, out-of-pocket, and prepaid private sources. Still, spending fell short of the annual funding target set by WHO to control or eliminate malaria by 2020.

Malaria hits low- and lower-middle-income countries hard

The burden of malaria is concentrated in low- and lower-middle-income countries. A major share of the population in the countries most affected live below the poverty line.

Sources:


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*Source: GBD 2017 Study*
More funding is needed to fight malaria

Donor funding for malaria was flat from 2010 to 2018.

Development assistance for malaria, 1990–2018

Donor funding is crucial in the fight against malaria

Much of the money spent on malaria in low- and lower-middle-income countries comes from donors.

It may be difficult for governments in low- and lower-middle-income countries to make up shortfalls in donor funding.

Families may need to make up for shortfalls in funding

When donor funding for malaria falls short, families in low-income countries may be forced to make up the difference, which can push them into poverty. Or, they may avoid seeking treatment altogether.

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