

CAPTIONS:

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Photo 01 -

Kissore Samad, 12, is sick. He has had a strong fever for 2 days. A surveillance worker who is visiting him is pretty sure that he has malaria as he works 4 hours a day in a forest area around Rourkela in Orissa state, which is one of the Indian states most concerned by malaria. Later in the day, Kissore will attend a clinic where he will be diagnosed with malaria.



Photo 02 -

A violent rainstorm in Namentenga, Burkina Faso. As one of the first of the rainy season, it also announces the beginning of the malaria season since malaria mosquitoes need stagnant water to breed.



Photo 03 -

A man and his baby who is suffering from malaria, under an old and untreated mosquito net, which is less effective against malaria mosquitoes. Uganda.



Photo 04 -

A young girl suffering from malaria in a small health clinic in the state of Orissa, India.



Photo 05 -

A free pediatric consultation in Namentenga region, Burkina Faso. Malaria is the disease most frequently diagnosed at such consultations.



Photo 06 -

The emergency department at Gondama Hospital, in Bo, Sierra Leone, run by a team from the Belgian branch of Doctors Without Borders (MSF). Two unconscious children suffering from acute malaria await treatment. Practically half the patients in this hospital - almost all of them children under five years old - are being treated for malaria, which is by far the leading cause of mortality in Sierra Leone. Deaths linked with malaria accounted for 60 % of mortality at Gondama Hospital in April 2008. It is not unusual for children suffering from severe malaria to be diagnosed on arrival in hospital with poisoning from herbs prescribed by traditional healers.



Photo 07 -

Ginba Chawa is a 25 year old Karen living in Thailand. Her five children have all contracted malaria at least once and one of them has contracted it four times. According to a local malaria specialist, this is due to numerous reasons, such as the old bed net that has just been re-impregnated and is now drying on the wall behind her and the numerous water receptacles around her house. It is also due to the fact that the family is in contact with Karens from Burma, a highly infected region, who carry the parasite with them to Thailand.



Photo 08 -

Two Karen kids playing in the Moei river that is the Thai-Burma border. This place is considered by many specialists as the place where the malaria parasite is the strongest of the world. The river is, in some part, a breeding place for malaria mosquitoes. Northern Thailand.



Photo 09 -

Poor homeless men having a wash in a Calcutta street. The stagnant water left behind will become an excellent breeding ground for malaria mosquitoes.



Photo 10 -

A man is loading a truck with long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets that will be distributed for free to populations at risk of malaria around Masindi, Uganda.



Photo 11 -

Distribution of free mosquito nets to poor families around Masindi, Uganda



Photo 12 -

In remote villages in Burkina Faso, a theatre company is explaining the importance of mosquito nets and how to use them, through a play. Because of the lack of schooling, many villagers are ignorant about malaria; most don't know that malaria is caused by mosquitoes and many go to see a traditional witchdoctor to treat it. In remote African villages, theatre is a unique way to communicate to a lot of people.



Photo 13 -

A health district advisor is explaining what is malaria and how to treat it to pregnant women in a Namentenga village, Burkina Faso. Pregnant women are malaria population at risk.



Photo 14 -

Kajal Jana, 35, has four children and lives in the Basanti Colony. Her family is part of the "at risk" population of Calcutta, India. She lives in the impoverished part of the city and only has one old and untreated bed net for her entire family of six.



Photo 15 -

Two men affected by malaria in a Sundargarh hospital, Orissa State, India. Orissa is the state in India most severely affected by malaria.



Photo 16 -

In a clinic in Gerihun, in Sierra Leone's Pujehun district, Jewad, age 3, who has malaria, is examined by a physician from Doctors Without Borders (MSF). At the foreground, another baby with malaria is waiting to be diagnosed.



Photo 17 -

Rubi Kisan, 13 years old, is a severe malaria case. He has just woken from coma and is likely to suffer serious consequences. His family brought him to the Sundargarh hospital, 30 km from their home. If they had reached it a few hours later he would have died. Orissa State, India.



Photo 18 -

A young, unconscious child affected by a severe case of malaria, is under observation in the intensive care unit of the Gondama hospital managed by a team from Doctors Without Borders (MSF).



Photo 19 -

A man is fogging a karen village against mosquitoes in Northern Thailand.



Photo 20 -

A malaria-affected slum area close to a canal that is a mosquito breeding site in Calcutta, India.