

**ROLL BACK MALARIA TO ACHIEVE**  
**THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGS)**

**Goal 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**

Malaria keeps poor people poor, costing Africa US\$ 12 billion per year in lost GDP and consuming up to 25 % of household incomes and 40 % of government health spending.

**Goal 2 Achieve universal primary education**

Malaria, a leading cause of illness and absenteeism in children and teachers, impairs attendance and learning and cause lasting neurological and cognitive damage in children.

**Goal 4 Reduce child mortality**

Malaria is the leading cause of child mortality in Africa, accounting for 20 % of all child deaths.

**Goal 5 Improve maternal health**

Malaria is four times more likely to strike pregnant women than other adults, and has life-threatening implications for both mother and child.

**Goal 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases**

Malaria control will reduce morbidity and mortality due not only to malaria but other diseases (e.g., people living with HIV/AIDS are at greater risk of contracting malaria).

**Goal 8 Develop a Global partnership for development (MDG 8) and provide access to affordable essential drugs**

Malaria medicines are currently expensive and in short supply; the public-private partnerships currently under way to improve access to affordable malaria drugs can serve as a basis for improving access to other essential medicines.