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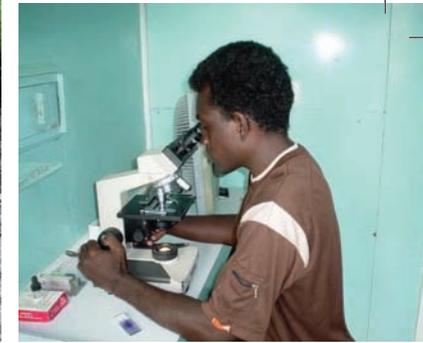
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Rotarians Against Malaria



Rotarians Against Malaria is a volunteer-run organisation working to eliminate malaria.



Malaria is still endemic in 104 countries.

Chronic malaria causes poverty and poor education. The World Health Organisation estimates there are over 200 million cases of malaria annually with 438,000 deaths reported last year (70% of all deaths are children under five). This means 840 children per day die due to malaria, or one child almost every minute.

Anopheles mosquito bites infect people and spread malaria rapidly through communities.

One bite can be all it takes.

Yet malaria is treatable and preventable with targeted help. RAM has already helped radically decreased malaria in the South Pacific. In the Isobel province of the Solomon islands the rate of malaria has dropped from 70% of the population infected to only 0.04% in program targeted locations.

WHO estimates that the lives of 5.9 million children have been saved by global malaria control programs since 2000.

HOW WE HELP

RAM supports local health authorities in PNG, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.

Bed nets: RAM distributes long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets to communities allowing them to sleep protected through the night. In PNG RAM also acts as the agent to distribute bed nets provided by the Global Fund.*

This collaboration has seen more than 7 million nets distributed.

Breeding Ground Destruction:

RAM supplies tools and training to local villages to drain and remove mosquito breeding areas in and around their village.

Residual Insecticide Spraying:

After feeding mosquitos rest on nearby surfaces to digest their blood meal. Insecticide sprayed on the walls of houses kills mosquitos before the disease can spread.

Provide Diagnostic Equipment:

RAM provides microscopes and Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits and training to health workers to enable accurate diagnosis of malaria to optimise treatment.

RAM also constructs clinics, warehouses and accommodation for malaria workers.

Research: RAM encourages research into new drugs and new methods of mosquito control particularly the continued search for a malaria vaccine.

We are currently sponsoring a PhD candidate from Solomon Islands researching vector control strategy at the Australian Institute for Tropical Health & Medicine.

* Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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Bed Net Distribution

Raise funds to provide villages in Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea or the Solomon Islands with insecticide treated bed nets. Bed nets are the main control strategy that has brought malaria infection rates down by almost 70%.

Healthy Villages

Raise funds to equip a village with tools such as bush knives, axes, flat files, spades, metal rakes and wheelbarrows to drain and remove mosquito breeding areas. So far 68 villages have been protected and many more village plans have been approved.

Chasing Malaria

This program operates in PNG areas where disease incidence is low. It maps clusters of cases then follows-up with interventions to eliminate malaria from these places

Private Sector Program

Prior to this program, almost no Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets were for sale in PNG, meaning even those who could afford extra protection were unable to buy nets.

RAM has employed a sales person to market and advertise the benefits of bed nets. There are now 33 outlets selling nets in Port Moresby with work continuing to achieve broader coverage.

RAM PhD Scholarship

RAM provides a scholarship for a qualified postgraduate student from PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu or Timor Leste to study malaria and potential new methods of control.

Malaria Awareness Day (MAD)

Educate others on the effects of malaria worldwide and raise funds on our annual Malaria Awareness Day held on the 30th of April.