There are several key information collected for vivax malaria surveillance including case detection, focus intervention, management on mobile population, drug resistance, annual parasite incidence (API), annual blood examination rate (ABER), annual vivax incidence (AVI) and slide positive rate (SPR), feeding and resting behavior, human biting rate, human blood index, vectorial capacity, rainfall, temperature, humidity, and surface water.

The limitation of present surveillance system to detect vivax malaria in the Solomon Islands

- In Solomon Islands, repeated cross sectional studies were conducted in sentinel sites (seven villages), from 1993 to 2006, in Tashinboko area in Northeastern Guadalcanal, where the total population were approximately 300.
- The aim was to validate the information between the current passive case detection and active case surveillance in sentinel sites.
- Active case detection strategy was applied to measure the change of malaria trend and to validate the tools for active surveillance. The methods used in field active case detection were fever, splenomegaly by both palpable and ultrasonographic methods, and blood slide for malaria parasite examination.
- Field experiences indicated that the clinical judgment based on fever has very low sensitivity. Its sensitivity reduced from 0.37 to 0.08 while the parasite rates in 2 to 9 years old aged group reduced from 70% to 36%. However, its specificity is slightly varied, but at higher level, e.g. ranged from 0.83 to 0.98, except at the beginning of the study, in 1993, in which its specificity was 0.59.
- There is poor correlation between palpable splenomegaly or splenomegaly detected by ultrasonography and parasite rate. The sensitivity of splenomegaly detected by ultrasonography is similar to clinical judgment, but very poor for splenomegaly detected by palpable method.
- It concluded that fever and/or splenomegaly were no longer valid indicators to detect or monitor the vivax malaria in condition where the proportion of vivax malaria and falciparum malaria had been reversed, e.g. vivax malaria is predominant.

#### The overview of vivax malaria in Eastern Mediterranean Region

- In the Eastern Mediterranean Region, only nine countries are malaria endemic and three countries are in Africa, predominant falciparum malaria and six in Middle-East countries, of which four countries are vivax malaria predominant, namely, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq.
- It was estimated that 248 millions (48%) of EMR live in areas at risk of malaria transmission. The area under falciparum and/or vivax malaria transmission is approximately 89% while that of vivax malaria transmission is approximately 11%.
- The total reported cases in 2005 from the four vivax malaria predominant countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq, were 4,128,103 cases, in which

- 213,636 were parasitological confirmed and vivax malaria consisted of 77% of confirmed cases.
- There were also observed that other countries in the region, such as Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, UAE, and Jordan, reported the imported malaria cases with the total reported cases of 2,715 cases, in which 73% of cases were vivax malaria.
- The region had experiences in vivax malaria control, in Iran and Iraq. In Iran, while the control measures were not intensified, the trend of vivax malaria was gradually, but significantly, reduced from about 100,000 cases annually in 1991 to less than 20,000 cases in 2004. In Iraq, the control measures, two cycles of IRS, were highly effective. Before 1990, the total malaria reported cases were less than 10,000 cases. Due to civil unrest in 1992, the total reported cases were sky rocked to nearly 100,000 cases in 1994 and 1995. In response to this alarm situation, two cycles of IRS were applied with highly coverage, the cases were dropped to less than 5,000 in 1998 and continued to be lower after that period, e.g. less than 200 vivax cases reported in 2005; the country considers the possible elimination of vivax malaria.
- Despite the success lesson from Iraq, provided high IRS coverage, the trend of malaria in Iran was gradually decreased in the similar effort, e.g. high IRS coverage.
- There are still limited effective tools for controlling vivax malaria including diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and intervention.

#### Minutes on the discussion of group 1 (diagnosis and treatment)

- 1. Effectiveness of microscopy is a problem of concern. Poor quality of microscopy leads to misdiagnosis of malaria including vivax malaria. So it is suggested microscopy and RDT be strengthened through establishment of quality control and quality assurance system at regional and national level. Both the competency and performance of microscopy and RDT should be assured through monitoring system of efficacy and validity of competency. External review organized by WHO is suggested too.
- 2. Staining for microscopy is one of the issues due to that some countries use staining agents such as J.S.B which is different from Geimsa staining. Study on it is proposed.
- 3. Attention should be paid to timely clinical diagnosis of malaria in different areas or strains in order to achieve EDPT as much as possible
- 4. Study on techniques on detection of merizoites and gametocytes are proposed due to the need of detection malaria infection in blood transfusion.
- 5. Current RDT in use is only good for detection of P. falciparum. So it is suggested that study on RDT that good for diagnosis of vivax malaria be paid attention.
- 6. Network in training on diagnosis and treatment of vivax should be established.
- 7. Sentinel sites for regular monitoring of sensitivity of P. vivax to chloroquine and primaquine using WHO guideline should be established and data collected should be directed to WHO for analysis. At meantime, the resistance or sensitivity criteria for primaquine should be established.

- 8. Proper dosage of primaquine for anti-relapse and criteria of relapse should be standardized through multi-center study.
- 9. Each country appointed a person to collect the data and other information on treatment efficacy and send them to WHO for analysis. Those people in the following countries are
  - a. Indonesia: Dr Bangkit Hutajulu
  - b. ROK: Dr Lim Chae Seung
  - c. EMRO: Dr Hoda Youssef Atta
  - a. DPRK: Dr Pak Mi Hwa
  - b. China: Dr. Wang Jianjun
- 10. Severe cases of vivax malaria infection may be an area to look at.
- 11. Economic impact of malaria in SERO is planned to be conducted and economic impact of vivax burden on pregnancy is a topic too.

#### Minutes on the discussion of group 2 and 3 (diagnosis and treatment)

- 1. Studies on specification of An. Vectors to vivax are proposed.
- 2. Studies are needed on the examination of the impact of use of ITN on incidence of malaria parasite species.
- 3. IRS is one of the technique on countries with endophilic mosquitoes
- 4. It is recommended that WHO takes the leadership in vivax malaria network to strengthen the partnership of countries, and establish guidelines or/ standard ITN an IRS.
- 5. Cost-effectiveness analysis on ITN vs. IRS is proposed to be conducted. EMRO has the existing data.
- 6. Network for surveillance should be established and standardization of handbook for surveillance is proposed. Training in monitoring and analysis is also proposed.
- 7. Guidelines for all kinds of survey are needed and it is necessary to make the guidelines understood and used by countries.
- 8. One of the content in setting up of the network is identify collaborating centers. The inventory of the institutes available is like the following (may not exhausted). And it is suggested Prof Tang's Institute responsible for the inventory.
  - a. National Institute of Parasitic Diseases, China CDC (Shanghai)
  - b. Jiangsu Institute of Parasitic Diseases, Jiangsu Province, P.R. China
  - c. AFRIM, Bangkok, Thailand (It is suggested that in Thailand the contact institute be Dr. Jeeraphat sirichaisinthop's due to ARIRM is an army institute of USA or go through MOPH, AFRIM could be a training center)
  - d. Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand
  - e. KNIH, KCDC, Republic of Korea
  - f. Australian Army Institute, Australia
  - g. PNG Institute of Medical Research, Papua New Guinea
  - h. National Institute of Malaria Research, New Delhi, India
  - i. Institute of Pauster, India
  - j. Research Institute of Tropical Medicine, The Philippines
- 9. Each institute of the above should appoint a person as contact person and it is suggested the director of each institute be the contact person.

- 10. It is suggested that the criteria for outbreak be the Mean±2SD of the data of > 5 year reported in the outbreak reported area.
- 11. ACT malaria is suggested to be the organization for training in such as lab diagnosis and general control of vivax malaria
- 12. It is suggested that a meeting be held next year to review the progress and the venue could be NIPD, China. Japanese MOH of Japan is a source for continuing financial support.
- 13. For researches, Both WPRO and SERO have TDR regular grants of up to \$6000 each (in total \$15,000).
- 14. AFRIM is conducting studies on validation of LAMP and drug resistance with 100 200 –patients enrolled. The proposal for validation of LAMP is ready for The Philippines, Indonesia, DPRK and ROK.
- 15. Prof. Tang's Institute's would like to compose the proceedings of this meeting and it is suggested by Prof. Tang that complete papers of the presentations in this meeting be submitted to the proceeding if the author likes. And a special issue of the Chinese Journal of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases for the papers of this meeting is planned and WPRO and SERO would provide final edition for it.

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#### Recommendations

A multi-country, multi-region network covering vivax endemic countries in Asia and the Pacifics has been established to: (1) share information and experinces related P. vivax wpidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and surveillance; and (2) carry out collaborative operational research on vivax malaria.

The first meeting of the network made the following recommendation:

- 1 To develop evidence based recommendations for the diagnosis and treatment of vivax malaria for all countries and areas.
- 1-1 To establish a network of sentinel sites for monitoring the efficacy of current drugs and treatment regomens for vivax malaria following the recommended WHO protocol.
- 1-2 Validate existing treatment regimens being used for vivax malaria including defining an optimum treatment schedule for promaquine treatment.
- 1-3 Compile and disseminate data on the effectiveness of new drugs and drugs combination for the treatment of vivax malaria.
- 1-4 Review and validate information from the DPRK on use of primaquine prophylaxis as a control strategy for long incubation vivax malaria.
- 1-5 Review current policies and practices related to the need for G6PD testing prior to the administration of primaquine for the treatment of vivax malaria in Asia and the Pacific.
- 1-6 Support the establishment of a QA/QC system for malaria microscopy including both *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax*.
- 1-7 Support the development /identification of rapid diagnostic tests that can

- effectively detect even low density *P. vivax* infections under field conditions.
- 1-8 Support the further development of a LAMP methods for the detection of *P. vivax* in laboratory setting.
- 1-9 Develop improved algorithms for the clinical diagnosis of vivax malaria in different settings.
- 1-10 To analyze the economic burden/impact of vivax malaria in various countries.
- 1-11 To support the development of a test that can effectively detect patients harbouring hyonozoites.
- 1-12 To establish a case definition of severe vivax malaria.
- 2 To Determine the effectiveness of current vector strategies in areas where vivax is predominat.
- 2-1 Carry out multi-country studies to determine therelative susceptibility of vectors for the transmission of *P. vivax*.
- 2-2 Review existing data and identify additional research that will measure the effectives of ITN and LLIN for the control of vivax malaria in different settings.
- 2-3 Evaluate the effectiveness of indoor residual apraying in vivax malaria areas.
- 2-4 Measure the cost effectiveness of ITN/LLIN compared to IRS for malaria control in areas where vivax malaria is predominant.
- 3 To develop the necessary surveillance tools and create networks for monitoring vivax malaria including the establishment of early warning system.
- 3-1 Support the development of surveillance guidelines for vivax malaria including use of new diagnostic tools (RDT and LAMP).
- 3-2 Establish specific surveillance indicators for vivax malaria including those

that can be used as an early warming system for detection of outbreaks of vivax malaria.

#### 4 General Recommendations

- 4-1 An inventory of institutions and other partner organizations working on vivax malaria should be compiled. This should include the identification of focal points and a description of existing research projects and possible areas of collaboration.
- 4-2 An inventory of training needs related to vivax malaria should be compiled.
- 4-3 A web site should be established with general information on vivax malaria and information on the network.
- 4-4 The next meeting of the network should be organized in late 2008 to review the status of the network and progress made towards achieving the goals.
- 4-5 Additional funding partners should be identified for sustaing/expanding activities of the network.
- 4-6 The following institutes should be considered for membership in the Network:

  The National Institute of Parasitic Diseases, China CDC ( China )

  National Institute of Infectious Diseases ( Japan )

  Korea CDC / National Institute for Health ( Republic of Korea )

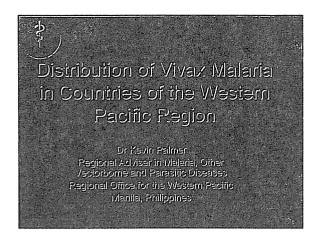
  Research Institute of Tropical Diseases ( Philippines )

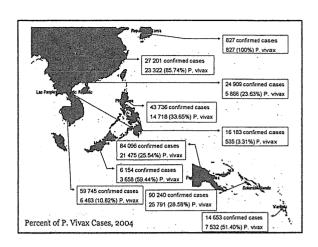
  National Institute of Malaria Research ( India )

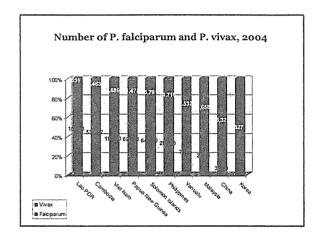
  and Other National Institutes in concerning countries

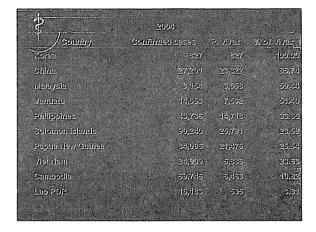
#### 5 Other Partners

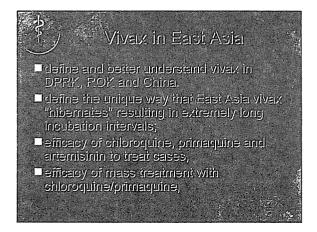
WHO / WPRO WHO / SEARO WHO / EMRO
ACT / Malaria and Other International Partners



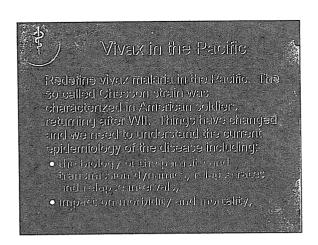


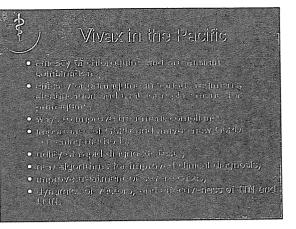


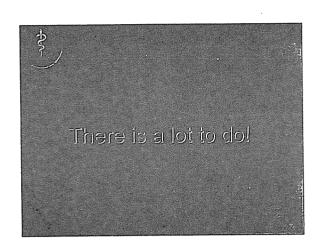


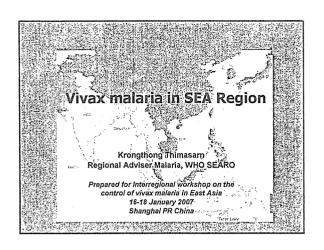


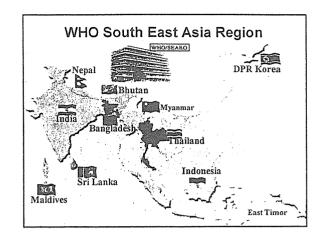












### Malaria burden in SEA Region

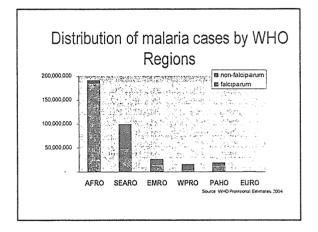
 All countries affected except Maldives

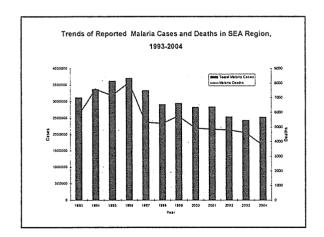
 Reported annually Cases: ~ 2.5 million

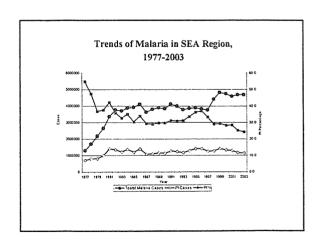
Deaths: 4,500
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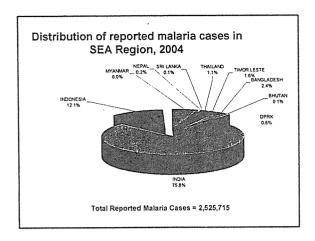
Cases: 20 million Deaths: 100,000

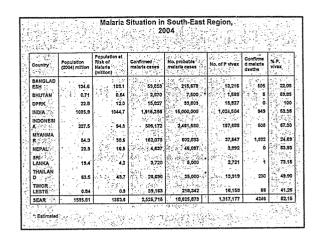


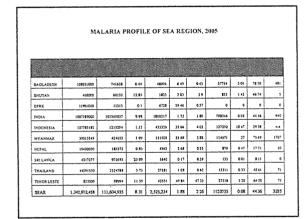


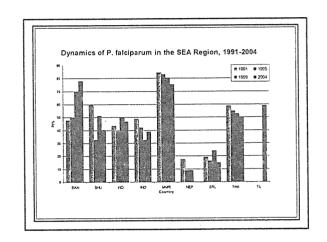






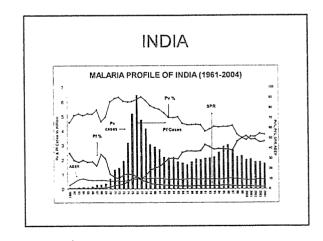




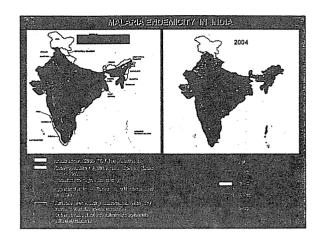


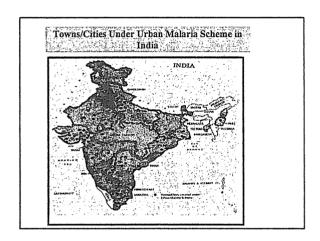
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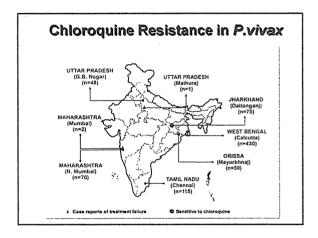
- · India- highest burden of vivax in the Region
- Indonesia resistance to Chloroquine
- Sri Lanka
  - no resistance reported
  - aims for malaria elimination
- · DPR Korea- 100% vivax, long incubation period
- · Nepal border malaria
- Thailand reversed ratios Pf/Pv following successful implementation of ACT

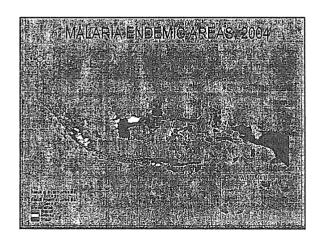


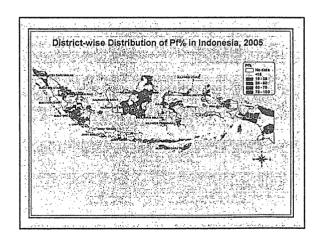


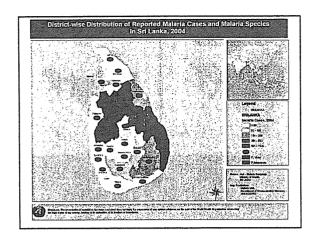


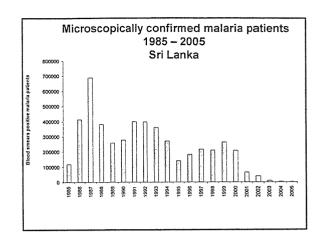


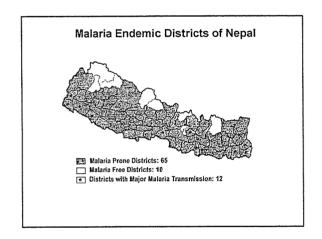


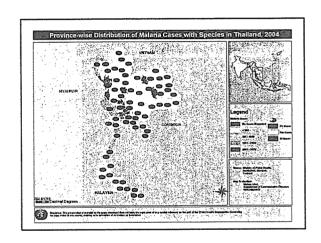






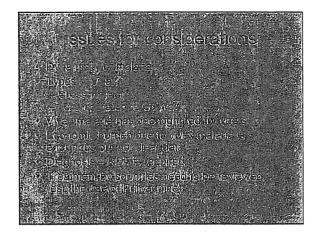






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# Overview of Vivax Malaria in EMR

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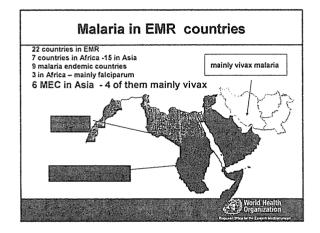


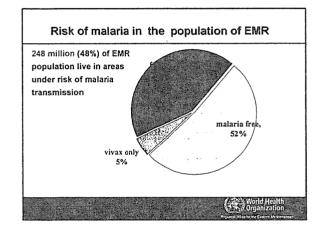
#### Malaria burden in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

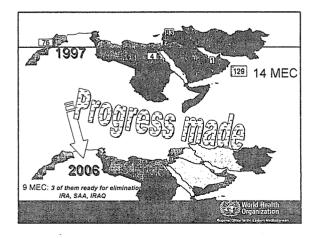
Malaria is still a PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

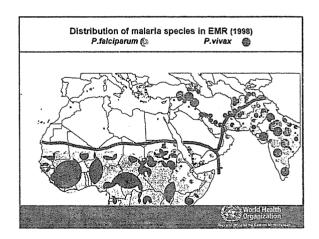
- 2.7 million reported cases ( clinical and confirmed) in 2005
- -10.5 million estimated malaria cases/year in 2005
- 2.5 million estimated vivax cases
- 59 000 total malaria deaths (WHR 04)

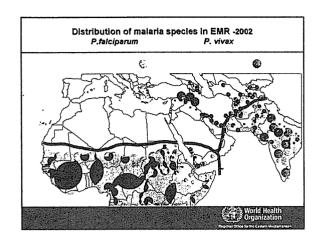


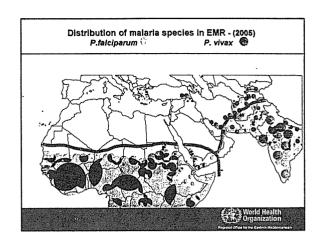












## Reported vivax cases in Asian countries with local transmission in EMR- 2005

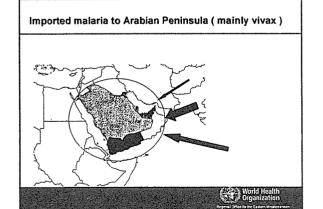
1 14	Total reported	Total confirmed	total vivax	%vivax
Afghanistan	215090	66798	61788	93
Pakistan	3894000	127825	85643	67
Iran	18966	18966	16690	88
Iraq	47	47	47	100
total	4128103	213636	164168	77



# Reported imported vivax cases (2005) in Asian countries which eliminated malaria

	Total imported	vivax	% - % - % - % - % - % - % - % - % - % -
Bahrain	71	57	80
Qatar	168	72	43
Kuwait	302	165	55
Oman 🔆	544	391	72
UAE	1544	1220	79
Jordan	86	75	87
Total	2715	1980	73

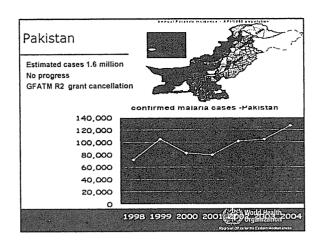


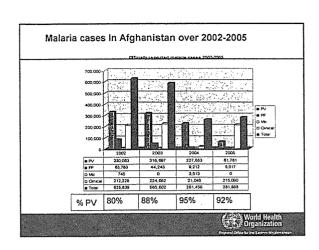


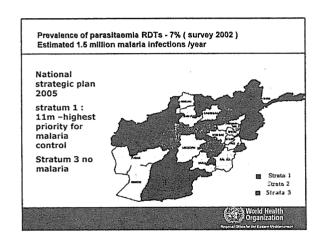
#### Vivax malaria in Pakistan

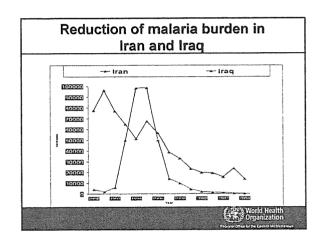
Province	Total confirmed	Vivax	%
Punjab	2,438	1,867	76.6
Sind	29,899	18,931	63.3
NWFP	20,102	17,988	89.5
FATA	16,221	13,803	85.1
Baluchistan	58,597	32,374	55.2
AJK	569	545	95.8
PAKISTAN	127,826	85,508	66.9

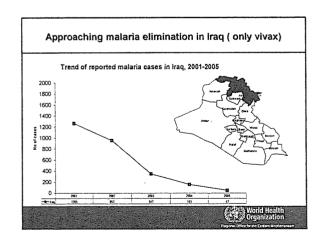
World Health Organization

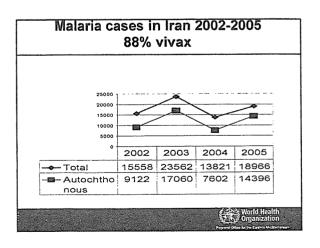


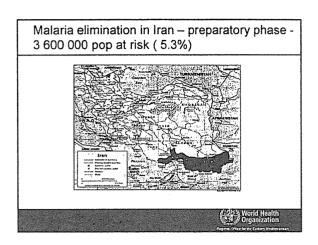


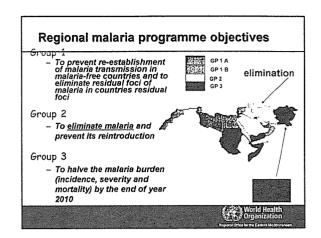












#### Challenges - management of vivax cases

- no information on CQ resistance / efficacy for vivax malaria –
- Diagnosis
  - Poor and limited services for malaria microscopy in AFG, PAK
  - No pre-qualified RDTs in vivax areas



#### Challenges- radical treatment -Primaquine

Primaquine is recommended for Antirelapse treatment (14 day course) in confirmed infection with *P.vivax* 

#### Challenges

- Compliance with 14 day course is poor
   (Pakistan is recommending PQ for 5days)
- -Not to be used for children < 4 years and pregnant women
- Limited use of 14 day course in G6PD deficiency areas: use of primaquine 0.75mg/kg weekly for 8 weeks to patients with G6PD deficiency is recommended instead in some countries



#### Challenges - detection of vivax cases

- Timely Detection of vivax cases in malaria free countries is a concern
  - -Mostly asymptomatic
  - -Occurrence of clinical relapses
  - -Poor epidemiological classification



#### IRS in Countries in Asian countries with vivax malaria

Country	Targeted	Sprayed	Coverage
	H/structures	H/structures	(%)
Iran	441 709	413 912	94
	388 653	362 024	93
Pakistan	52 1449	34 0358	65
	50 000	48 000	36
iraq	91 154	84 983	93
	91 154	21 438	24
AFG	No IRS	<u>L</u>	

#### Use of IRS -challenges

- wrong formulation of insecticides
- Poor performance
  - incorrect entomological profile
  - Lack of trained teams, scarcity of entomologists
  - spraying equipments are not up to specifications, Not properly maintained and stored
  - Weak malaria surveillance to guide timely application



#### Future needs for Expansion of IRS.....

- Innovative approach of implementing IRS in a decentralized system Pakistan
- Introduce IRS in complex emergency country-Afghanistan
- Support the activities for monitoring insecticide resistance
- developing entomological profile, risk mapping using GIS tools



### No. of ITNs/LLINs Distributed in 2005 in Malaria endemic countries

Country	Pop. Targeted	No. Distributed	Pop. Covered	
Afghanistan	603 918????	201 306	?????	
Pakistan	7777777	2 000	????	

Coverage in AFG 16% ??



## The main issues in the implementation of ITNs/LLINs.....

- Need to scale up
- Data on coverage not available in many countries
- Countries are unable to estimate population targeted



#### Information Gap / Research needs

- Efficacy of ACTs in vivax malaria
- New drugs/regimen for radical treatment for better compliance
- information on prevalence of G6PD
- screening tools for G6PD deficiency
- Sensitive approaches for screening/ early detection of imported vivax cases ( majority are asymptomatic)
- Reliable , RDTs suitable to field conditions
- Impact of vivax malaria in pregnancy
- Developing entomological profile and risk stratification for AFG, PAK



### Thank you



