



# MALARIA SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, 2003

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## OUTLINE

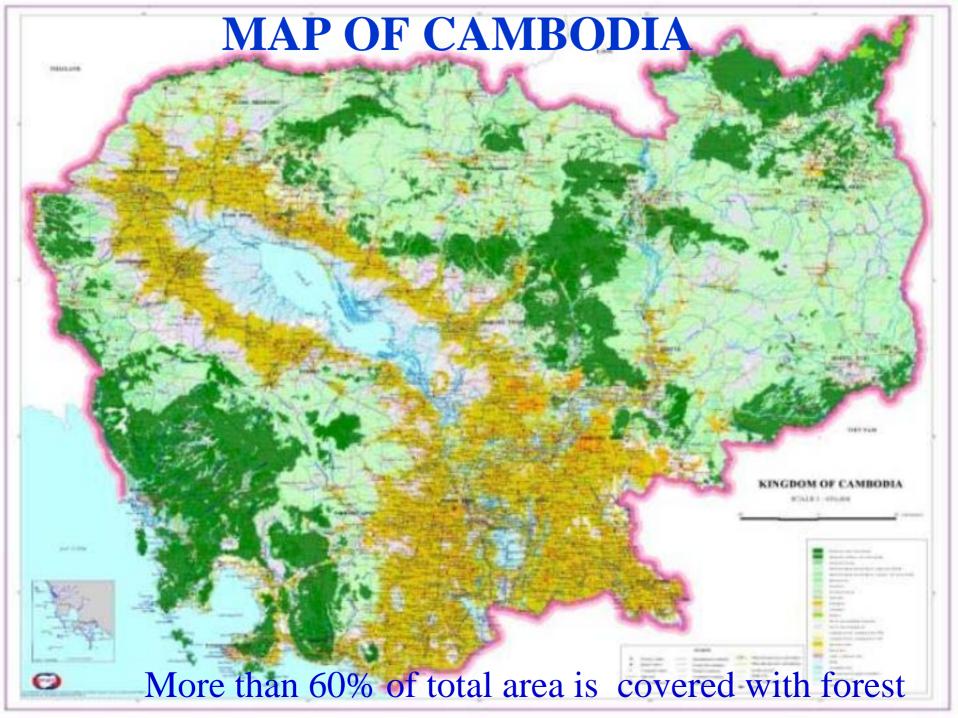
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#### Magnitude of Malaria in Cambodia

Malaria continues to be a major public health problem in Cambodia.

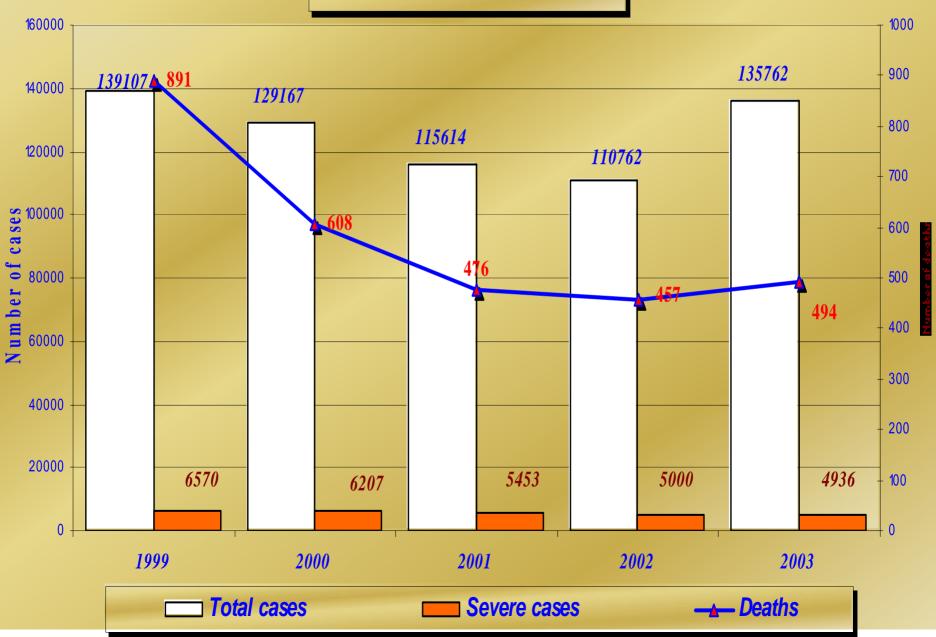
One of the main obstacles to the country's development and also poses a heavy toll for communities.

An estimated 1.6 million people of total population are at risk of malaria and about half a million of these live in the high transmission forest areas.

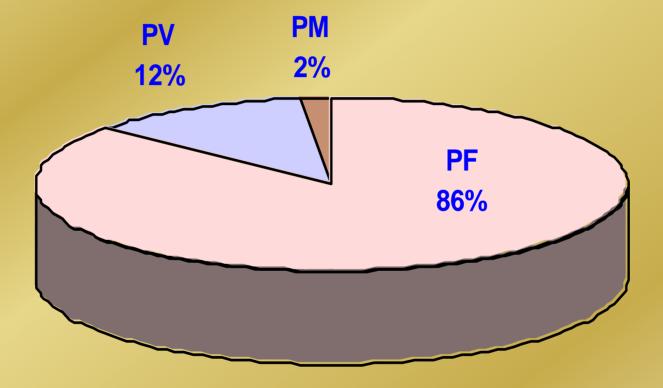


#### Trends in Disease Incidence and Mortality

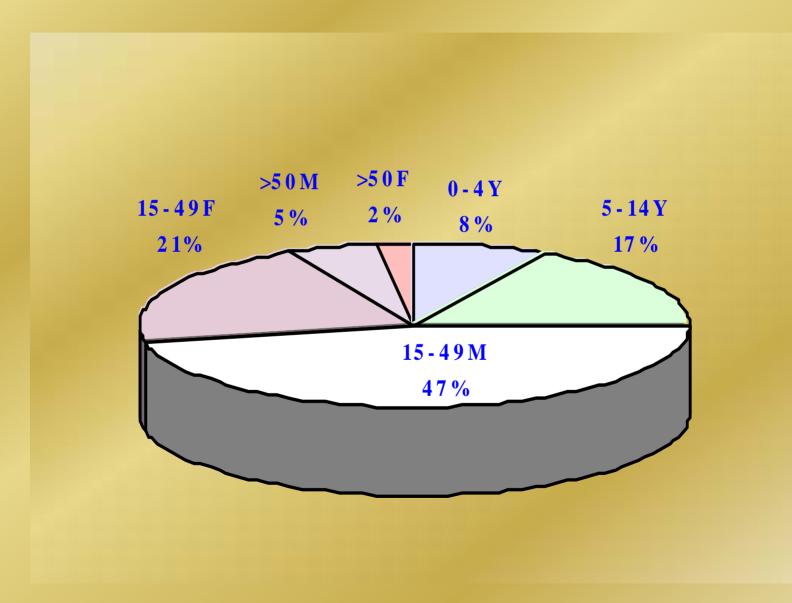
Number of total Malaria cases, Severe cases and Deaths during 1997-2003 in Cambodia



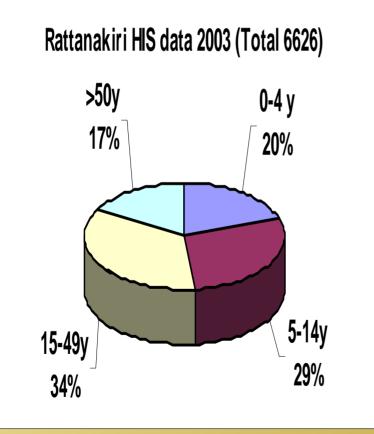
## Malaria species confirmed by microscope in Cambodia 2003 (Total number examined: 42227)

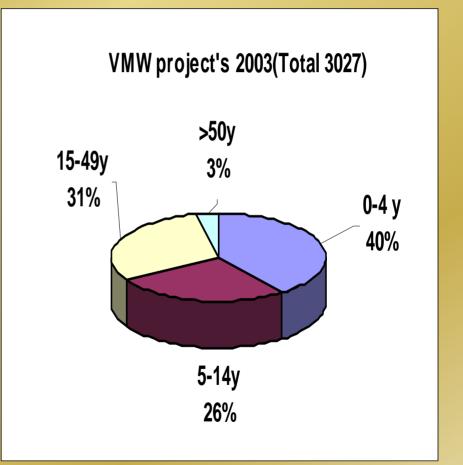


Malaria confirmed cases (microscope & dipstick) by age group in 2003, Cambodia (Total 74449)

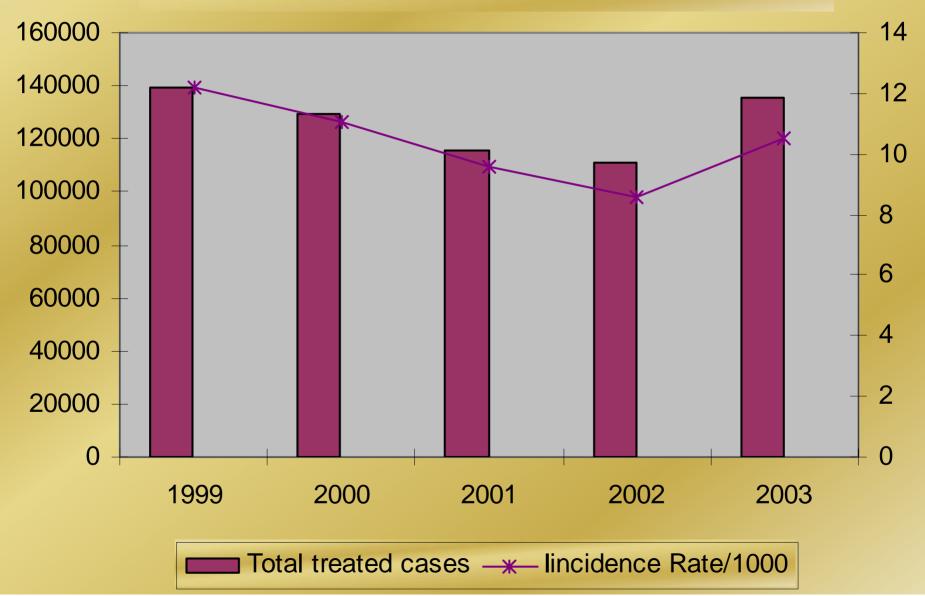


#### Comparison of age distribution of treated malaria cases (Ref: HIS and Village Malaria Worker's data 2003 from Rattanakiri province)

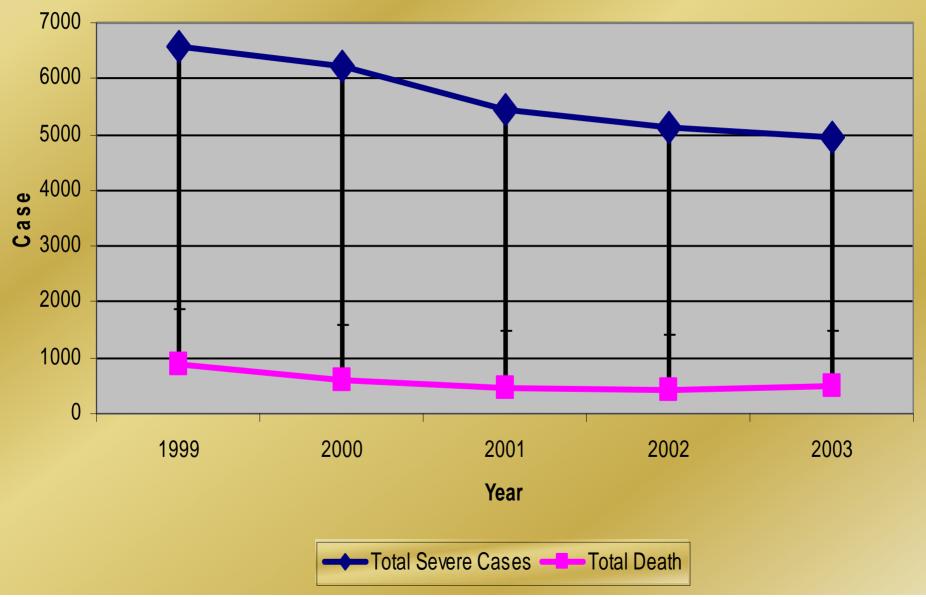




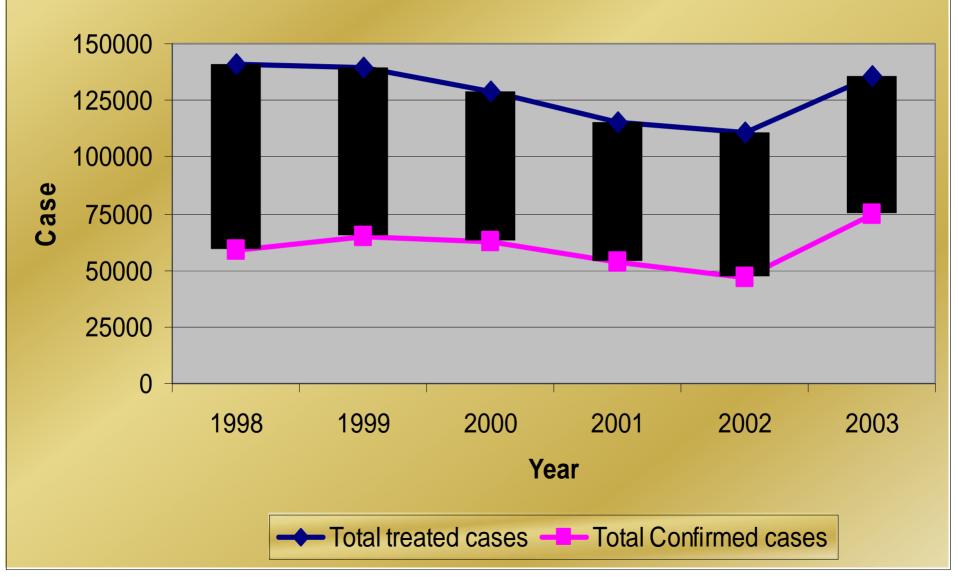
# Total Treated cases and the Incidence rate of treated Cases from 1999-2003, Cambodia

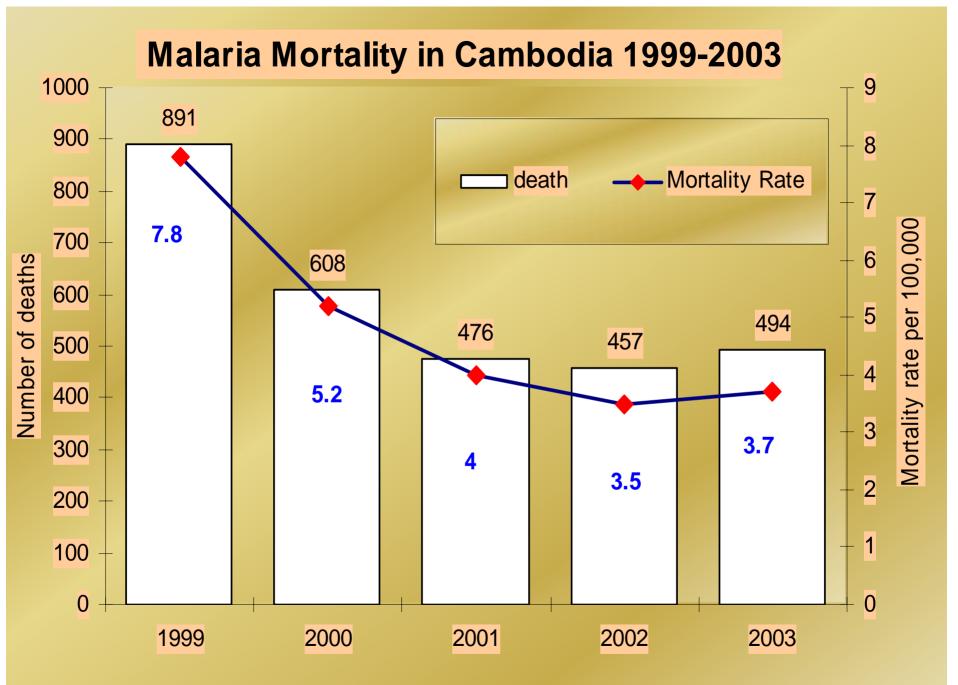


# Malaria severe case and death from 1999-2003, Cambodia



# Malaria treated case and confirmed case from 1998-2003, Cambodia





#### Factors contributing to Malaria deaths

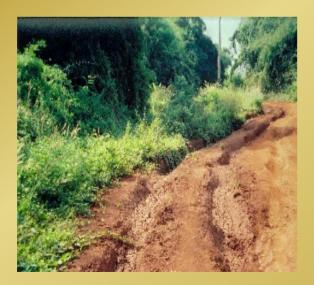
- Predominance of the falciparum variety of malaria
- Poor health infrastructure especially in the high transmission areas
- Poor communication systems- poor road conditions, lack of suitable vehicles, lack of telephone facilities, etc.resulting in treatment delays
- Occupational hazard among the military personnel, forest workers, miners, etc.
- Remoteness & inaccessibility of affected areas
- Continuing shortages of diagnostic kits and appropriate drugs
- Large number of unqualified private practitioners and pharmacies who still do not follow national treatment guidelines
- Abundance of fake drugs available in the market
- Drug resistance in different pockets of the country

## **Difficult road communications**













# Cambodian malaria control strategy

A public/private mixed delivery system

#### **Public sector**









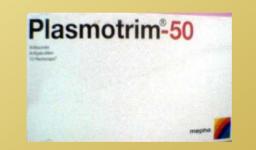


#### Private sector



## VMW approach













## Village Malaria Workers (VMW) Project



## Background of Village Based Malaria EDAT initiative

- Although malaria affects people living in 60 % of total area of Cambodia, yet because of low density of population, proportionally less health facilities have been established in these areas and thus not meeting their actual malaria care needs.
- People living in remote areas which are beyond the reach of outreach services unable to access malaria diagnosis & treatment services at public and/ or private facilities.
- In local transmission areas, children are the easy victims of malaria and thus the morbidity and mortality are very high especially among this group.



#### **Pilot Projects in RTK & K. Kong provinces**



#### EDAT by VMWs in hyperendemic villages



A baby with falciparum malaria in Yaem village waits to see the Village malaria worker (VMW.)

VMW confirms *PF* by dipstick test



#### Treatment



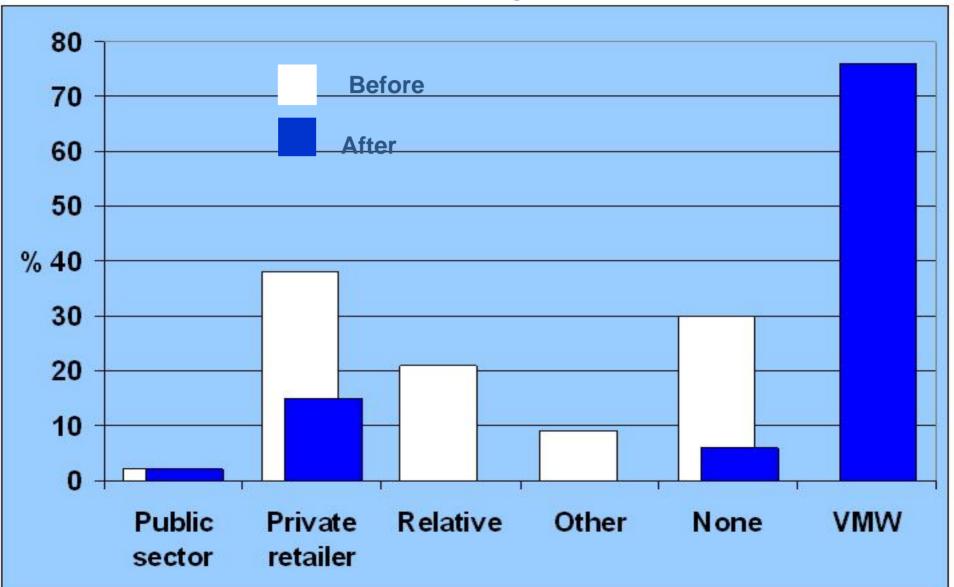




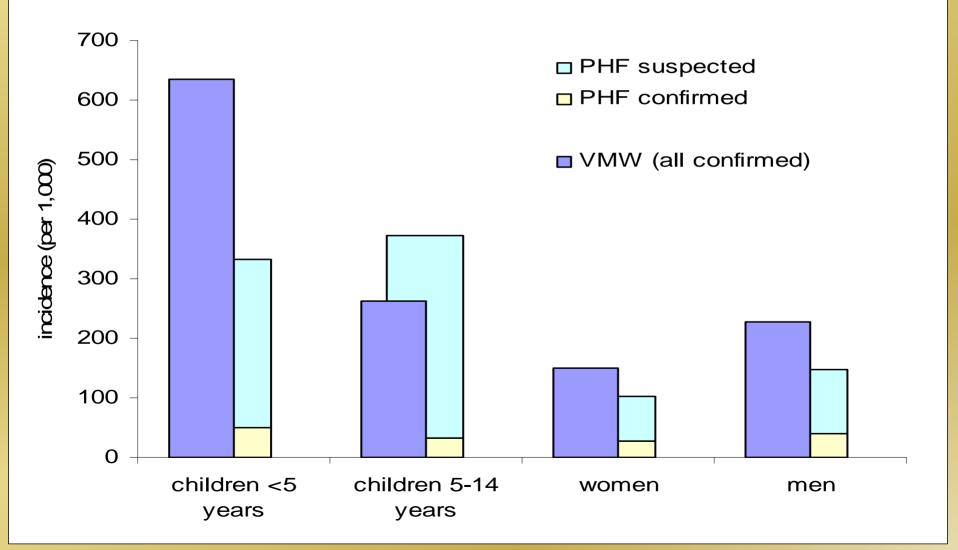




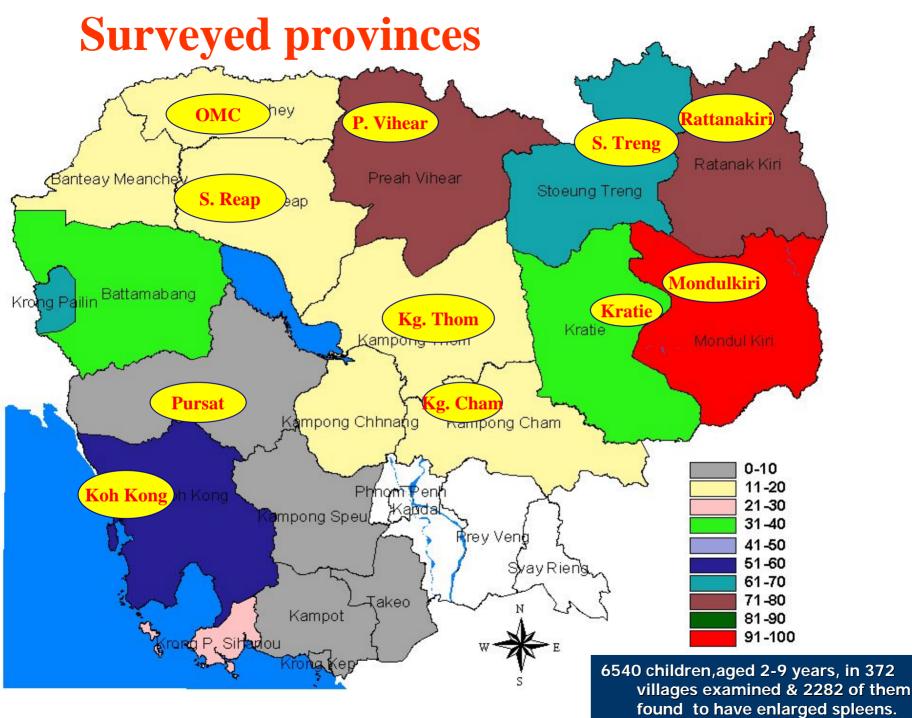
#### Changes in treatment seeking behavior following the introduction of village malaria workers



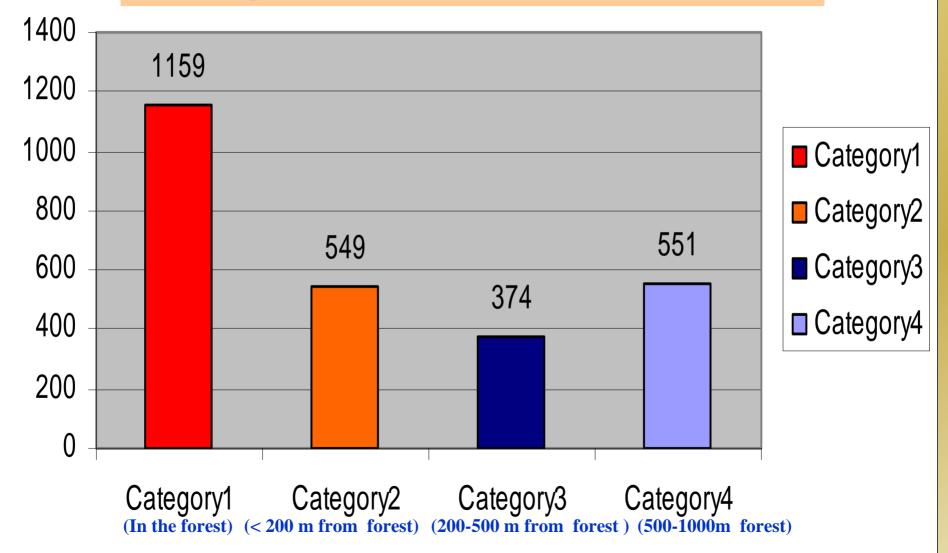
Comparison of the estimated annual incidence of malaria in rural Ratanakiri in 2002-2003 (by age and sex) derived from two different sources: rural public health facilities (RPHF) province wide and VMWs in 36 villages.



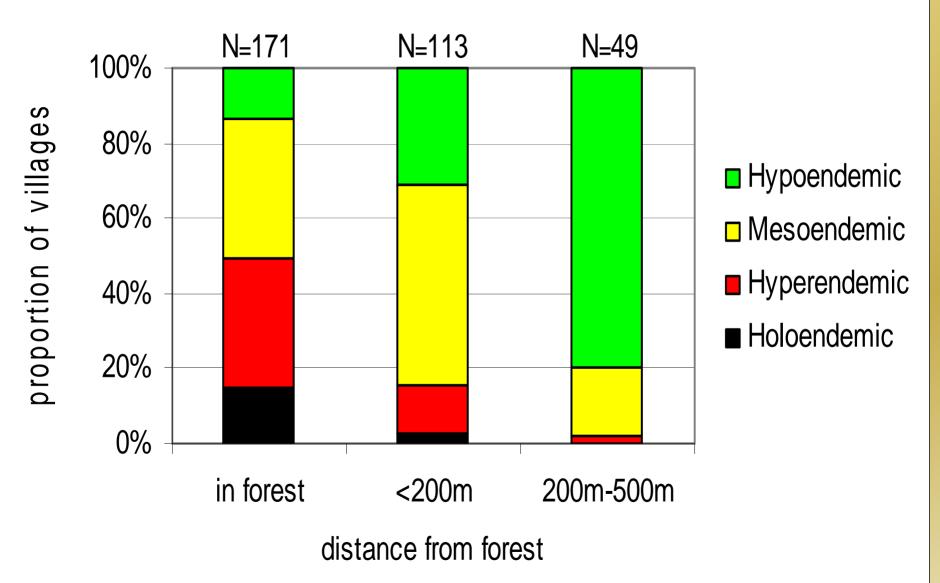
# Scaling up the VMV project (with GFATM support)

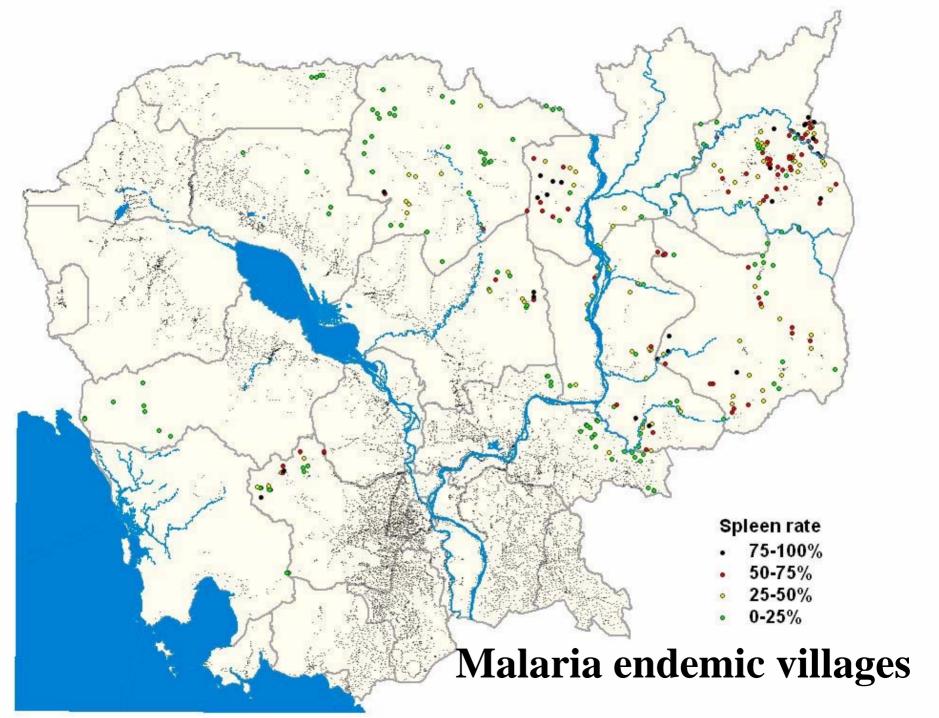


# Number of villages in different categories of risk in Cambodia

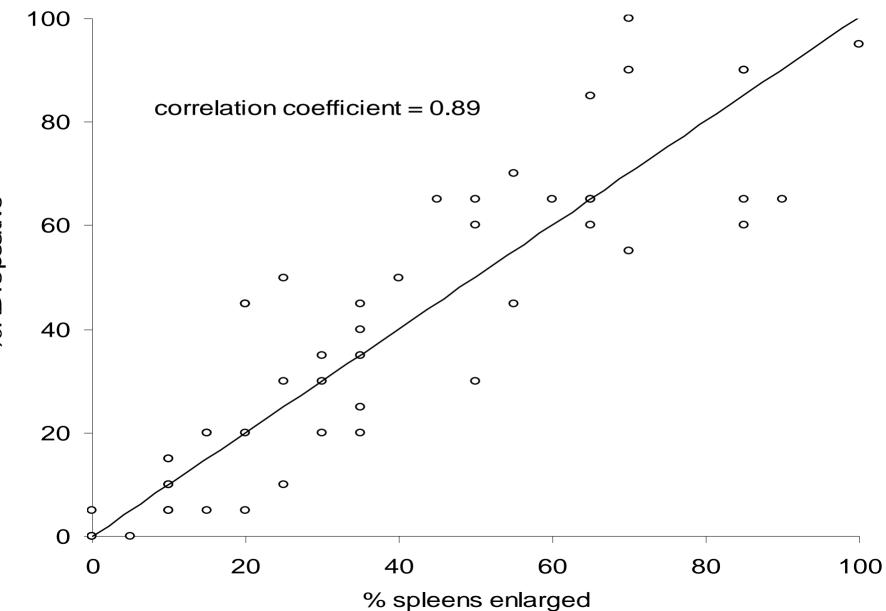


#### Endemicity of villages by distance from forest.





#### Correlation between spleen rate and RDT positivity.

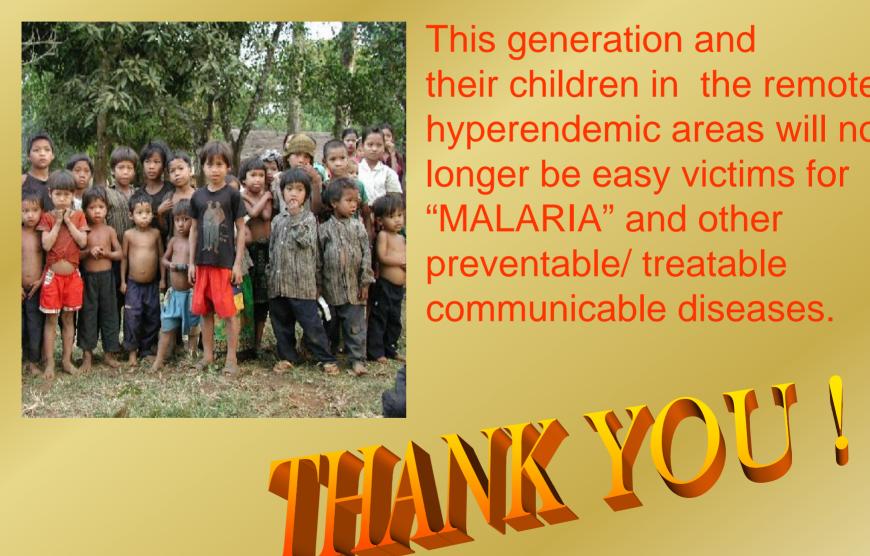


%RDTs positive

# Summary

- Malaria is still a major public health concern in Cambodia.
- Public/private mixed EDAT delivery system is in place and functioning fairly well.
- Village based EDAT for malaria has emerged as the emergency strategy of choice for remote and hyperendemic villages in Cambodia

#### With the expectation that....



This generation and their children in the remote hyperendemic areas will no longer be easy victims for "MALARIA" and other preventable/ treatable communicable diseases.