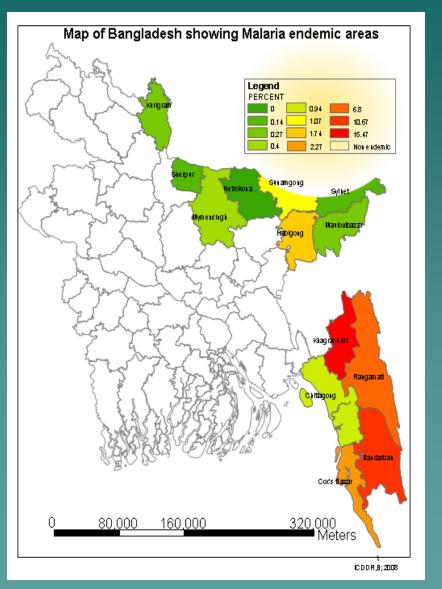
Current Epidemiological Situation and Implementation Status of Malaria Control Programme in Bangladesh

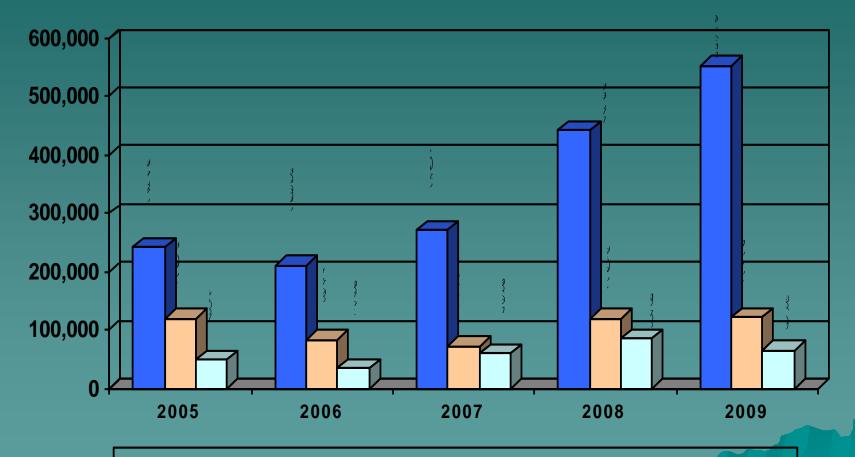
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Malaria at a glance



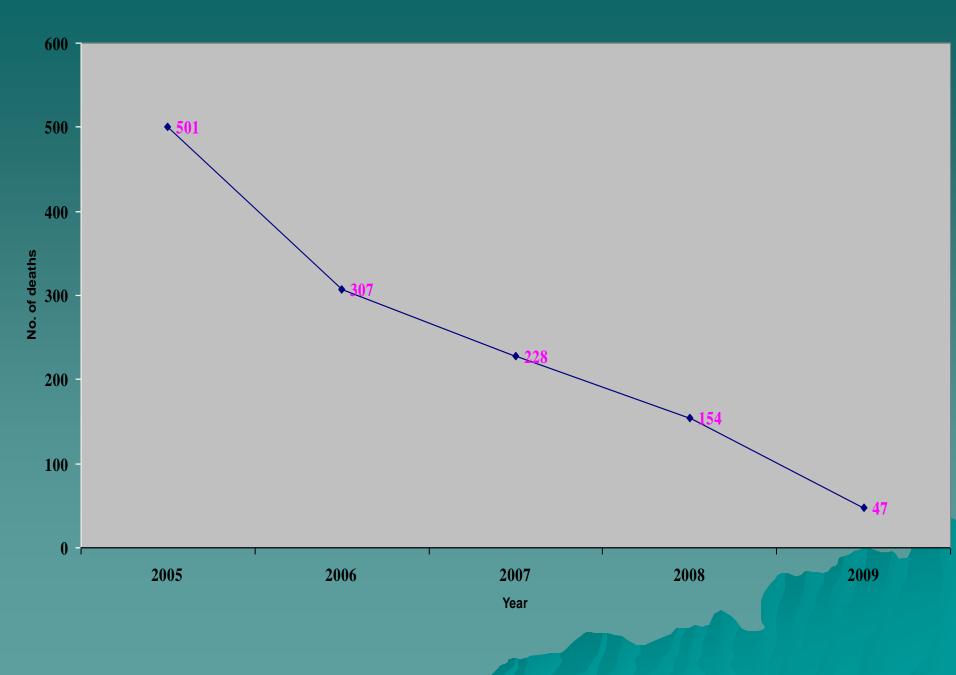
- Malaria is a major public health problem in Bangladesh
- 13 out of 64 districts with 10.9 million people at risk of the disease
- Three hill tract districts report >80% of malaria cases and deaths
- A. dirus, A. minimus and A. philipenensis are principal vectors
 - > *Pf* infection is >75

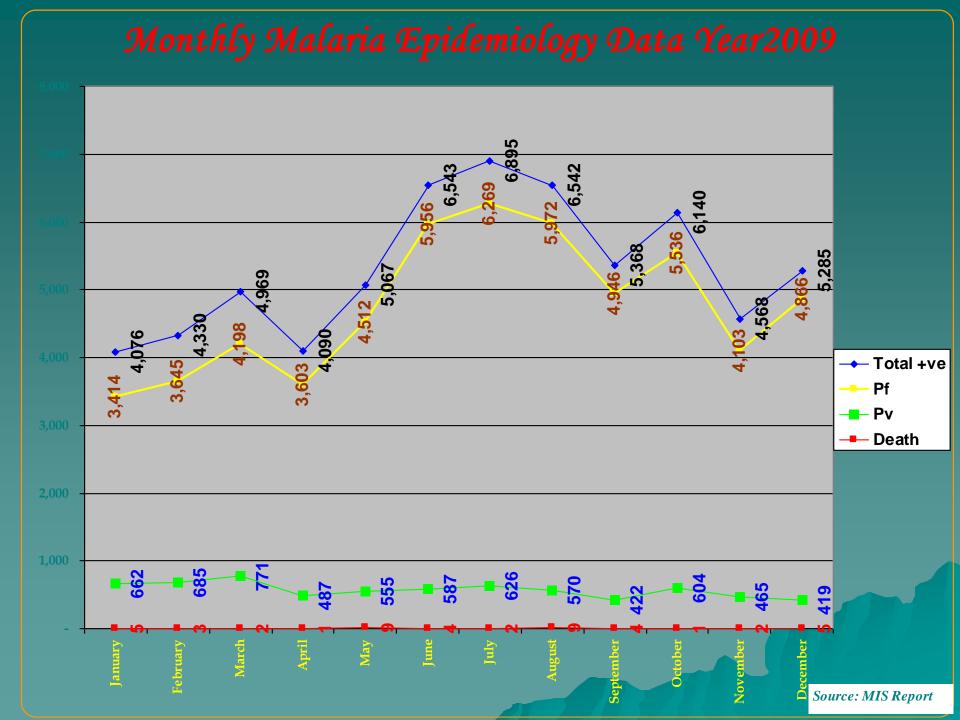
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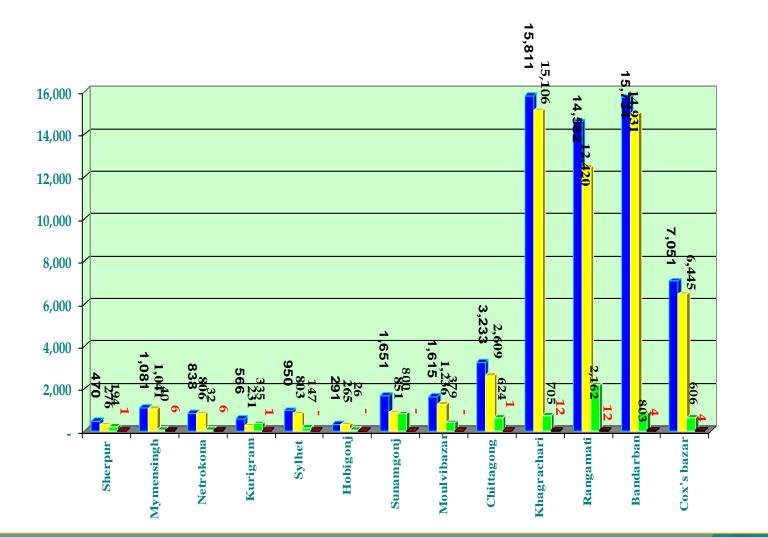
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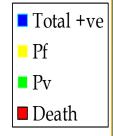
Malaria Deaths 2005-2009





District wise Malaria Cases and Deaths 2009





Source: MIS Report

Goal and Objectives

- Goal: Reduced burden of malaria in 13 high endemic districts
- Objectives:
 - To provide quality diagnosis and effective treatment to 90% of the malaria cases in 13 high endemic districts by 2015.
 - To promote use of ITN/LLINs in 100% of the households in 3 hill tract districts and 80% in the remaining 10 districts and selective IRS for containment of outbreaks by 2015
 - To strengthen programme management capacity and coordination and partnership in malaria control

Vector Control

- ITMN promotion in high-risk areas.
 In 3 hill districts, 80% households own at least one bednet (remote areas15%).
- Deltamethrin 1% SC used for treatment of bed nets.
- Limited IRS with deltamethrin 5% WP done for containment of outbreaks
- Community awareness for Integrated Vector Management (IVM)

WHO, ACT Malaria Foundation and other Stakeholders' involvement

- Updating policies, strategies, tools and guidelines
- Training of doctors, nurses; lab. Technicians and field staff including private practitioners
- Conducting drug/insecticide resistance monitoring
- Developing and implementing GFATM proposals

Major Stakeholders

A 21-member NGO Consortium led by BRAC UNDP (Chittagong Hill Tract Development Facility-CHTDF) International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) Malaria Research Group (MRG) in Chittagong Medical College GoB institutions e.g. NIPSOM; IEDCR; and

Medical Colleges in the endemic areas

Preventive and Control Measures

• Early diagnosis and treatment at the community level both by RDT and microscopy Additional 120 microscopy centres established ♦ 12,027 workers provided with RDTs for diagnosis and treatment at the community level ♦ 1.2 million LLINs have been distributed and 944,036 community nets have been treated with K-O tab

Mass awareness programme is implemented by the GoB and NGO workers

Major Issues and challenges

 \diamond 100% access to quality diagnosis and effective treatment especially in hard-to-reach areas Universal coverage with LLINs Improving disease and vector surveillance Strengthening the referral system Establishing QA system for drugs; diagnostics and insecticides Achieving elimination status in low endemic areas

Gaps Still Need to be Addressed

Financial Constraints – Drugs, ITN/LLIN

Lack of skilled manpower for vector and parasitological control, and surveillance

Best practices: LLIN distribution



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Best practices: Awareness meeting



RDT testing



RDT testing



World Malaria Day 2009-Rally











