

# Fact Sheet June 2010

## Taking the bite out of malaria

**Project:** Malaria reduction in the Diocese of Maseno (Kenya)

**Goal:** \$50,000 Cdn

#### **Project impact**

This project will benefit over 4,000 people, including:

- 1800 students will learn how to prevent malaria
- 1200 children under age five will be given mosquito nets to protect them as they sleep
- 840 pregnant women and nursing mothers will learn prevention techniques and how to use mosquito nets
- 200 community healthcare volunteers will be trained to teach others to prevent malaria



According to the World Health Organization and UNICEF

- Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes.
- Approximately half of the world's population is at risk of malaria, particularly those living in lower-income countries.
- Malaria remains one of the worlds leading killers.
- Each year, up to 500 million people are infected with malaria and nearly 1 million die.
- The majority of its victims are children under five and pregnant women.
- Malaria kills a child somewhere in the world every 30 seconds. The majority of these children die within 48 hours of the onset of illness.
- Ninety per cent of deaths due to malaria occur in sub-Saharan Africa, where malaria accounts for about 20 per cent of all childhood deaths.
- Since these mosquitoes are more active at night, sleeping under an insecticide-treated net can reduce overall child mortality by 20 per cent.
- Malaria also takes an economic toll, cutting economic growth by as much as 1.3 per cent in countries with high disease rates. Because of its drag on the health in low-income countries, managing malaria is an essential part of global health – and economic – development.
- Malaria is preventable and curable.

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#### How to help ARDFC take the bite out of malaria in Kenya

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online using the secure CanadaHelps website. For information see: www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm
- By sending your cheque to: ARDFC · Box 1013 · Burlington, ON · L7R 4L8

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