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Kenyan children to get first malaria vaccine in the world next month

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A child gets the RTS,S malaria vaccine during the clinical trials. / FILE

Kenya could become the first country in the world to introduce the malaria vaccine next month.

At least **120,000 children** are expected to get the vaccine in select hospitals in Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Busia, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori and Siaya counties.

The vaccine **Mosquirix** will be given to **children aged six months to 24 months in four doses.**

The four doses will be administered at six, seven, nine and 24 months through an injection on the upper arm.

The Ministry of Health is expected to formally make the announcement soon, the Star has learnt.

Details of the expected roll-out emerged in a stakeholders meeting organised in Nairobi by the ministry yesterday.

The pilot roll-out will assess the feasibility of delivering four doses in real-life settings, and assess the vaccine's potential to reduce child deaths.

The pilot has faced various delays as it was first scheduled for October last year.

"We may have been over-optimistic with the timelines," David Schellenberg, scientific adviser to the World Health Organization's Global Malaria Programme, said recently.

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WHO is supporting the introduction of the vaccine in Kenya, Ghana and Malawi.

The pilot will be complete by 2021, but researchers will continue monitoring feasibility and safety until 2022.

The results will help Kenya decide whether or not to adopt the vaccine and make it part of routine immunisation.

Last year, head of malaria control Ejersa Waqo said the children will still need to take the usual malaria control precautions such as sleeping under mosquito nets.

Currently, treated mosquito nets and residual spraying are among the major interventions being used to reduce prevalence.

Three major donors are partnering to provide Sh5 billion for the first phase of the vaccine pilot in the three countries.

Mosquirix, also called RTS,S, was first conceived in the 1980s and has undergone all clinical trials, returning less than optimal results.

The vaccine – made by GSK - is only effective in 30 to 50 per cent of patients, says the WHO.

Its effectiveness diminishes over time and it disappears fastest in children who are most exposed to malarial mosquito bites. However, because no defence against malaria is perfect, the vaccine is being considered in addition to the existing defences.

Health CS Sicily Kariuki last year said Kenya will decide whether to adopt the vaccine after the pilots.

"We look forward to the outcomes of the pilot to further inform in-country policy," she said in a speech on World Malaria Day.

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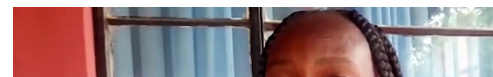
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why only in kenya/africa and not in parallel in other malaria affected countries like India , and many other asian or south america countries.
they tried with AIDS and the africans are still there and they want try other means.
Kama hawa pedophiles wana kuja in the name " missionaries"

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Be careful of these vaccines. Some are meant to eliminate the black people on the face of the earth. We know autism is caused by vaccines. Dr. Robert Gallo has documented how they created HIV to eliminate the black people. Tuskegee Study, black men were infected by Syphilis.

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They used the word, TO ERADICATE CERTAIN PEOPLE!! (HEBREW PEOPLE) that's the ZIONIST's PROTOCOLS. Na hizo inchi zote wametaja hapo ni Bantus kule wako, kwetu target ni Waluhya. Ghana, Malawi, Kenya, ndio Clan ya Ancient Hebrews wako wengi!! Gikuyu wakiwa the Seers na Prophets!!!



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Guinea pigs, eh?



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Test it in your countries first ...

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it used to take a drug company as long as 10 years to put a new drug on the market. it took as long as 5 years of phase one testing on lab animals to find out if the concoction was toxic/harmful to lab animals and then if it had any effect on the condition targeted. it is said that 80% of the concoctions fall by the wayside in phase one tests - that is, they were toxic or ineffective. then in phase two, the right dosage and side effects of the promising drugs would be tested on limited number of volunteers (often the poor, mental cases, and nyeusi .. hey, that's the kaburu way..)

predators are on the lookout for compromised prey. our compromised leader gifagi faced possible charges at the icc for crimes against humanity arising from pev2007. so, to save his behind from a life sentence, he offered to sacrifice destitute kenyans - by condemning them to be used as disposable guinea pigs by kaburu that wanted to cut down an the time it took to identify promising drugs and 'tuning' them fir dosage and side effects - by combining phase one(on guinea pig) and phase two (on human subjects) of drug testing - and thereby cut down the time to market by half AT THE EXPENSE OF the human subjects who may die or become seriously ill if pumped full of lab

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It's atrap!!! How many times do we have to receive the so called 'VACCINES'!!!!? De population is what they are after!! check out what RTS,S stands for, the same scientists in the 70's, did research and found out that the Bantu Children's Brain development, is higher with 200 times more than the rest of the children in the world!! which in their ways of reasoning it's sinful, and has to be remd! ndio hizo basi vaccines, za kila aina, watoto wana anza kuzaliwa na palsy! severe brain damage!!!! NWO at works here!! it's just an excuse, so they can administer the SUMU!!

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