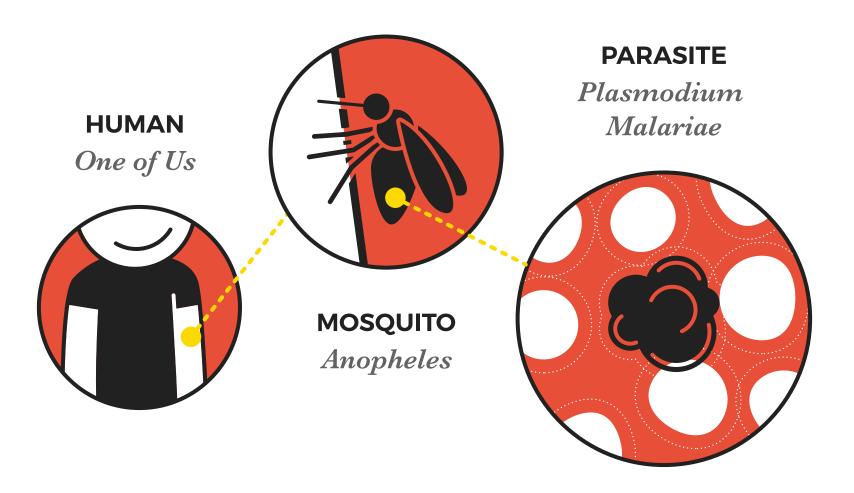


## **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

In recognition of World Malaria Day April 25th 2016



# Malaria is a life-threatening disease



It is caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected female mosquitoes.

# **EARLY SYMPTOMS**

(Uncomplicated Malaria)







**HEADACHES** 



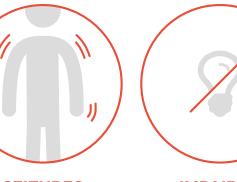
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# **SEVERE SYMPTOMS**

(Complicated by serious infection)



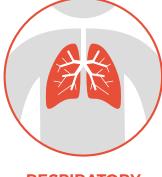
COMA SEIZURES



IMPAIRED CONSIOUSNESS



**ANEMIA** 



RESPIRATORY DISTRESS



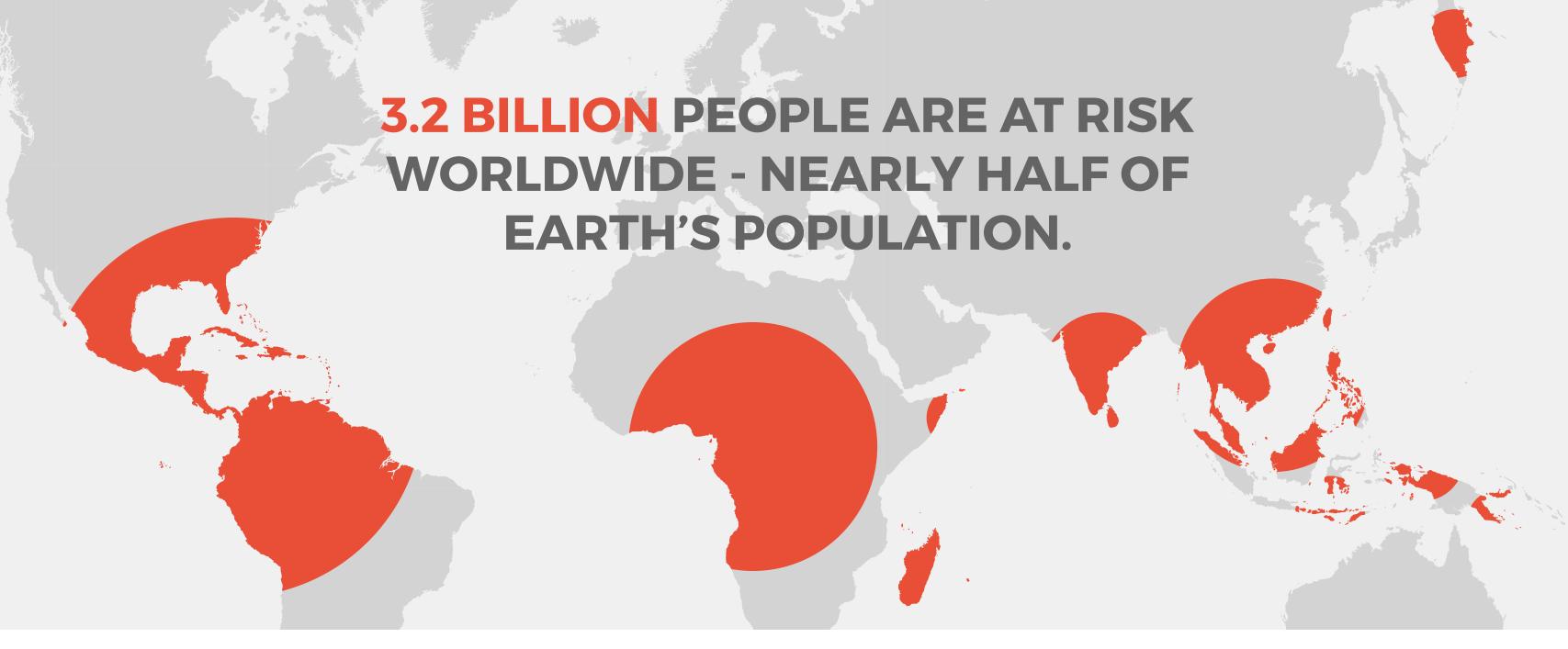
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**HYPOGLYCEMIA** 



KIDNEY FAILURE





Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 88% of cases and 90% of deaths in 2015

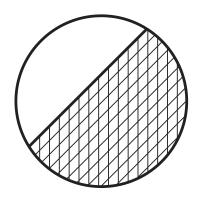


Most vulnerable are children, pregnant women and travellers from Malaria-free areas



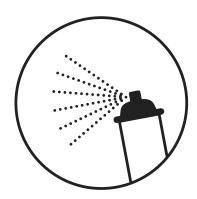
214 million cases resulting in 438,000 deaths in 2015

# DESPITE ALL THIS, MALARIA IS AN ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE & TREATABLE DISEASE



## Insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs)

The World Health Organisation recommends that all people at risk of malaria sleep under a LLIN (Long-Lasting Incesticidal Net) every night, and that the net is properly maintained.



## **Indoor residual spraying (IRS)**

Assuming 80% of the house is covered, spraying residual insecticides can protect a home for 3-6 months.



## Injectable artesunate

Severe malaria should be treated with injectable artesunate (intramuscular or intravenous) and followed by a complete course of an ACT as soon as the patient can take oral medicines.



## **Artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs)**

The World Health Organisation recommends ACTs for the treatment of uncomplicated malaria caused by the P. falciparum parasite - Artemisini & a partner drug.