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Hispaniola, which includes Haiti and the Dominican Republic, is the only island in the Caribbean where malaria is still endemic. Malaria Zero is an alliance of partners who have united to eliminate malaria from Hispaniola by 2020, creating a malaria-free zone across the Caribbean in just a few years' time.

## MALARIA: DEADLY, YET DEFEATABLE

Malaria is a **life-threatening disease** caused by a parasite that is transmitted to people through the **bites of infected mosquitoes**.

Almost half of the world's population is at risk. In 2013, there were approximately **200 million cases** and **600,000 deaths** worldwide from malaria.

**Malaria is preventable and treatable.** Malaria prevention and control measures have reduced mortality rates by nearly 50% worldwide since 2000.

## HISPANIOLA: THE LAST STRONGHOLD OF MALARIA IN THE CARIBBEAN



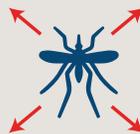
There were approximately **17,000 confirmed cases** of malaria in Haiti in 2014. The disease has an especially negative impact on the country's already fragile economy, **exacerbating poverty and decreasing productivity**.

In the Dominican Republic, there were approximately **500 cases of malaria in 2014**. However, the risk of malaria in the Dominican Republic will persist as long as it occurs anywhere on the island.

**With the right resources, malaria can be eliminated on Hispaniola.**



Malaria on Hispaniola is still sensitive to chloroquine, an anti-malarial medicine that is safe and inexpensive. Eliminating malaria now will be substantially less expensive than in the future.



The mosquito that transmits malaria on Hispaniola does not transmit it as easily as some other mosquito species, and remains susceptible to almost all insecticides.



The governments of Haiti and the Dominican Republic have demonstrated strong political will to end malaria and are committed to collaborating.



Past elimination efforts in the Caribbean suggest risk of reintroduction of malaria once eliminated will be low.

## AN ALLIANCE WITH ONE BOLD GOAL

Malaria Zero aims to eliminate malaria on Hispaniola by 2020.

Partners are working together to:

Improve surveillance to track all cases

Train and deploy community health workers

Develop community awareness campaigns

Test and diagnose all cases

Treat high-risk populations, preventing onward transmission

## A HEALTHIER HAITI, A STRONGER WORLD

Eliminating malaria on Hispaniola will:



Spur economic development and foreign investment, raising income levels for island residents



Strengthen Haiti's health system



Create a malaria-free zone across the Caribbean, preventing its reintroduction to other islands



Bring the world one step closer to regional and ultimately global malaria eradication, which will save millions of lives



## BE A PART OF HISTORY

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has generously provided \$29.9 million in initial funding to Malaria Zero; however, up to \$71 million more is needed to achieve elimination on Hispaniola by 2020. Help close the gap, creating a malaria-free zone across the Caribbean and bringing the world one step closer to global eradication.

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