

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

South-East Asia Region



I. Epidemiological Profile

Population Distribution (Country reported)

Population	2024	%
High transmission (>1 case per 1000 population)	1.4M	5.4%
Low transmission (0-1 case per 1000 population)	2.9M	11.4%
Malaria free (0 cases)	21.5M	83.3%
Total	25.8M	100%

Reported Cases and Deaths

Total cases (presumed + confirmed)	5.2K
Reported indigenous confirmed cases	5.2K
Indigenous deaths	0

Parasites and Vectors

Major *Plasmodium* Species

*P. falciparum**: -

P. vivax: 100%

*Includes mixed infections and other species of *Plasmodium*

Major *Anopheles* Species

An. sinensis s.s., *An. lesteri*, *An. yatsushiroensis*

II. Intervention policies and strategies

Interventions and Policies

Intervention	Policies/Strategies	Policy	Year
Diagnosis	Malaria diagnosis with either microscopy or RDTs are free in the public sector	Yes	1953
Treatment	ACTs for malaria treatment is free in the public sector	-	-
	ACT is delivered at community	-	-
	Pre-referral Rx with rectal artesunate suppositories at community level	-	-
	Single dose of primaquine is used as gametocidal medicine for <i>P. falciparum</i>	-	-
	The sale of oral artemisinin- based monotherapy drugs	N	-
IPT	IPT used to prevent malaria during pregnancy	-	-
	Community based delivery of IPTp (c-IPTp) is used to prevent malaria during pregnancy aligned with WHO recommendation	-	-
	Seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC) is used, aligned with WHO recommendation	-	-
	Perennial Malaria Chemoprevention (PMC) is used, aligned with WHO recommendation	-	-
	Intermittent Preventive Treatment in school-aged children (IPTsc) is used, aligned with WHO recommendation	-	-
	Surveillance	Malaria is a notifiable disease	Yes
	Case investigation and classification is undertaken	Yes*	2018
	Foci investigation and classification is undertaken	Yes	2018
	Case reporting from private sector is mandatory	-	-
ITN	ITNs distributed free of charge through through mass campaign to all age groups	No	2002
	ITNs distributed free of charge through routine channels to all age groups	Yes*	2002
	ITNs durability is monitored	Yes	2010
IRS	IRS is an intervention at the NMP	Yes*	2007
	DDT is used for IRS	No	-
Larval source management	Use of Larval source management	No	-

Antimalarial Treatment Policy

Antimalaria treatment policy	Medicine	Year adopted
First-line treatment of unconfirmed malaria	NA	
First-line treatment of <i>P. falciparum</i>	NA	
For treatment failure of <i>P. falciparum</i>	NA	
Treatment of severe malaria	NA	
Treatment of <i>P. vivax</i>	CQ+PQ	

Type of RDT used (public)

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Therapeutic efficacy tests (clinical and parasitological failure, %)

Medicine	Year	Min	Median	Max	Follow-up	No. of studies	Species
AL	2015-2015	0	0	0	28 days	1	Pv
CQ	2015-2017	0	0.6	2.4	28 days	6	Pv

Resistance status by insecticide class (2020-2024) and use of class for malaria vector control (2024)

Insecticide class	(%) sites ¹	Vectors ²	Used ³
Carbamates	-	-	No
Neonicotinoids	-	-	No
Organophosphates	-	-	No
Pyrethroids	-	-	Yes

¹ Percent of sites for which resistance is confirmed and total number of sites that reported data

² Vectors reported to exhibit resistance to insecticide class

³ Class reported as used for malaria control in 2024

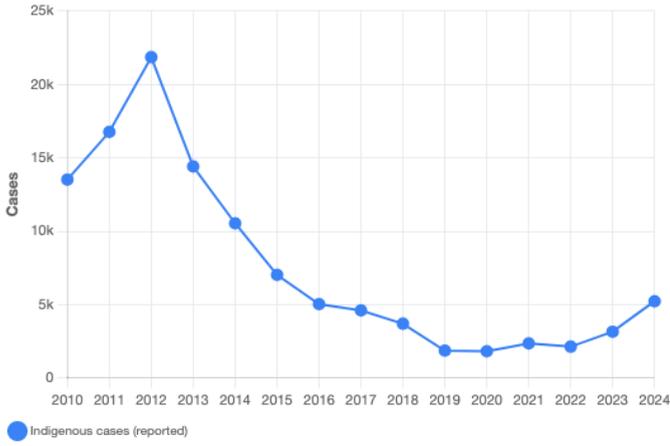
Yes* = Policy adopted, but not implemented in 2024, or no data exist to support implementation

No = Policy does not exist or policy has been discontinued

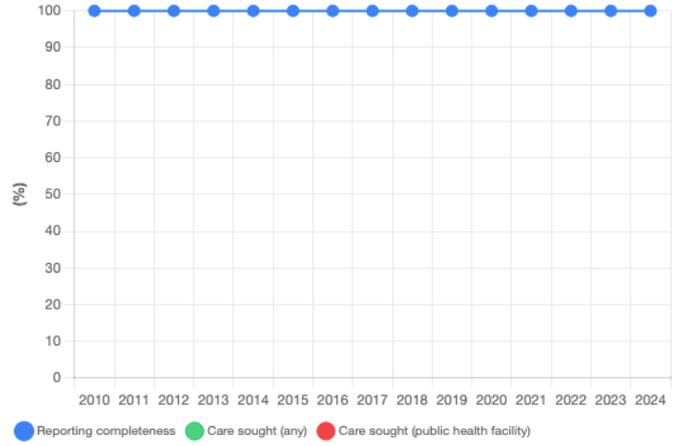
Earliest year that policy is adopted was adjusted based on the earliest year that the WHO policy was recommended

III. Data Visualization

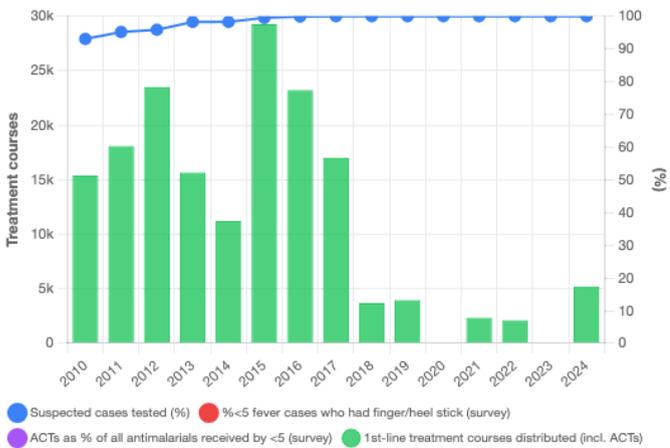
Reported cases



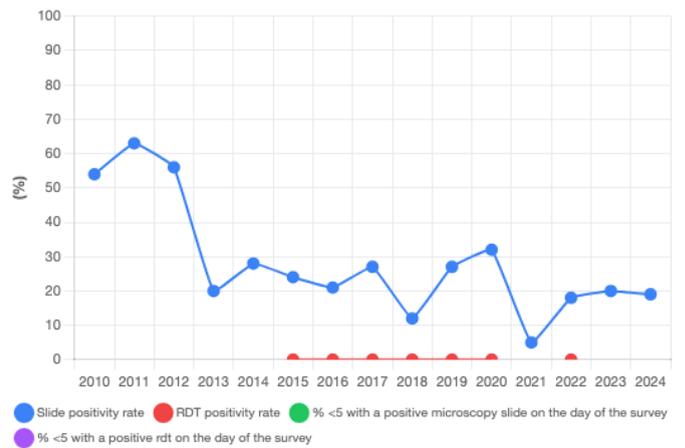
Treatment seeking and reporting completeness



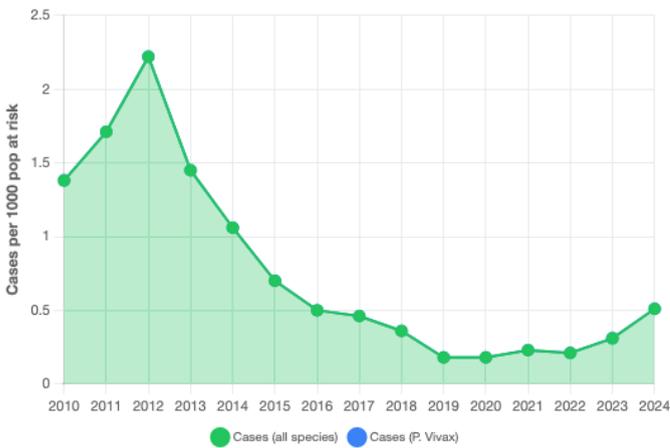
Cases tested and treated



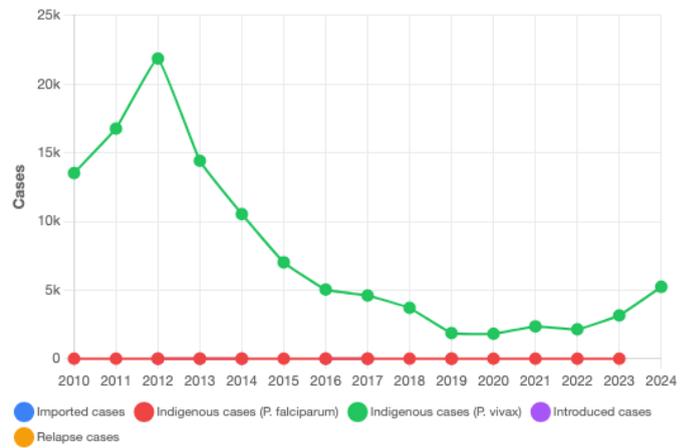
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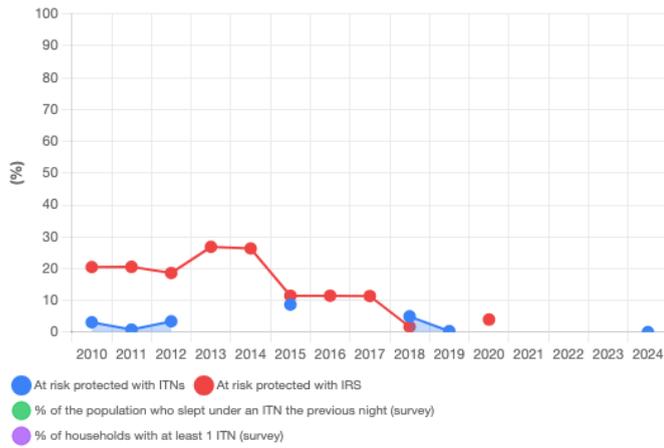
Confirmed malaria cases per 1000 population at risk



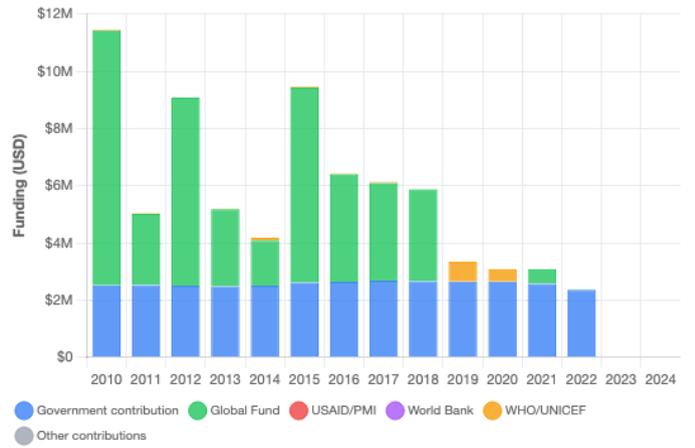
Cases by classification



Coverage of ITN and IRS



Sources of financing



Footnotes

Country profiles are generated automatically based on data reported by countries. They are available for all current malaria endemic countries and areas asked to report to the Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme annually. Country profiles are based on data validated by the countries as of 15 October 2025.

Further information on the methods used to estimate malaria cases and deaths can be found in Annex I of the 2025 WMR, and an explanation for the gap between estimated and reported confirmed indigenous cases is provided in [mpac-april2018-erg-report-malaria-burden-session6.pdf](https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/malaria/mpac-documentation/mpac-april2018-erg-report-malaria-burden-session6.pdf) (https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/malaria/mpac-documentation/mpac-april2018-erg-report-malaria-burden-session6.pdf?sfvrsn=44e72782_2).

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