

VIRTUAL FORUM:

From 30 million cases to zero: China creates a malaria-free future

Friday 2 July 2021
9h00 – 10h30 CET

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BACKGROUND

Over the course of seven decades, China, the world's most populous country, succeeded in driving down its malaria burden from 30 million cases per year in the 1940s to zero in 2017 – a notable achievement that has been maintained to this day.

What were the critical factors that underpinned this achievement? What strategies did China employ to keep malaria at bay along its shared borders with neighboring malaria-affected countries? How has the Government and its people managed to maintain zero malaria cases throughout the COVID-19 pandemic? And what lessons can other countries draw from this success story?

On 2 July, representatives from China's National Health Commission and frontline workers will join malaria programme managers from other regions, WHO experts and global partners in a virtual forum to share reflections and perspectives on China's malaria elimination journey. Discussions will be in English with simultaneous interpretation provided in Chinese, French and Spanish. A detailed agenda will be shared in due course.