



VANUATU



502

malaria cases
in 2020

93%

of *P. vivax* cases
(465 vs 37)
in 2020

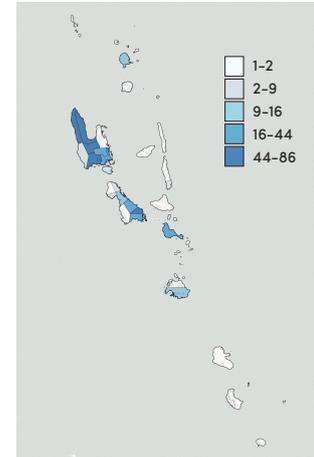
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malaria deaths
since 2012

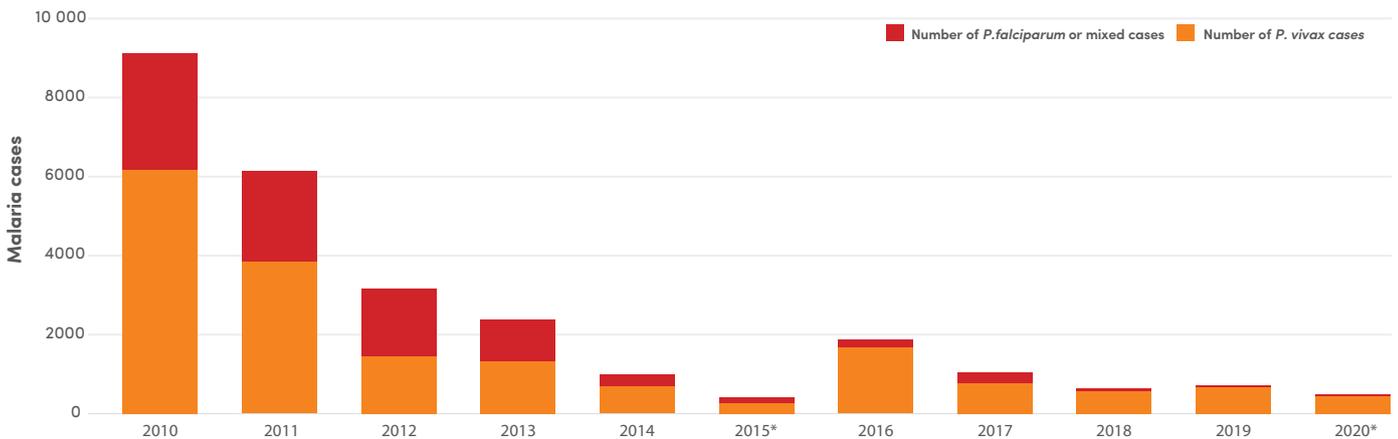
Annual malaria cases by health zone, 2020



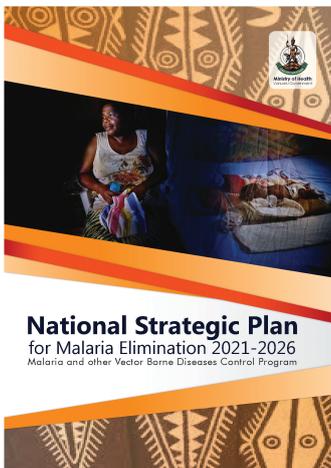
Bed nets are distributed throughout Vanuatu to prevent malaria. A nationwide survey in 2020 confirmed that net access and usage rates are high in most areas.



Annual malaria cases, 2010–2020



*Tropical Cyclone Pam occurred in March 2015 and Tropical Cyclone Harold occurred in April 2020. Both caused severe damage throughout the country. Malaria program activities were affected, including surveillance, prevention and case management.



Progress

- Decrease in Annual Parasite Incidence to 1.7 per 1,000 population
- High coverage rates with long-lasting insecticidal nets, as confirmed by an independent nationwide survey
- High testing and treatment rates with first line medicine (ACTs)
- New National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination (2021-2026)

Challenges

- Disruptions caused by COVID-19 preparedness and Tropical Cyclone Harold response activities
- Gaps remaining in human resources in key posts at national and provincial levels
- Reduced or unpredictable partner funding

The new Strategic Plan shifts the elimination goal post two years earlier, with zero local monthly cases expected by the end of 2023.

Preliminary data for 2020 (Source: national malaria control programme reports); final figures will be published in the World malaria report 2021.

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