



HEALTH FACTS

- Malaria kills about **1 million** children each year. Many of them are under age 5, and most of these deaths are in sub-Saharan Africa.
- In developing countries, **one in every six** infants is not immunized against tuberculosis.
- While the number of deaths due to measles fell dramatically between 2000 and 2007, **one in every four** children in developing countries is not immunized against measles.
- Only **55 percent** of the world's infants are fully immunized against hepatitis B.
- Only **69 percent** of newborns in developing countries are protected against tetanus.
- Malaria, together with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, is one of the greatest public health challenges devastating the poorest countries in the world.
- There are more than **1.8 million** diarrheal-related deaths per year among young children.
- Children under age 5 account for **less than 10 percent** of the world's population, but suffer from **40 percent** of the diseases attributed to environmental factors.
- Acute respiratory infections annually kill an estimated **2 million** children under the age of 5.
- About **1.8 million** people, most of whom are children, die annually of food- and waterborne diseases.
- Approximately **37 percent** of deaths among children under 5 — 9.7 million worldwide in 2006 — occur in the first month of life.

Sources: www.malarianomore, www.who.int, www.unicef.org, www.ncseonline.org, www.un.org, February 2009