

April 2017 – Senior representatives from national malaria control programmes around the world recently gathered in Geneva to share knowledge and best practices towards a common goal: “Getting to zero” by the year 2020. The global forum, convened by WHO from 16–17 March, provided a platform to review country-level progress towards elimination and devise strategies for the way forward.

“We have 45 months to eliminate malaria in 21 countries,” said Devanand Moonasar, Director of South Africa’s National Department of Health, who chaired the opening session. “We need action, and the time for action is now.”

E-2020 initiative

According to WHO estimates, an increasing number of countries are moving towards malaria elimination.

[Read more about global progress towards malaria elimination](#)

Regional progress

Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia are 2 countries in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region that have made significant progress in moving towards malaria elimination and the common goal "Getting to zero" by 2020.

[Islamic Republic of Iran](#) [pdf 95kb]

[Saudi Arabia](#) [pdf 191kb]

To guide countries in this final effort, WHO has developed a new framework for malaria elimination with a set of tools and strategies for interrupting transmission and preventing re-establishment of the disease.

Select countries from the dropdown menu of the interactive platform to access information on epidemiological profile, intervention policies and strategies, sources of funding and number of cases and cases treated.

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