

Why a World Malaria Day?

This new international day will help raise awareness and understanding of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease which kills up to 3 million people and affects up to 500 million people in a year. Through donations, volunteering, campaigning, or even just speaking about it, people can make sure that malaria receives the media and public's attention it deserves.

When is World Malaria Day?

The first World Malaria Day is on 25th April 2008. It will be celebrated annually on the same day.



World Malaria Day was established and approved by the World Health Organization in March 2007.

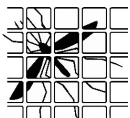
When was it established?



Why has it changed from Africa Malaria Day to World Malaria Day?



Africa Malaria Day has taken place every year on the 25th April since 2001. It was a day that was set aside by African governments committed to rolling back malaria and meeting the United Nations malaria-related Millennium Development Goals. But now it is agreed that greater awareness is needed. It is hoped that the establishment of World Malaria Day will mobilize communities across the world to get involved in fighting the disease and saving lives.



What has BUY-A-NET Malaria Prevention Group done?

BUY-A-NET hosted the first event in Canada in support of World Malaria Day. The event was held in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, April 25, 2008. Kingston, Ontario was the first Canadian city to recognize World Malaria Day through City Council Proclamation.

Declared by Mayor Harvey Rosen, Kingston led the way for other Canadian municipalities to get involved in fighting the disease and saving lives. Through Kingston's leadership, the Canadian Federation of Municipalities distributed the proclamation, and now, World Malaria Day is recognized coast-to-coast in Canada.

Visit www.buyanet.ca for a complete listing of Canadian municipalities.

BUY-A-NET has taken the issue of malaria and malaria control to Parliament Hill on various occasions. BUY-A-NET also requested an all party day of statements in the House of Commons and Senate in April 2008, drawing attention to the issue of malaria and World Malaria Day.