

## You can help save a life ...

by learning about the disease and raising funds (an average of £5 a head) so that African Scouts can purchase insecticide treated (ITN) bed nets.

Together with local health officials, these Scouts are then able to educate local communities in the correct use of the nets and help distribute and erect them for vulnerable families



## How to earn the Scouts Against Malaria badge

The challenge badge can be gained by participation in several activities. To attain the badge/award each person should complete the following malaria themed activities:

- Understand the nature and severity of malaria, especially in young children.
- Understand how malaria is contracted.
- Understand how malaria can be prevented.
- Help to raise funds to reduce the incidence of malaria. This will include the purchase of ITN bed nets and may also include the provision of material to educate people about how to prevent malaria and treat if bitten.

## Resources and contacts

Further details of the scheme can be obtained by contacting Scouts Against Malaria, via our website, Facebook, or email .

A number of program resources have been created and are available and can be downloaded from our website.

Members of the Scouts Against Malaria team are also able to give talks and presentations to interested sections and groups.

Website: [www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk](http://www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk)

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# Scouts Against Malaria

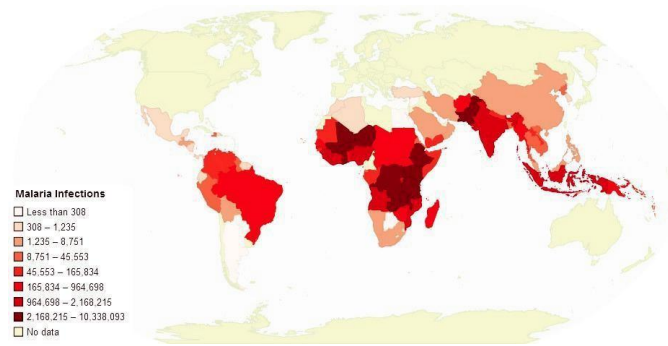


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make a difference and help  
save lives!**



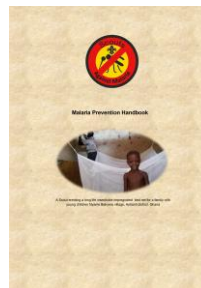
## What happens in the UK

- Scouts of all ages learn about the disease and how it can be prevented, undertake activities within their section and raise on average £5/head, sufficient to purchase 1 net
- The completed application form is sent to Scouts Against Malaria (SAM) along with the funds raised and SAM will post the requisite number of badges to the fund raisers.
- The funds are transferred to various African countries who purchase the corresponding number of insecticide treated bed nets (ITN)
- The outcome of each net distribution campaign is reported in our Newsletter and also uploaded to our website, so that you can be informed of how your funds have been used.



## The Malaria Zone

- 3.5 billion people (half the world's population) are at risk of Malaria.
- 260 million malaria cases and 600 thousand malaria deaths occur every year (2023); 95% occurring in sub Saharan Africa. Most deaths occur among children under 5 years old
- As the carrier of the malaria parasite (*Anopheles* mosquito) is active at night, the best form of protection is to sleep under ITN bed nets
- Half the population in African countries where malaria is endemic are not protected by being able to sleep under ITN bed nets.
- We have published a Malaria Prevention Handbook which describes the origins of this disease, the symptoms, the need for treatment if bitten and how to prevent being bitten. This booklet can be downloaded from our website



## What happens in Africa

- Local Scouts purchase ITN nets and in conjunction with local authorities, allocate them to the most vulnerable families including pregnant and lactating mothers and young children under age of 5.
- Scouts meet with the families and explain why they should sleep under the nets, how to erect and use them correctly with no gaps through which mosquitos can enter
- Scouts learn about malaria symptoms and if someone bitten, where the nearest clinic where treatment can be initiated.
- In more than 60 campaigns in Malawi, Ghana and Uganda since 2015, there have never been sufficient nets to supply all those in need

