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Rethinking Malaria in the Context of COVID–19

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*For more information, including biographies, manuscripts, etc.
<https://www.defeatingmalaria.harvard.edu/rethinking-malaria/>

Global Webinars Furthering the Dialogue on Malaria/COVID–19

September 3–4, 2020: public webinar series titled, “Responding to the Double Challenge of Malaria and COVID-19,” convened by the WHO’s Global Malaria Programme

January 28, 2021: a virtual forum titled, “Updating WHO’s Global Strategy for Malaria,” convened by the WHO’s Global Malaria Programme

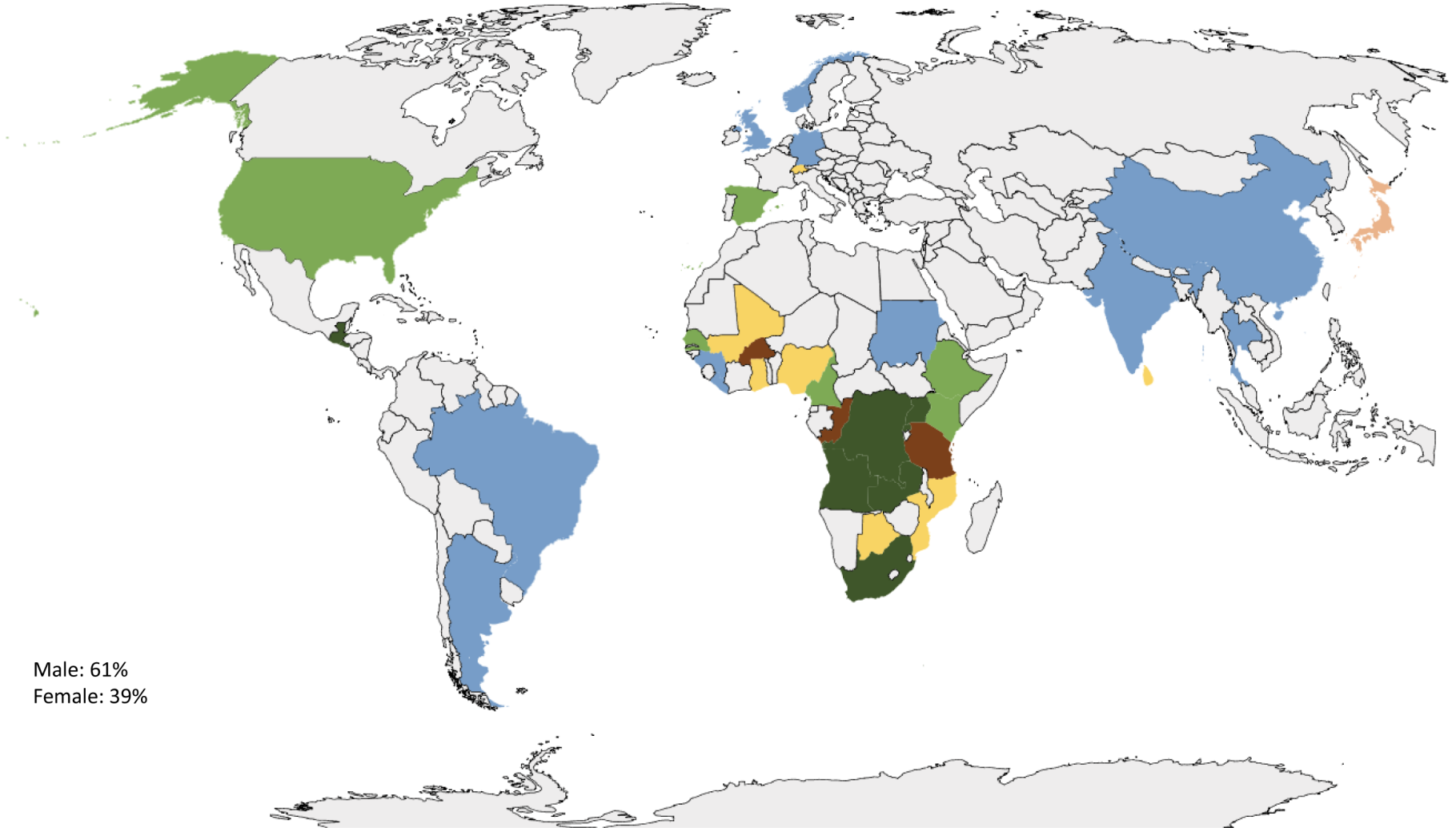
March and July 2021: numerous Working Group-specific and one-on-one meetings with External Advisory Committee members, convened by Harvard University

June 10, 2021: a regional conference titled, “Rethinking Malaria in Africa Conference,” focused on responding to the 5-year stagnation in malaria burden reduction in Africa, convened by the WHO and facilitated by the African Center for Global Health and Social Transformation (ACHEST)

Various webinars sponsored by malaria/global health organizations, including: Africa CDC, Catholic Relief Services, Friends of the Global Fight, GBC Health, JC Flowers Foundation, RBM Partnership to End Malaria, MESA, PATH, The Global Fund, US President’s Malaria Initiative, WHO, and more

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- [Rethinking Malaria WG#1 Final Manuscripts 14Sept2021 wAbstracts.pdf \(1.959Mb\)](#)

~ Manuscripts (9) freely available, open-access ~

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Rethinking Malaria in the Context of COVID-19

~ A Global Webinar ~

September 1, 2021

8:00am-11:00am EDT

6am-9am CST

12pm-3pm GMT | 1pm-4pm WAT

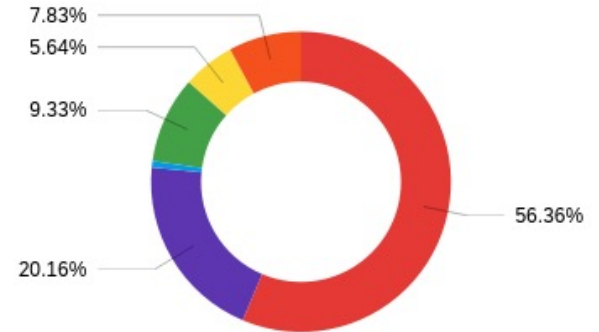
2pm-5pm CEST | 3pm-6pm EAT

LIVE STREAMING

English | French | Portuguese | Spanish

Registered Attendees: 2,926

Regional Participation: (below)



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 ■ Asia
 ■ Oceania
 ■ Latin America
 ■ Europe
 ■ North America

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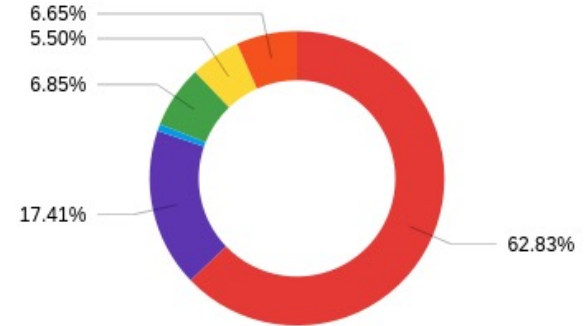
September 28-29, 2021

9:00AM-11:30AM EDT

1:00PM-4:30PM GMT | 2:00PM-5:30PM WAT | 4:00PM-7:30PM EAT

Registered Attendees: 1,999

Regional Participation: (below)



 Africa  Asia  Oceania  Latin America  Europe  North America



**YouTube Live Stream Views: *pending/
recorded webinar available soon***

Key Messages

Why now?

- **Malaria elimination is possible** – 10 countries have been certified “malaria-free” in the past five years, including China which eliminated from 30 million cases to zero cases
- **Africa suffers 90% of the malaria burden and progress has stalled.** Today, there are 220 million cases of malaria and 435,000 deaths worldwide – this is the same level of human suffering as was the case in 2015
- COVID-19 also brought about the fastest vaccine and diagnostics in history, proving our ability to **quickly bring new/powerfully effective treatments to bear on public health challenges** – and this is exactly what’s needed to end malaria
- **Lessons from COVID-19 will help us rethink malaria**—our assumptions, our approaches, etc.—and decide on the best solution for the situation
- The **COVID-19 has laid bare the limitations and inequities** of our global health systems; in particular, challenge related to governance, service delivery integration, and workforce
- The first step is to **spark change on paper, the second step is to spark action** in the community

What needs to change?

- Perception of the problem
--Malaria needs to be viewed as a **societal problem of development**, not as a medical problem alone
- Leadership of the problem
--Malaria eradication needs to be **led by endemic countries** in partnership with multiple stakeholders within each country
- Investing in the health workforce
--Empower through **readiness, training, and education of health workers at all levels**, including paying community health workers
- Visibility and use of reliable and real-time data, knowledge, and information
--**Malaria data needs to be valued and visible** and used by the public and policy makers, as has happened with COVID-19 for decision-making
- Accelerating innovation
--Globally, we need to give **greater attention to innovation and problem-solving** for malaria elimination and support endemic countries in entrepreneurship, R&D and manufacturing
- Strengthening Health Systems
--Health for all means **solving malaria as a pillar of universal health coverage**