

MALARIA IN PREGNANCY



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maternal deaths globally each year

Malaria in pregnancy is a major public health issue, posing substantial risks for the woman, her unborn baby and newborn child





Malaria in pregnancy is responsible for

11% of all newborn deaths

In high malaria transmission settings, malaria causes maternal anaemia. Malaria parasites in the placenta and maternal anaemia can cause low birth weight, contributing to infant mortality



In areas with low transmission, malaria causes an increased risk of severe malaria in pregnant women; it may also cause miscarriage, premature delivery, stillbirth and low birth weight



of pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa get the recommended doses of preventive antimalarial medication An estimated

35 million

pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa could benefit from it

The World Health Organization recommends a combination of three interventions for the prevention and treatment of malaria in pregnancy in endemic areas:

The use of long lasting insecticidal nets

preventive treatment in pregnancy in all areas with moderate to high malaria transmission as part of antenatal care services

The use of intermittent

Prompt diagnosis and effective treatment of malaria infections in pregant women