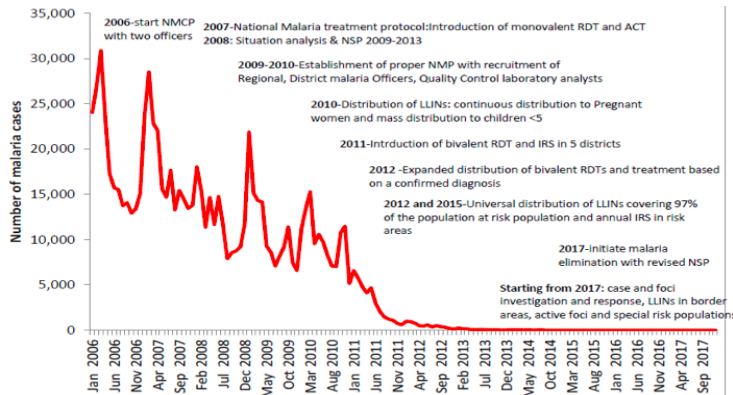


At a time when we are reminded of our mortality, we are grateful to all Rotarians who have donated to Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) Australia program. This ongoing support allows us to continue our work to reduce the pain, distress, hardship, and deaths due to malaria disease in our partner countries: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Timor Leste and West Timor (Indonesia).

While globally progress is slow, the good news is that malaria cases are reducing in 4 of our 5 partner countries we support.



*This graph shows the progress made in malaria elimination in Timor Leste since RAM Australia commenced support in 2006. The country has maintained zero indigenous malaria since June 2017, with only 9 imported cases from Indonesia. Timor Leste may apply for WHO certification for malaria elimination in 2021*

A team from our Rotary district, led by David Pearson, Rotary Club of Guyra, spent 2 weeks in Timor Leste in 2014 distributing impregnated bed nets, educating the communities on their use, and also programs to effectively reduce mosquito breeding grounds.



Another highlight for RAM is the successful implementation of community assessments in two districts in West Timor (Indonesia), an enclave located at the borders with Timor Leste. The work in West Timor will have positive flow-on effects on the Timor Leste National Malaria Program.

However, the bad news is that in 2018, malaria inflicted devastation in developing countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, with 228 million infections and 1,109 deaths per day; one child dies from malaria infection every 2 minutes.



*Mission accomplished - another life saved - thank you Rotary.*

*Much of the information above is taken from the RAM Australia January-March Newsletter*

**To donate to this worthy Rotary program, go to [www.ramaustralia.org](http://www.ramaustralia.org).  
A bed net costs as little as \$10. Tools for a Healthy Village project in the Solomon Islands cost \$100**