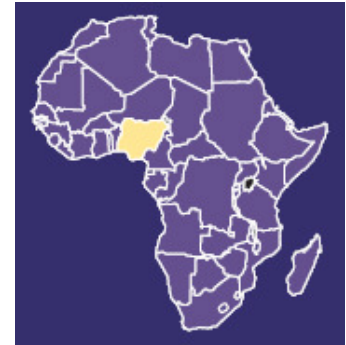




Malaria in Nigeria



- Leading cause of morbidity and mortality, with transmission throughout the entire country and the largest population at risk in Africa, accounting for as much as 30% of Africa's entire malaria burden
- One million children in Nigeria die annually before reaching their fifth birthday, about 300,000 of them due to malaria.

The World Bank Malaria Booster Program's Response

At the Government of Nigeria's request, the Bank has responded with a proposed US\$180 million Malaria Control Booster Project, which is scheduled for presentation to the Bank's Board in late 2006. If approved, the project would be Africa's single largest malaria control effort to date.

The MENTOR Initiative have supported the booster programme, the Ministry of Health at Federal, State, and Local Government level in the technical design and implementation planning of what promises to be the single largest and most important malaria control programme in Africa.

The preparation process has involved public and private sector partners, who have come together to develop a revised Roll Back Malaria Strategic and Operational Plan, which will form the backbone of the Booster Project's support. The project will contribute to national coverage of malaria control interventions by supporting scale up in approximately 10 of the 36 states in Nigeria.

To achieve nationwide scale-up, increased support is needed and the Bank is working with partners such as DFID and the Global Fund to ensure that sufficient resources are mobilized and sustained to achieve impact country-wide.