

Australia gives \$104 million to fighting malaria

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(AP)—Australia will spend more than 100 million Australian dollars (\$104 million) over the next four years to help reduce deaths from malaria in the Asia-Pacific region.

Foreign Minister Bob Carr announced at a malaria conference in Sydney on Friday the money would support several country and regional programs. They include a program that aims to control drug-resistant malaria along the lower Mekong River and anti-malaria efforts in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and [Papua New Guinea](#).

The [World Health Organization](#) says the region had more than 30 million malaria cases and around 42,000 deaths in 2010.

Most malaria deaths occur in Africa, but 64 percent of the Asia-Pacific population is exposed to the mosquito-borne illness.

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