

全球疟疾病例总数在十年来首次停止下降，这让研究人员们对这种会致命的疾病再度流行的可能性表示担忧。

There have been **dramatic** successes in **combating** malaria over the past 20 years. The number of cases has dropped by 60 per cent and six countries have **eliminated** it. But figures released at the end of last year show an increase which has shocked experts. They warn it could **signal** the **resurgence** of the disease.

在过去的 20 年间，人们在抵御疟疾上取得了巨大的成功。疟疾病例的总数下降了 60%，而且有六个国家已根除此病。但在去年底发布的数据却显示，该病例总数有所增长，这震惊了相关专家。他们警告说，这可能预示着该疾病将卷土重来。

Young children are the most at risk. It's thought one child dies every minute from malaria. Developing **resistance** to drugs and **insecticides** is part of the problem but **funding levels** have also reduced.

幼儿面临的风险最大。据说每过一分钟就有一个孩子死于疟疾。对药物和杀虫剂产生抗药性是问题之一，但与此同时，针对疟疾的研究资金也有所降低。

Campaigners say a new **strategy** is required. More money for research and data-gathering technology will help experts **target** the worst affected areas but they say government commitment is vital to prevent malaria making a **comeback**.

致力于抗争疟疾的人士表示，我们需要一个新策略。为研究和数据收集技术投入更多的经费将帮助专家针对受疾病影响最严重的地区开展工作，但他们说政府的承诺对防止疟疾再度流行来说至关重要。

## 1. 词汇表

dramatic	显著的，巨大的
combating	抗争，抵御
eliminated	消除了
signal	预示
resurgence	再次盛行，复苏
resistance	耐药性
insecticides	杀虫剂
funding levels	资金水平
strategy	策略
target	针对、把...作为目标
comeback	重新流行

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. What are malaria experts shocked by?

2. Why are some drugs and insecticides not stopping malaria cases from increasing?

3. How might more money help reduce malaria in the worst affected areas?

4. True or false? *Governments need to be involved with helping to prevent malaria from making a comeback.*

### 3. 答案

1. What are malaria experts shocked by?

**They are shocked by the increasing figures in malaria.**

2. Why are some drugs and insecticides not stopping malaria cases from increasing?

**Because the mosquitos that carry malaria have become resistant to some drugs and insecticides.**

3. How might more money help reduce malaria in the worst affected areas?

**More money can pay for research and data-gathering technology that will help experts tackle malaria in the worst affected areas.**

4. True or false? *Governments need to be involved with helping to prevent malaria from making a comeback.*

**True. Campaigners say government commitment is vital to prevent malaria making a comeback.**