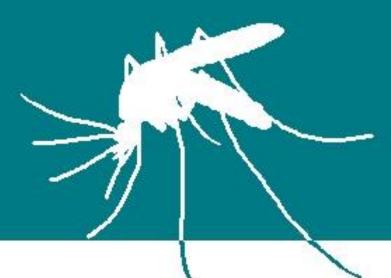
10 FACTS Malaria



- Malaria is caused by a parasite transmitted by mosquitoes
- In 2010, more that 200 million people were infected and 655,000 died from malaria
- In 2010, singer Cheryl Cole got Malaria whilst on Holiday in Africa
- Changes in global climate will affect the range of the disease
- In 1974, Malaria was officially eliminated from Greece, but the disease returned in 2012
- China and East Asia provide 90% of the raw material for artemisinin, the current most effective anti-malarial drug
- Birds, monkey and rodents were used to study the parasite and develop key medications, making malaria preventable and curable
- Malaria parasites have developed a resistance to some drugs
- Researchers are still looking for new anti-malaria drugs
- 10. No effective vaccine currently exists

