

The future of malaria prevention and control in an era of a changing climate

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Outline

- How climate affects malaria
- How has climate changed in Mozambique
- How do we expect climate to change in the future?
- What do these expected changes mean for malaria control?
- What can we do about it?



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 - Delivery/effectiveness of interventions





Relationships are not linear

Definitions and indicators matter

- Impact of precipitation consistent at the national level
- Effect of temperature varies depending on the indicator

Regional climatology and environmental context matter

 Extreme precipitation events in the central and southern regions lead to more malaria, same events lead to less malaria in north and coastal regions



	Norte	Centro	Sul	Costeiro
Tmin min	NA	1.02 (1.02.1.03)*	1.03 (1.03.1.04)*	1.01 (1.01.1.01)*
Days above 50mm	0.21 (0.20,0.23)*	1.13 (1.11,1.14)*	1.31 (1.28,1.33)*	0.89 (0.89,0.90)*
Days above 35ºC	0.93 (0.93,0.94)*	0.92 (0.92,0.92)*	0.97 (0.96.0.98)*	0.95 (0.94,0.95)*
Days below 25ºC	0.90 (0.90,0.90)*	0.94 (0.93,0.94)*	0.93 (0.92,0.93)*	1.01 (1.01,1.02)*
Diurnal temp range	0.96 (0.95,0.96)*	0.96 (0.95,0.96)*	0.99 (0.99,0.99)*	0.96 (0.96,0.96)*

Impacts of large scale oceanic patterns affect relationships



To predict impacts of future changes, first need to know what is normal

What is historical and current climatological profile?

Need to understand regional and temporal variation in:

- Precipitation
- Temperature
- Seasonality



Ciclo sazonal de precipitação média mensal (mm) com base nos dados da CHIRPS. O mês do ano é indicado no canto inferior direito de cada painel.



Ciclo sazonal de temperatura média mensal (°C) com base nos dados da CHIRPS. O mês do ano é indicado no canto inferior direito de cada painel.

Historical profiles and predicted future changes



Annual average temperature in Mozambique 1900-2023



Predicted changes in seasonality



Average seasonal precipitation in Mozambique 1901-2039



Season

Climate change will affect what malaria interventions we do, when we do them, and where we do them

Potential changes and the interventions they will affect:

- More frequent extreme weather events
 - Expanded/enhanced community-based interventions
 - Environmental management
- Onset, duration, intensity of rainy seasons
 - Seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC)
 - Indoor residual spraying (IRS)
- Shifting burden of transmission intensity
 - IRS
 - Mass drug administration (MDA)
 - Test and treat
- Population movement
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 - Expanded/enhanced community-based interventions
 - Larvaciding

IRS: traditionally focused on high-burden areas



SMC: should only be implemented in areas with >60% rainfall in 4 consecutive months



Conclusions and recommendations

Lot of uncertainty about predictions, but:

- Temperature will increase
- Precipitation will likely be more variable
- Seasonality likely to change and be more unpredictable
- Burden likely to shift accordingly
- More frequent and intense cyclones will significantly affect all of the above

Given uncertainty, more data is necessary

- Changes in seasonality
- Continued longitudinal analysis of burden patterns
- Exploration of relationship between transmission and climate/weather

Key priorities moving forward

- Early warning systems
- Country climate profiles for climate-sensitive diseases
 - Routinely updated relationships between key climatic and disease indicators





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