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Malaria-free certification: Algeria and Argentina

The World Health Organization has granted Algeria and Argentina certification of malaria-free status

On 22 May 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially recognized Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free. Algeria is the second country in the [WHO African Region](#) and Argentina the second country in the [WHO Region of the Americas](#) to achieve WHO certification of malaria-free status [1].

A total of 38 countries and territories worldwide have now achieved malaria-free status [2].

A country can apply to the WHO for certification once criteria are met; countries must prove that local transmission of all types of human malaria parasites has been interrupted throughout the country for at least the past three consecutive years. Countries are also required to show they have an effective surveillance and response system in place to maintain zero malaria transmission [3].

The Country Information pages for Algeria and Argentina reflect that malaria is no longer a risk in these countries.

Resources

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