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Malaria-free certification: Suriname

The World Health Organization has certified Suriname as malaria-free

On 30 June 2025, Suriname become the first country in the Amazon region to receive malaria-free certification from the World Health Organization [1].

Globally, a total of [46 countries and one territory](#) have reached this milestone, including 12 countries in the Region of the Americas [1].

A country can apply to the WHO for certification, but this will only be granted when the country has proved, beyond reasonable doubt, that local transmission of all types of human malaria parasites have been interrupted nationwide for at least the past three consecutive years. Countries are also required to show they have a fully functional surveillance and response system in place to prevent re-establishment of local transmission [2].

The last locally transmitted case of *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria in Suriname was recorded in 2018, followed by the final *Plasmodium vivax* case in 2021 [1].

The [Country Information page](#) for Suriname has been updated to reflect that malaria is no longer a risk in this country.

Resources

- [World Malaria Report 2024](#)

References

1. [World Health Organization. News. Suriname certified malaria-free by WHO. 30 June 2025 \[Accessed 1 July 2025\]](#)
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