

GOLDEN STAR

Malaria Prevention

Working to combat malaria in support of Sustainable Development Goal 3.



SDG 3 End the epidemics of AIDS, TB, malaria and other diseases

Malaria remains a leading cause of mortality and morbidity for Ghana. In 2016 it remained a top cause of infant and under 5 year old death in the Prestea Huni Valley District with over 23,773 cases in 2015.

Golden Star undertakes a malaria control program which includes building insecticide treatment and screening, pathology testing, and anti-malarial treatment. Our success is demonstrated by a 2/3 reduction in malaria cases over the last six years, and associated reduction in lost work hours.

GSR is a collaborator to the Private Sector Malaria Prevention program and in 2017 out of more than 60 participants, was awarded the inaugural 'Malaria Safe' award. Golden Star also supports and participates in national immunisation programs, provides health and family planning education, participating in World AIDS day programs, and conducting tuberculosis testing for employees at higher risk. In 2018 we distributed almost 5000 long-lasting insecticide treated nets to our workforce and host communities and further reduced our malaria lost time. Malaria now represents less than 6% of clinic attendance cases (compared to 60% mean OPD attendance in our Region).