



**Ministry of Health**

## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**ON THE**

**ALLEGED 126 DEATHS DUE TO MALARIA IN MULOBEZI  
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH  
HON. JOSEPH KASONDE, MP**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Mr. Speaker, from the outset, I should like to express sincere gratitude to you for according me this opportunity to respond to the point of order raised by the Hon. Member of Parliament for Mulobezi Constituency Who alleged that 126 deaths occurred in Mulobezi in 2012 due to non-availability of anti malarial drugs.

Mr. Speaker, according to our Health Information Management System (HMIS) records at Sesheke District Health Office there were no deaths recorded at Mulobezi Rural Health Centre due to malaria in 2011. The Health Centre recorded 233 suspected malaria cases of which 156 were confirmed and successfully treated. However, Sesheke District as a whole (where Mulobezi is) recorded 18 deaths due to malaria in 2011. Of these 10 were below five years and eight (8) were above five years old. However, in 2012 Mulobezi has recorded one death due to malaria so far.

Mr. Speaker, I wish you to further inform you that Sesheke district and Mulobezi Health Centre in particular did not experience a stock out of anti-malarial drugs at any one time in 2011 and so far in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, Government's vision is to have a malaria free Zambia. Therefore, the Government through the Ministry of Health has put in place a robust malaria control program which is a leading example globally.

The main interventions include:

- (i) use of long lasting insecticide treated bednets,
- (ii) indoor residual spraying,
- (iii) case management ensuring adequate supply of drugs and correct diagnosis.

In addition presumptive treatment to prevent malaria in pregnant women is conducted. All these are provided at no cost to the patient.

Mr. Speaker, the house may wish to note further that as a result of these interventions deaths attributed to malaria nation wide have declined dramatically over the last decade. However, the country has begun to witness a resurgence of malaria incidence in some areas, in particular Luapula, Northern, Western, Eastern and some parts of Central provinces. Government is concerned about this state of affairs and efforts are being intensified to address the situation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you.

Organisation units - we Mulobezi Rural Health Centre

Data for Mulobezi RHC in Sesheke district from Malaria Rapid R

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Data Element	Date started Reporting on													
	week 15-21 august 2011													
	2011W33	2011W34	2011W35	2011W36	2011W44	2011W45	2011W46	2011W48	2011W51	2011W52				
ACT Stocks: 12s Balance on hand (default)	150	150	150	150	146	146	146	146	143	140				
ACT Stocks: 12s dispensed (default)									2	3				
ACT Stocks: 18s Balance on hand (default)	150	150	150	150	147	147	145	136	123	118				
ACT Stocks: 18s dispensed (default)							2	3	5	5				
ACT Stocks: 24s Balance on hand (default)	4	4	4	3						51				
ACT Stocks: 24s dispensed (default)				1						9				
ACT Stocks: 6s Balance on hand (default)	81	81	81	81	77	77	76	75	66	65				
ACT Stocks: 6s dispensed (default)							1	1	2	1				
Clinical malaria cases (default)														
Positive cases ≥ 5 years (default)				1			2	1	9	17				
Positive malaria cases < 5 years (default)							1	1	1	1				
RDT positive cases (default)				1			3	1	10	18				
RDT Stocks: RDT Balance on hand (default)	255	247	239	226	132	126	114	98	46	155				
RDT tested cases (default)	11	8	8	13	8	6	12	7	20	35				

CONCLUSION This data shows no stock out of coartem since August 2011 to date for Mulobezi Rural Health Centre in Sesheke District

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	2012W2	2012W3	2012W4	2012W7	2012W8	2012W9	2012W10	2012W11	2012W12
136	132	129	125	122	107	83	48	27	
3	4	3	4	3	15	24	35	27	
113	109	106	104	101	90	88	81	15	
1	4	3	2	3	11	2	7	15	
43	39	37	35	28	10	27	28	37	
7	4	2	2	7	18	17	28	37	
58	56	53	49	40	30	20	1	15	
5	2	3	4	9	10	10	19	15	
				13	12				
11	12	8	7	5	39	54	71	98	
5	2	3	4	3	5	14	22	30	
16	14	11	11	8	44	68	93	128	
63	27	140	96	10	200	39	61	6	
52	36	33	44	10	77	161	178	255	

**Data from Mulobezi on deaths due to malaria in 2011**

**Sesheke District 18 Deaths**

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**Mulobezi had no death only one (1) recorded this year**