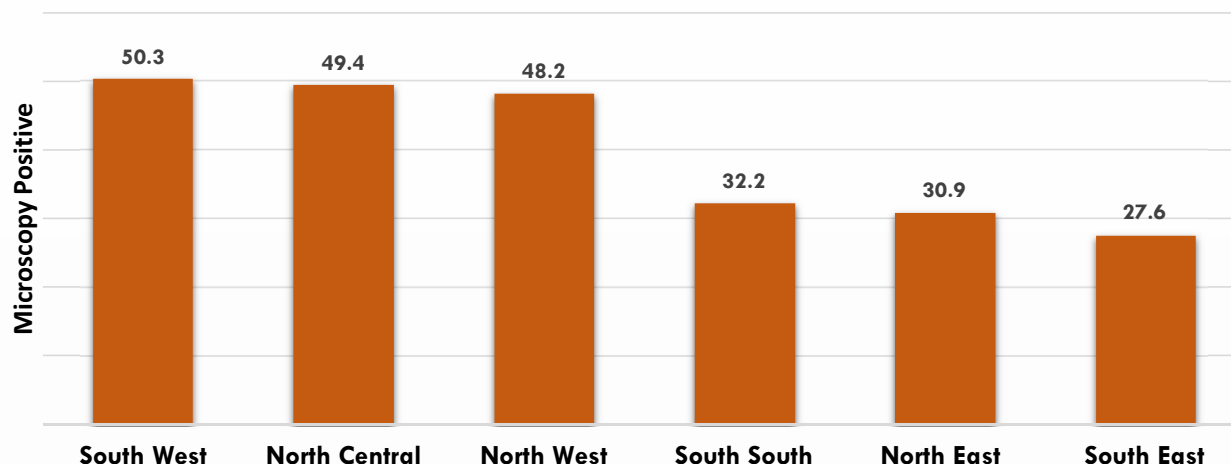


## Malaria Still Ravaging Our Children!

Malaria Prevalence Among Children (<5Yrs) in Nigeria



(Source: <http://photos.state.gov/libraries/nigeria/231771/Public/December-MalariaFactSheet2.pdf>)

Cost Items (N)	Actual expenditures (N)	Amount they are willing to pay (N)	Excess over actual (N)
Treatment – Adult	685.19	1,112.10	426.91
Bed nets	1,000.90	1,325.00	324.10
Eradication of malaria	4,609.19	7,324.20	2,715.01

Source: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1890276/table/T2/>

United States embassy in Nigeria in its 2010 Malaria fact sheet wrote:

- “Malaria is a major public health problem in Nigeria where it accounts for more cases and deaths than any other country in the world.
- Malaria is a risk for 97% of Nigeria’s population. The remaining 3% of the population live in the malaria free highlands.
- There are an estimated 100 million malaria cases with over 300,000 deaths per year in Nigeria. This compares with 215,000 deaths per year in Nigeria from HIV/AIDS.”

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For centuries, this disease ravaged our continent. We still have very bleak hopes for its eradication. The table at the foot of the dashboard on the left shows how much (N) that citizens currently pay to eradicate malaria and how much they are willing to pay to get it off. Yet we are stuck with it.

Compare our lethargy with the speed of days with which United States scientists came up with a potent cure (albeit at its pre-test stages) that saved the lives of two of its citizens (on ebola humanitarian service in Liberia) who were minutes away from death by the Ebola virus death. Wake up, Africa! Wake up Nigeria!

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