Children matter

61% of those who die from malaria are children under 5
That’s one child every two minutes or 266,000 young lives lost every year

Medicines matter
We need new medicines for children, to cure them and counter drug resistance because...

Severe malaria can kill within 24 hours, without appropriate treatment.

Children are not just little adults. They absorb and metabolize medicines differently. Children need medicines adapted to their weight and age.

Antimalarials are bitter. Children often vomit the medicine and so do not receive a complete curative dose.

Speed matters
To get straight into the blood stream and kill the malaria parasite as quickly as possible, treatment for severe malaria must be injectable. Injectable artesunate is the WHO-recommended treatment for severe malaria.

Formulation matters
Antimalarials must be specifically adapted to paediatric physiology and prescribed according to weight and stage of development. Plus, antimalarials must be palatable to children to ensure they receive a complete curative dose.

MMV’s response

Artesun®, for severe malaria
Since WHO prequalification, more than 127 million vials delivered, saving an estimated 800,000 additional lives compared to quinine
1. artesunate for injection

Coartem®, Dispersible
Over 350 million treatments of this child-friendly medicine delivered to more than 50 countries
2. artemether-lumefantrine

Eurartesim®, A new medicine being adapted to children’s needs
3. dihydroartemisinin-piperaquine

Rectal Artesunate
Two products for pre-referral management of severe malaria in children

Pyramax®, A child-friendly treatment for uncomplicated malaria
4. pyronaridine-artesunate

Defeating Malaria Together