



### Malaria in the ADF

Between 1 Jan 2006 and 30 Jun 2006, seven new cases of malaria were reported. Four cases have arisen from Operation Wantok Warrior, which was based around Wewak in Papua New Guinea. All four members contracted the *Vivax* form of malaria on return to Australia.

The other three cases involved members serving with the United Nations in Sudan. All three were diagnosed in country with the *Falciparum* form of malaria.

There have been no further cases involving members serving in the Solomon Islands or East Timor.

#### Malaria reporting

All Health Service personnel are encouraged to notify the Central Malaria Registry promptly when a malaria casualty is detected. Informal notifications preceding a PM40 can be made by telephone (07) 3332 4836 or by email [Nathan.Elmes@defence.gov.au](mailto:Nathan.Elmes@defence.gov.au)

#### Total malaria infections in ADF personnel in various deployments

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Papua New Guinea, January 2006 – June 2006	
Diagnosed in Papua New Guinea	0
Diagnosed on return to Australia	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>
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Sudan, January 2006 – June 2006	
Diagnosed in Sudan	3
Diagnosed on return to Australia	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>
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East Timor, September 1999 – June 2006	
Diagnosed in East Timor	82
Diagnosed on return to Australia	389
<b>Total</b>	<b>471</b>
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Solomon Islands, July 2003 – June 2006	
Diagnosed in Solomon Islands	0
Diagnosed on return to Australia	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
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