

Study, Ponder and Pray for the Women and Children of DR Congo



Malaria Kills

677,000 African children died from malaria in 2008. (WHO reported in Lancet May 2010)

92% of children's Malaria deaths occur in Africa (WHO reported in Lancet 2010)

553,526 under five deaths from all causes occurred in DR Congo 2008 WHO Lancet 2010

94,196 under five deaths from malaria in DR Congo (WHO reported in Lancet 2010)

343,000 Women died of pregnancy/childbirth complications in the world 2008

Lifetime Maternal Risk of death in DR Congo **one in 13** 32,000 maternal deaths in 2005

Insecticide treated net family ownership is 9 % in DR Congo in 2008.

6 % of under five children sleeping under insecticide treated net. 2008

7 % of pregnant women sleeping under insecticide treated net. 2008

Coverage of Artemisinin ACT recommended malaria medication is about 3% for children in 2006-2008. But 30% of children received some malaria medications.

Malnutrition and Polluted water sickens

29 % of rural population use improved drinking water sources

25 % of rural population use improved sanitation facilities

% of infants with low birth weight 12 % 16.1 % of children die before the 5th birthday

% of under-fives (2000–2007*) suffering from: stunting (WHO): moderate ; & severe 38 %

% of under-fives (2000–2007*) suffering from: underweight† (NCHS WHO): moderate ; & severe in DR Congo 31 %

HIV AIDS 3.2 % est in 2008 Primary school enrollment 52%

GNI per capita \$120- 140 Adult literacy 67 %

59 % of population is under \$1.25 per day poverty line

Population 62 million Roman Catholic 50%, Protestant 20%, Kimbanguist 10%, Muslim 10%, other (includes syncretic sects and indigenous beliefs) 10%

ELCA works with Lutheran World Federation which has a history of refugee programs and community based project relationships. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo has about 130,000 members and is a member of LWF.

Statistics UNICEF document "Maternal, Newborn and Child Survival" March 2010 and/or May 2010 Lancet WHO