Vector-borne diseases are one of the greatest contributors to human mortality and morbidity in tropical settings and beyond.

Overlapping global distribution of 9 major vector-borne diseases

Colours indicate the number of vector-borne diseases that pose a risk at each 5 × 5 km grid cell.

Environmental changes have facilitated the spread of some diseases in rural areas.

Events in the past five years – simultaneous outbreaks in several countries and the emergence of vector-borne diseases in new parts of the world – clearly highlight the increasing threat of these diseases to global public health.

Populations most at risk:
- Young Children
- Pregnant Women
- People Living With HIV
- People Affected By Humanitarian Emergencies and Natural Disasters
- Non-immune Travellers Moving Into Endemic Areas.
- Communities in remote rural areas with limited access to health facilities.

Personal protection against insect bites is the first line of defense against many vector-borne diseases.

Long sleeved, light-coloured shirts and trousers will help protect against mosquito, sandfly and tick bites. Pre-treated outdoor clothing is commercially available and can remain protective for up to 70 washes.

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*All data and research was conducted and provided by The World Health Organization. For more information, please visit their website at: http://www.who.int/vector-control/publications/global-control-response/en/