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Why it is needed	After a mosquito bites someone, it often rests on a nearby wall to digest its blood meal. If the mosquito bites a person carrying the malaria parasite, it can later transmit those parasites to someone else.
How it works	A small amount of liquid insecticide is applied to the walls inside homes, which then dries on the sprayed surface. Mosquitoes sitting on the wall will absorb the insecticide and die.
Impact	Millions of households have received indoor residual spraying of insecticide annually, killing mosquitoes carrying the malaria parasite and interrupting the malaria transmission cycle.
Cost	The average cost of protecting one person with indoor residual spraying for one year is US\$6.70.

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