MALAWI

BASIC COUNTRY DATA

Total Population: 14,900,841
Population 0-14 years: 46%
Rural population: 80%
Population living under USD 1.25 a day: no data
Population living under the national poverty line: no data
Income status: Low income economy
Ranking: Low human development (ranking 171)
Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US dollar): 19
Life expectancy at birth (years): 53
Healthy life expectancy at birth (years): 35

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Leishmaniasis is rare in Malawi. The first case of autochthonous VL caused by *L. donovani* was reported in 1979 in a 38-year-old male [1].

Leishmaniasis was diagnosed -post mortem- in 2 cases in Northern Malawi [2]. One was suspected VL in an 18-months-old malnourished child, with wide spread rash, in 1989; the other was CL in an HIV-1 positive adult, with skin lesions that had been present for 6 months, in the late 1990s. Both patients had a history of travel to the United Republic of Tanzania. No further cases have been documented.

PARASITOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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MAPS AND TRENDS, CONTROL, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, ACCESS TO CARE, ACCESS TO DRUGS

No information available.
No antimonials are registered.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
