A matter of life and death

The life expectancy gap

Global distribution of deaths by main causes, 1993

- Infectious and parasitic diseases: 32%
- External causes: 6%
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 6%
- Maternal causes: 1%
- Other causes: 0.3%
- Unknown causes: 16%
- Perinatal and neonatal causes: 6%
- Malignant neoplasms: 12%
- Causes of death: 9676000
Malaria: the struggle for control

Geographical distribution of malaria before 1946

Epidemiological status of malaria, 1994
The cholera threat

Countries or areas reporting cholera, 1994

The spread of HIV

Estimated distribution of HIV-infected adults alive (including persons with AIDS), late 1994

Global total: 13–15 million cases
Polio: a vanishing disease

Global incidence of indigenous poliomyelitis in 1988...

...and in 1993