



WORLD MALARIA DAY

World Malaria Day is commemorated on the 25th of April every year to recognise global efforts to eradicate malaria and raise awareness around the prevention and treatment of this disease.

Malaria is a major cause of death & illness in Mozambique and Syrah Resources (Syrah) is committed to minimising the prevalence and impact of the disease among employees, contractors, their families & the wider community.

Syrah has identified malaria as a key health risk to its people, in particular during the wet season and is closely monitoring malaria cases and mitigation actions.

Syrah has established an effective Malaria Screening Program at the Balama Graphite Operation (Balama) using ultra sensitive Rapid Diagnostic Testing to identify employees who have contracted malaria but are not yet presenting with symptoms. Blanket testing of all camp-based employees returning to, or departing from, Balama enables early treatment to reduce the spread of malaria and provides valuable information relating to the probable point of infection.

This program has proved a key tool in Syrah's malaria mitigation strategy, with 295 malaria cases treated and averted in Q1 2019 alone. Over 6,000 screening tests have been completed and 444 cases averted since the screening program commenced in September 2018.

Other malaria mitigation strategies used at Balama include strict dress codes, camp accommodation and plant site fogging, indoor residual spraying, bed nets, vector trapping and education & awareness campaigns.

