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Bite Me

amber stones, a mosquito net, blue and copper cord, brass findings, vintage chains

“This necklace is mainly made of mosquito netting and amber. These materials are meant to shine a spotlight on the politics surrounding the healthcare of malaria-stricken communities.

According to campaigners, by the time you finish reading this (in about 1 minute), malaria will have claimed the life of 2 people. Each year 350–500 million cases of malaria occur worldwide, and over one million people die, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa.



Social scientists believe that the scientifically powerful, whom almost entirely reside in rich countries, have the resources to end this disease. However, doing so would offer little potential for long-term profits or even recouping the costs of research. Politically and commercially, finding a successful treatment for malaria is a non-starter.

The real remedy for malaria is represented by the two tones of chain that intertwine and hang from the cascading amber; the two tones reflect the two extremes of rich and poor countries and the good that would emerge if they could truly come together. However, foresight and compassion have yet to match politics and profits in setting priorities for disease research.

Until then, may those who are conscious of the situation continue to send mosquito nets over to malaria-stricken communities.”

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