

# IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

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## **INTRODUCTION**

According to Merriam-Webster English Dictionary, to invent means to create or produce something "useful and new" for the first time. Thus, usefulness is one of the defining features of every invention.

The world is full of inventions ranging from televisions to mobile phones, airplanes to antibiotics but if I could invent something new, it would be that which can save lives and promote health. It would be an invention with a global impact and benefits that will lead to the betterment of lives not just within the country but across the globe, and so if I could invent something new, it would be a malaria vaccine.

## **THE NEED FOR A MALARIA VACCINE**

Malaria is one of the world's leading causes of death. According to data from the World Health Organization, there were 249 000 000 malaria cases in the world in the year 2022, most of which were recorded in Africa. The disease was responsible for 608,000 deaths, of which over 80% were children. In fact, the WHO also recorded that nearly every minute, a child under the age of five dies of malaria. These figures are alarming and strongly support the notion that the world is desperately in need of the invention of a malaria vaccine.

## **HOW A MALARIA VACCINE WILL WORK**

A vaccine can be defined as a harmless form of a disease-causing organism injected into the body to prevent the occurrence of a particular disease. Thus, the malaria vaccine will work by stimulating the body's immune system to fight against future malaria infections. Therefore, the vaccine will serve as a preventive measure against malaria, supporting the popular saying, "prevention is better than cure." The vaccine will thus reduce malaria cases globally and, in turn, reduce the number of lives lost to the disease.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF THE VACCINE**

The malaria vaccine will be administered to everyone. The immunization process will be carried out not only in hospitals but in schools, churches and other social gatherings to ensure that no one is left out. The vaccine will also be included as one of the immunization requirements for newborn babies.

## **BENEFITS OF THE VACCINE**

A malaria vaccine will bring about the following benefits:

1. Reduce global death rate.
2. Promote health and general well-being.
3. Reduce the World Health Organization's funding for malaria prevention and eradication.
4. Improve living standards, especially in Africa.
5. Bring about the total eradication of malaria.

## **CONCLUSION**

My dream invention of a malaria vaccine will curb the alarming number of malaria cases and deaths per year and eventually bring about a total eradication of malaria. It will go on to promote the overall well-being and productivity of people, most especially in Africa. An invention as such will be considered a victorious blow to the age-long battle against malaria. This is what I would love to invent. This is my dream invention.