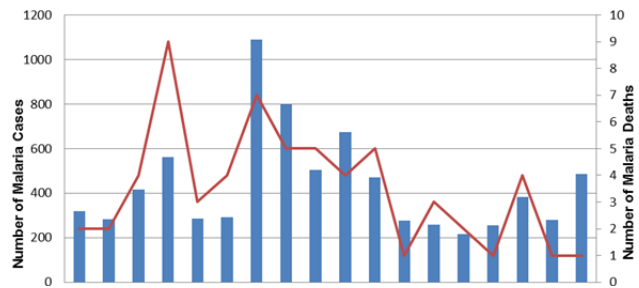


b Seasonal malaria update, December 2016

Malaria Control Programme data indicate an expected increase in notified cases in December 2016 (Figure 3). Malaria in South Africa is highly seasonal and with late rainfall, and warm summer temperatures, the increase is to be expected at this time of year. Fortunately, the malaria fatality rate has remained comparatively low over the past seven months. The majority of cases in the malaria-endemic provinces (Mpumalanga, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo) are locally acquired.

Malaria incidence in South Africa is likely to increase further during the coming months owing to increased summer rainfall and high numbers of travellers returning from endemic regions.

Figure 3. Malaria cases and deaths, all provinces, South Africa, July 2015-December 2016



	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Cases	318	284	415	562	286	291	1089	800	505	674	472	275	259	217	255	383	280	487
Deaths	2	2	4	9	3	4	7	5	5	4	5	1	3	2	1	4	1	1

Source: Centre for Opportunistic, Tropical and Hospital Infections, NICD-NHLS; (johnf@nicd.ac.za); Malaria Directorate, National Department of Health