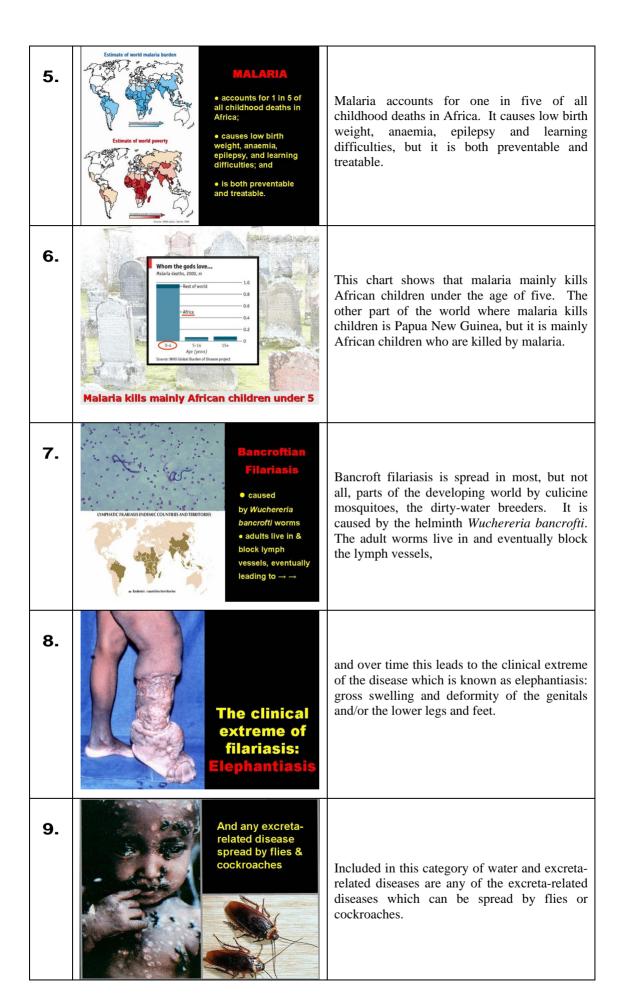
WATER- AND EXCRETA-RELATED COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Part 5 of 5

Unitary environmental classification 1. of water- and excreta-related communicable diseases We are now going to look at Category 6 of our Seven categories: environmental classification of water- and Faeco-oral waterborne & water-washed diseases excreta-related diseases, and category 6 Non-faeco-oral water-washed diseases comprises the insect-vector diseases. Geoheminthiases Taeniases Water-based diseases Insect-vector disea 7. Rodent-vector diseases 6. Insect-vector diseases 2. Vectors can breed in water, for example those Vector breeds in water which transmit malaria or filariasis, or they can bite preferentially near water, for example · for example: malaria, filariasis African trypanosomiasis or sleeping sickness; Vector bites near water and, of course, some vectors do both. The · for example: African trypanosomiasis blackfly. Simulium damnosum, ■ Some vectors do both! transmits river blindness, onchocerciasis, - eg, blackflies (Simulium breeds in and bites near water. damnosum), the vector of onchocerciasis (river blindness) Mosquito 3. **Breeding** With mosquitoes, we have two groups very broadly: the clean-water and the dirty-water breeders. The clean-water breeders are the anopheline mosquitoes, and they transmit malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever and so on. The dirty-water breeders are the culicines, and they transmit filariasis. 4. Malaria is currently a disease associated with poverty. These two maps show an almost exact coincidence of the burden of malaria and the burden of poverty - concentrated, as you would expect, in developing countries.



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Unitary environmental classification of water- and excreta-related communicable diseases

Seven categories:

- 1. Faeco-oral waterborne & water-washed diseases
- 2. Non-faeco-oral water-washed diseases
- 3. Geoheminthiases
- 4. Taeniases
- 5. Water-based diseases
- 6. Insect-vector diseases
- 7. Rodent-vector diseases

The seventh and final category comprises the rodent-vector diseases.

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7. Rodent-vector diseases

Any excreta-related disease spread by rodents, particularly rats

☐ Main disease spread by rats is LEPTOSPIROSIS caused by the bacterium Leptospira interrogans





These are any excreta-related disease which can be spread by rodents and especially by rats. The principal disease spread by rats is leptospirosis which is caused by the spiral-shaped bacterium *Leptospira interrogans*.

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Unitary environmental classification of water- and excreta-related communicable diseases

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So, in summary, we have the seven categories of water- and excreta-related communicable diseases:

Category 1 comprises the faeco-oral waterborne and water-washed diseases. Category 2, the non faeco-oral water-washed diseases. Category 3, the geohelminthiases, the soil-transmitted worm diseases. Category 4, the taeniases, the tapeworm diseases. Category 5, the water-based diseases, such as schistosomiasis. Category 6 and 7, the insect-vector and rodent-vector diseases.

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For further information:

WATER- AND EXCRETA-RELATED DISEASES: UNITARY ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSIFICATION

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ABSTRACT: A uniny environmental classification of varies and recurso-soluted communicable diseases in presented, which comparies were enterprise. Fee-outh waterboards and varies water diseases; non-fee-outh water-wated (skin and eys) diseases; goel-eniumlinases; tennises; water-based diseases (besterial and fungal, as well as heliumlinity, innere-verter diseases; and redun-verter diseases. The global bursone of some of these diseases in 1990 is reviewed. Where and excent-ordand diseases were responsible for 2700,000 defauls in that years (2.5% of all and-ship) and for the low of \$2.00.000 defaults-populated like years (c.5% of all DALTS).

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Further information on all these diseases are given in this paper which I wrote with Richard Feachem a few years ago, Water and Excretarelated Diseases: A Unitary Environmental Classification and it is included on this CD.

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• This introduced the hugely important distinction between 'waterborne' & 'water-washed' disease



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