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## **Do all mosquitoes carry the malaria parasite?**

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No, not all mosquitoes carry the malaria parasite. In the country, it is the adult female Anopheles mosquito that can become infective and therefore carries the malaria parasite after she bites a person infected with malaria. The malaria parasite undergoes several developmental stages inside the adult female mosquito until such time that the mosquito becomes infective with malaria parasites. This anopheles mosquito bites from dusk to dawn and it breeds in clear, slow flowing streams that are found in mountainous/forested areas or in brackish water where salt and fresh water meet. This is usually found in coastal areas.