

## VIEW FROM THE FIELD



### Living in troubled times

These are disrupted, uncertain times. The Covid19 outbreak has, once again, shown the need for robust health systems and the importance of early detection. And it's natural we should be doing everything we can to slow the pandemic.

Yet 5 000 children under the age of five are still dying from malaria each week. We mustn't let all the work that has gone into preventing the disease unravel. Malaria protection programmes are still vital; if anything, we need them now more than ever to prevent cases from rising in the wake of Covid19.

Here at Erada, we continue to work tirelessly to bring Salva! – the world's first saliva-based rapid diagnostic test for malaria – to market and keep on fighting to eradicate the disease once and for all.

Keep up to date with our progress on social media and on our [website](#).

Dr Benji Pretorius



### World Malaria Day 2020

World Malaria Day was definitely unusual this year, with planned events being postponed or cancelled in the wake of Covid19. Despite that, it was great to see so many people and organisations taking to social media to demonstrate, once again, that malaria is still threatening lives.

Every person out there working to protect communities from malaria is bringing us closer to a world free from the disease.

See [a special World Malaria Day message](#) from founder Dr Benji Pretorius by clicking the image below:



We echo the thoughts of the World Health Organisation, The Gates Foundation, and Malaria No More in particular – these organisations are leading the charge against malaria, leaving no stone unturned in their goal to prevent malaria in the most at-risk countries.

Messages [like these](#) need to be heard if we are to continue fighting malaria. Click the image to see a roundup of the conversations taking place on social media:

## WORLD MALARIA DAY 2020



### What lies ahead for malaria detection?

Malaria has been around since ancient times. Even now, we are still learning about the parasites and the behaviour of the mosquitoes carrying them. It is crucial that we keep on researching so that we as a global community remain on track for eradicating the disease.

In order for us to achieve the WHO's 2030 goal for eradication, communities in high-risk areas need to be connected and have the means to access diagnostic tests. We also need to make sure that current prevention methods can be deployed in as many regions as possible.

Of course, the ongoing contribution from worldwide governments is essential for maintaining progress – funds from initiatives by the World Health Organisation and The Gates Foundation are only sustainable if the rest of the world continues to lend its support.

It is hard for anyone to know definitively what the future has in store. However, what we do know is that there is still a long way to go before malaria is defeated once and for all.

### In the lab

The inventor of our unique technology, Professor Rhoel Dinglasan, [shares his thoughts](#) on how funding is vital in allowing his team at the University of Florida to conduct research into the malaria parasite and ultimately, discover ways to help people before they become ill.



### EVENTS

International Conference for Tropical Medicine and Malaria – Bangkok: 20 – 24 September 2020

### Meet the team



Dr Benji Pretorius



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### Our Partners



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