

Malaria and Vectors Control Group

In general, the situation of Malaria and Vectors Control in Bahrain is under control due to the remarkable exerted efforts. No indigenous cases of malaria or any kind of insects-borne diseases have been reported since 1980, which certainly provides an encouraging indicator that the concerned body carries out the vector control responsibilities efficiently. The main objective in Malaria Control Strategy, is to maintain this standard by controlling the vector and monitoring and following up the imported cases of malaria. Routine and regular inspection is intensively performed aiming at detecting any vectors which may infest any places and enabling the control team to introduce the most appropriate and efficient control methods and maintain a sanitarian environment. As a matter of fact , in order to keep up this promising status, the following huge steps should be taken:

- 1- Medical Examination for travellers prior to their entry into the kingdom, particularly those who come from Malaria Epidemic areas to make sure that they are free of malaria and any other communicable diseases.
- 2- Planned and progressive training in order to renew the information of the health professionals in Malaria and Vectors Control field and make them updated.
- 3- Legislation of Laws and Regulations, that enable the Public Health Inspectors to take and handle specimens of any detected vectors at designated points of entry to the Medical Entomology Laboratory for the identification purposes.
- 4- Legislation of Laws and Regulations which make the concerned Health Inspectors fully authorized to carry out the health inspection tasks and activities with ease at any designated points.
- 5- Regular Inspection of baggage, cargo, containers, container loading areas, goods, postal parcels and human remains should be intensively and thoroughly implemented to detect any vector infesting those places and items.

6- Collaboration and assistance with other States Parties and WHO with regard to Malaria and Vectors Control should be implemented, expanded and reinforced.