

# Rampant cholera, Arg. 6/5/93 malaria in Mozambique

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MAPUTO. — Mozambican authorities are battling with dwindling medical supplies to curb rampant malaria and cholera.

Health Ministry officials said stocks of medicines for the prevention and treatment of malaria were running out and would be exhausted within the next few months unless help was received from the international community.

During the first three months of this year hospitals and clinics used as much anti-malaria medicine as in the last eight

months of 1992, the officials told the news agency Aim.

Hundreds of people have died from malaria and cholera in central and southern Mozambique this year and officials expect both epidemics to get worse because of the lack of medicines and facilities for combatting the diseases.

According to official figures, at least 350 people died from malaria and 186 from cholera in the first quarter of this year.

Between January and March more than 18 000 malaria cases were registered at hospitals in Maputo, Beira and Quelimane.