



## **Mother and Child, Niger**

Photograph by Karen Kasmauski, National Geographic

Contained panic shrouds the face of a mother whose child is suffering from malaria in Niger. Younger children are at higher risk of dying; their bodies have not developed enough immunity to fight the disease, which can infect their brains and kill them. Each day malaria claims the lives of about 3,000 children in Africa—one every 60 seconds. About 600,000—most under five years old and living in Africa—will die. (627,000 deaths in 2012)