KARACHI: Sindh Malaria Control Programme has recorded 44,731 malaria cases across the province last year, while no death was reported from the disease in the province. According to the yearly data released by Malaria Control Programme, a total 44,731 malaria cases had been reported across the province in 2015, out of which 216 were detected from Hyderabad, 472 from Tando Allahyar, 894 from Matari, 229 from Tando Muhammad Khan, 1,537 from Badin, 9,150 from Khairpur, 2,444 from Naushro Feroze, 3,225 from Mirpurkhas, 1,185 from Umerkot and 1,357 from Tharparkar.

The report further stated that 835 malaria cases were reported from Sanghar, 1,053 from Sukkur, 1,553 Shikarpur, 1,882 from Ghotki, 1,866 from Jacobabad, 1,338 from Kashmore, 3,041 from Larkana, 1,491 from Jamshoro, 1,221 from Dadu, 514 from Jamshoro, 1,667 from Karachi, 4,537 from Thatta and 821 from Sujawal district respectively. While no any death was reported from malaria last year. The majority of malaria cases have been recorded from Khairpur, Thatta, Larkana and Mirpurkhas districts of Sindh province. The programme management also distributed the mosquito nets in high-risk areas of the province. Sindh Malaria Control Programme Director Dr Naheed Jamali said malaria is a mosquito-borne disease and its outbreak take place after monsoon rains due to which thousands of people fall sick every year. She said malaria cases were common in rural Sindh as compared to urban areas, while dengue cases were generally reported from urban areas. She said 1,667 malaria cases were detected in the provincial capital last year at microscopic centres established in the city for treatment of malaria patients. She said under the malaria control programme in the city, 511 microscopic centres are operating throughout the province, where malaria patients are treated free of cost, while diagnostic centres are also functional in various parts of the province. She explained that 17 new malaria diagnostic centres were established across the province last years to enhance coverage, as malaria infected patient remain undiagnosed in the province. She said administration of Sindh Malaria Control Programme had also activated its teams in Tharparkar district.