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Malaria Suitability and (Post-)Colonial Urbanization in Sub-Saharan Africa

Despite malaria being one of the most severe public health problems worldwide, surprisingly little is known about its impact on economic development at the aggregate level. Our research shows that climatic malaria environment has played an important role in shaping the geographical distribution of urbanization and economic activity in Sub-Saharan Africa. This relationship can be traced back to the settlement pattern of the European colonizers. They established their local economic and political centers in areas characterized by a relatively benign malaria environment. Many of these colonial centers have since developed into major cities. This combination of malaria-influenced settlement decisions and path dependence explains, to a large extent, today's negative association between the malaria environment, urbanization and economic activity.

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