

Facts and Figures - Counterfeit Medicines

51%	In a WHO survey between 1992 and 1994, as many as 51% of counterfeiting cases uncovered revealed that forged drugs carried no active ingredient whatsoever.
25%	The percentage of medicines, used in developing countries, which are counterfeit or substandard.
1 in 10	One in 10 medicines sold worldwide is fake, with no medical effect whatsoever (USFDA)
\$32 billion	Counterfeit medicines generate \$32 billion a year in sales for drug dealers.
233	In 1992, 233 Bangladeshi children died after taking a paracetamol-based syrup that was tainted with antifreeze.
2,500	In 1995, 2,500 children in Niger died after taking a fake meningitis vaccination.
200,000	The number of deaths per year from malaria that could be avoided if medicines were of high enough quality to actually treat the illness (WHO).
38%	The percentage of malaria medications in Southeast Asia which have no active ingredient.
2,500	The number of deaths from fake vaccines during the 1995 meningitis epidemic in Niger.
200,000	The number of counterfeit bottles of Lipitor, widely used to control cholesterol, which had made their way onto the market in 2003 (USFDA).
30	The number of people who died in Cambodia in 1999 after taking counterfeit antimalarials.
5%	The percentage of all antibiotics sold worldwide which are counterfeit.