The 10 Deadliest Infectious Diseases¹

1. Pneumonia death toll: 4.4 million; 4 million were children
2. Diarrhea death toll: 3.1 million, most of them children
3. Tuberculosis death toll: 3.1 million, most of them adults
4. Malaria death toll: 2.1 million; 1 million were children
5. Hepatitis B death toll: 1.1 million
6. AIDS death toll: >1 million
7. Measles death toll: >1 million children
8. Tetanus death toll: 460,000 infants
9. Whooping cough death toll: 355,000 children
10. Roundworm death toll: 135,000

¹ Health January/February 1997