Malaria transmission is highly seasonal occurring between December and April mostly in the northern part of the country. The annual reported number of confirmed malaria cases in 2012 was 308 with three deaths.
Urgent Global Fund Update

The Global Fund has announced that Botswana will receive US$ 28.7 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation under the New Funding Model. The total figure includes all existing, unspent funds from previous rounds and the Interim New Funding Model. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Botswana’s disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and previous disbursements. For Botswana this is calculated at US$ 5.1 million, all of which are new resources. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Botswana is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation at a level that is sufficient to sustain the gains made in recent years.

Progress

Botswana has banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and has successfully mobilised resources for malaria control with sufficient financing available for IRS and malaria treatment in 2014. Significant progress has been made in scaling-up malaria control interventions, including case management. Progress has also been made on tracer MNCH interventions, including PMTCT coverage, deliveries by skilled birth attendants, and DPT3 vaccination.

Impact

Botswana has made significant progress in malaria control. The number of confirmed malaria cases reported annually has declined from 3,362 during 2000–2005 to only 308 cases in 2012. Malaria deaths have declined from 21 to three during the same period. As such, the country has achieved the international target of reducing malaria burden by 75% since 2000.

Key Challenge

- A key challenge is achieving and maintaining IRS coverage above 80%.


### Previous Key Recommended Action

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### New Key Recommended Actions

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**Key**

- ![Action achieved](image.png)
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- ![Deliverable not yet due](image.png)

¹ MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA/iERG