Gabon ALMA Quarterly Report
Quarter One, 2015

Scorecard for Accountability and Action

The entire population of Gabon is at high risk for malaria. Transmission is intense throughout the year in the northern part of the country and more seasonal in the south. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 185,196 with 273 deaths.
**Progress**

Gabon has banned the importation and sale of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies, and introduced a policy on Community Case Management of pneumonia. The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions of skilled birth attendants, PMTCT, and DPT3 vaccination coverage.

**Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 185,196 with 273 deaths. The number of malaria cases and deaths increased from 137,695 cases and 134 deaths reported in 2012.

**Key Challenge**

- Insufficient resources available to achieve universal coverage of essential malaria interventions.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions**

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<td>Optimise quality of care</td>
<td>Address falling vector control coverage</td>
<td>Q1 2014</td>
<td>No progress reported</td>
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<td>Prioritise funding</td>
<td>Work to fill outstanding funding gaps for malaria control</td>
<td>Q3 2014</td>
<td>Gabon has developed an action plan to fill the outstanding resource gaps and technical assistance is being provided by RBM to help operationalise this new plan</td>
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<td>MNCH¹ Optimise quality of care</td>
<td>a) Ensure all facilities are baby friendly by implementing the ten steps to successful breastfeeding, providing follow-up support to breastfeeding mothers and enhancing community awareness</td>
<td>Q1 2013</td>
<td>Gabon has a policy, strategy and plan of action for IYCF and has implemented the International Code of Marketing Breast-milk Substitutes. Health service and community level implementation remains low, and there is a general lack of BCC and breastfeeding communication materials</td>
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<td>b) Identify and address reasons for decreasing PMTCT coverage</td>
<td>Q3 2015</td>
<td>Deliverable not yet due</td>
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Gabon has responded positively to the recommended action addressing low coverage of vitamin A and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

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