The entire population of The Gambia is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense for most of the year. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 279,829 with 262 deaths.
Progress
The Gambia continues to make good progress with malaria control, including the introduction of Community Case Management for malaria and pneumonia. The Gambia has secured resources to finance most of the malaria commodities required for 2015. The country has also procured sufficient LLINs to sustain universal coverage. The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions of PMTCT and DPT3 vaccination coverage. The Gambia was awarded a 2015 ALMA Award for Excellence in Implementation of Vector Control.

Impact
In 2008, a total of 508,846 cases of clinical malaria were reported compared to 279,829 in 2013 indicating a 38% reduction of malaria cases in a five year period (HMIS 2008-2013). The number of malaria deaths reported in 2013 is 262.

Key Challenge
- Inadequate new resources allocated to malaria in the GF New Funding Model may pose a challenge to the country’s ability to sustain the impressive gains made in the fight against malaria over the years.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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The Gambia has responded positively to the recommended action addressing lack of data on postnatal care and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

Key
- Action achieved
- Some progress
- No progress
- Deliverable not yet due

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