The entire population of Liberia is at high risk for malaria. Transmission is perennial in most of the country, particularly in the central and southern regions, and is intense for most months of the year. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 1,483,676 with 1,191 deaths.
Progress
Liberia has made significant progress in malaria control. A ban has been introduced on the importation and sale of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies. Liberia has also introduced policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. Liberia has secured the resources for procurement of antimalarial commodities in 2015. The country has achieved good coverage in the tracer MNCH indicators of PMTCT, DPT3, skilled birth attendants, and exclusive breastfeeding and has increased coverage of postnatal care. Liberia has achieved MDG4 by reducing under-five child mortality by over two-thirds since 1990. Liberia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard. Liberia has made significant efforts to mitigate the impact of the current ebola crisis on malaria control. Additional resources have been secured for malaria control and the country is rolling out the LLIN universal coverage campaign in April, as well as conducting Mass Drug Administration with antimalarial medicine to reduce the overall incidence of fever.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 1,483,676 with 1,191 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Sustaining the coverage of essential health services during the ebola outbreak.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>Ensure LLINs currently under procurement are distributed as quickly as possible in order to address decreasing LLIN coverage</td>
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Liberia has responded positively to the recommended action addressing low coverage of vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

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