Malaria transmission is most intense in the south whilst the desert areas in the north are malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 4,391,189 with 2,209 deaths.
Progress
Niger has banned the import and sale of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and has introduced policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer MNCH intervention, vitamin A. The country has committed domestic resources to significantly close gaps in malaria intervention coverage and has sufficient financing to procure and distribute the majority of the ACTs required for 2015. Niger has achieved MDG4 by reducing under-five child mortality by over two thirds since 1990.

Impact
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Niger has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing low coverage of skilled birth attendants and exclusive breastfeeding, and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

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