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**Botswana ALMA Quarterly Report**  
Quarter One, 2019

**Malaria**

**Progress**
Botswana has successfully mobilised sufficient financing for IRS, malaria diagnosis and treatment in 2019. The country has recently finalised the insecticide resistance management and monitoring plan. WHO has identified Botswana as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2020. Botswana has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Elimination Scorecard.

**Impact**
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 1,902 with 17 deaths.

**Key Challenges**
- Malaria outbreaks were reported during the previous malaria seasons.
- Achieving and maintaining IRS coverage above 80%.
- Need to further strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions**
Botswana has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the lack of data on iCCM and continues to strengthen access to treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea. The country has also responded positively on the reporting of insecticide resistance data to WHO.

**RMNCAH and NTDs**

**Progress**
Botswana has achieved good coverage in tracer RMNCAH interventions, including deliveries by skilled birth attendants, DPT3 and ART coverage in the total population. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Botswana is illustrated using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. 29% preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminths in Botswana has been achieved, whilst data for schistosomiasis were not reported to WHO.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions**

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<td>NTDs</td>
<td>As a priority, submit the data on Preventive Chemotherapy (PC) coverage of Schistosomiasis to WHO</td>
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<td>In 2017, Botswana only carried out PC against Soil Transmitted Helminths. For Schistosomiasis, the country was still waiting for the support for mapping of prevalence. In November 2018 to March 2019, the country conducted PC in 6 districts. The NTD programme is working on the protocol for Schistosomiasis precision mapping to be conducted in May 2019 and is expecting to have the protocol approved by the Ethics Committee by mid 2019</td>
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The country has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and lack of data for postnatal care and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**Key**

- Green: Action achieved
- Yellow: Some progress
- Red: No progress
- Gray: Deliverable not yet due