The entire population of the Republic of the Congo is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense all year round. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 297,652 with 229 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
Congo has secured sufficient resources to cover the required needs for most of the LLINs and ACTs required in 2019. The country has scaled up iCCM coverage. The majority of patients are able to access ACTs and RDTs through the health insurance scheme. The country has recently reported the results of insecticide resistance monitoring to WHO. Congo has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 297,652 with 229 deaths.

Key Challenge
• Low coverage of essential interventions due to lack of external and domestic resources.

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<td>Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2010 and 2017</td>
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<td>Congo reports the observed malaria upsurge was in part linked to an interruption in Global Fund resources in 2013 which prevented the country from procuring and distributing LLINs, leading to an increase in cases. The country has also increased case detection after implementing a policy of free diagnosis and treatment for children under 5, leading to more cases being reported. To address the upsurge the country has mobilized sufficient resources to procure and distribute 3 million LLINs in July 2019, including with resources from the GF</td>
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Congo has responded to the recommended actions addressing financing of anti-malarial commodities and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Congo has made good progress in tracer RMNCAH interventions including skilled birth attendants and vitamin A. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Congo is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Congo in 2017 is 30 and this represents a substantial increase compared with the 2016 index value (16).
The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the NTD scorecard.

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<td>NTDs</td>
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Congo has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs, and coverage has recently increased, and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

## Key

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