Malaria transmission is confined to the north-east part of Namibia where malaria is endemic and about 72% of the population of the country is at risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 66,505 with 57 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
Namibia secured sufficient funding for the required number of ACTs, RDTs and IRS for 2019. The country has also achieved high IRS coverage. Namibia 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 66,505 with 57 deaths. The country had an overall increase in the estimated malaria incidence between 2010 and 2017.

Key Challenges
- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda.
- There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.
- The increase in malaria incidence and mortality rates projected by WHO.
- Gaps in funding for LLINs

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<td>Optimise quality of care</td>
<td>Ensure the IRS programme is fully implemented before the beginning of the malaria season</td>
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<td>Impact</td>
<td>Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2010 and 2017</td>
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<td>The increase in malaria incidence between 2010 and 2017, was caused by a combination of strengthened disease surveillance system; huge financial gaps for IRS resulting in low coverage; and increased rainfall. The country has worked hard to address these bottlenecks. In 2018, the IRS campaign was completed in December with a preliminary coverage of 83.2% (pending data cleaning and final reports). Moreover, current data shows a reduction in malaria cases following strong outbreak response and monitoring plans in place</td>
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Namibia 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.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Namibia has good coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention skilled birth attendants and ART coverage in the total population. The country has enhanced 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 Namibia is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. The country has not reported on their NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage in 2017 to WHO. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the NTD scorecard.

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<td>NTDs</td>
<td>As a priority, submit the data on Preventive Chemotherapy (PC) coverage of Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminths to WHO</td>
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<td>Namibia confirmed that there was not PC for NTDs in 2017 due to a lack of resources. Namibia is organizing an MDA against Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminths in endemic zones to be completed by March 2019 and is planning to conduct 3 years consecutive MDA and then to conduct an impact assessment.</td>
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Namibia has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing the low coverage of vitamin A and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

### Key

- ![Green square](#) Action achieved
- ![Yellow square](#) Some progress
- ![Red square](#) No progress
- ![Gray square](#) Deliverable not yet due