Malaria transmission is seasonal in Zimbabwe with about 60% of the population at risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 316,392.
Malaria

Progress
Zimbabwe has secured the resources required for ACTs, RDTs, LLINs and IRS in 2019 and has achieved high coverage of vector control. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO, and has recently finalised the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Zimbabwe has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 316,392.

Key Challenges
• The country reported malaria increases in 2017.
• There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.
• The country has been adversely affected by the recent cyclone Idai.

New Key Recommended Action

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RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress
Zimbabwe achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention skilled birth attendants and ARTs in children and in the total population. Zimbabwe 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 Zimbabwe is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage is high for schistosomiasis (100%), and good for soil-transmitted helminths (49%) and for lymphatic filariasis (48%). Coverage for trachoma is very low (0%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Zimbabwe in 2017 is 12, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2016 index value (44).
### Previous Key Recommended Action

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<td>Zimbabwe conducted 6 rounds of annual MDA for SCH and STH between 2012 and 2017. The 2017 coverage was lower than for 2016 due to the awareness message, which had been given to the community to conduct an impact assessment of the first 5 rounds. Communities realized the reduction and even absence of the parasites and therefore resisted to treatments. Trachoma mapping and LF mapping are planned for 2019 and strategies will be updated after results.</td>
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The country has responded positively to the recommended action relating to low Vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

**Key**

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