The entire population of The Gambia is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense for most of the year. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2012 was 177,999 with 289 deaths.
Progress
The Gambia continues to make good progress with malaria control, including the introduction of Community Case Management for malaria and pneumonia. The Gambia has secured resources to finance most of the malaria commodities required for 2014. The country has also procured sufficient LLINs to sustain universal coverage. A mass free distribution LLIN campaign will be conducted in June 2014. The country has achieved high coverage of tracer MNCH interventions including DPT3. The Gambia has reduced the under-five mortality rate by 57% since 1990.

Impact
In 2008, a total of 508,846 episodes of clinical malaria were reported compared to 273,507 in 2013 indicating a 38% reduction of malaria cases in a five year period (HMIS 2008-2013). The malaria parasite prevalence in 2010 was 4% (MIS 2010) decreasing to 0.8% (DHS 2013) in 2013 indicating a significant decline of 80%.

Key Challenge
- Inadequate new resources allocated to malaria in the Global Fund New Funding Model may pose a challenge to the country’s ability to sustain the impressive gains made in the fight against malaria over the years.

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

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1 MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA/iERG