Malaria transmission in Madagascar occurs all year round in the north of the country; 75% of the population lives in low-transmission areas which are prone to epidemics and 25% live in areas of high risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2012 was 359,420 with 552 deaths.
Progress
Madagascar has made significant progress in scaling-up and sustaining malaria control interventions and has been successful in attracting resources through the Global Fund. The country has made policy changes including the banning of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and the introduction of policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. Case management and vector control have been scaled-up resulting in a significant reduction in the malaria burden. The country has achieved high coverage of vector control interventions. The country has made good progress on the tracer MNCH interventions DPT3 vaccination and vitamin A coverage. Madagascar has shown a 63% decline in under-five mortality rate since 1990. Madagascar was awarded a 2014 ALMA Award for Excellence in Implementation of Vector Control. Madagascar has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
Madagascar has made progress in malaria control interventions resulting in reduced cases and deaths. The reported outpatient malaria cases decreased from 1,600,000 in 2000–2004 to 359,420 in 2012 and deaths from 591 in 2000 to 552 in 2012.

Key Challenge
- The lack of significant new resources allocated to malaria in the Global Fund New Funding Model jeopardises the country’s ability to sustain the impressive gains made in the fight against malaria.

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Key
- Action achieved
- Some progress
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