Scorecard for Accountability and Action

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 2011 was 3,163 with four deaths.
Progress
Namibia has banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies. Namibia has done well in mobilising resources for malaria control. Adequate funding for the required number of anti-malarial drugs, RDTs, LLINs, and IRS has been secured for 2014. Namibia has made significant progress in scaling-up malaria control interventions and has, in particular, sustained high levels of IRS whilst rolling out LLINs and expanded to universal parasitological diagnosis and treatment. The country has good coverage of tracer MNCH interventions, particularly PMTCT, DPT3 vaccination, and postnatal care. The country has recently increased coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and skilled birth attendants. Namibia has achieved a 47% reduction in under-five child mortality since 1990. Namibia was awarded a 2014 ALMA Award for Excellence in Implementation of Vector Control. Namibia’s success in malaria control is reflected in the country’s inclusion in the SADC Elimination Scorecard, launched in May 2014. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
Namibia has made significant progress in the fight against malaria. The number of probable and confirmed malaria cases reported annually decreased from 480,515 during 2001–2005 to only 3,163 cases in 2012. During the same period, a similar trend was observed in deaths: malaria deaths fell from 1,370 to four. As such, the country has achieved the global target of more than a 75% reduction in the malaria burden since 2000.

Key Challenge
- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda as the disease burden continues to drop.

Previous Key Recommended Action

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