Malaria transmission is most intense in the south whilst the desert areas in the north are malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2012 was 3,525,112 with 2,825 deaths.
Progress
Niger has banned the import and sale of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and has introduced policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. The country has high coverage of vitamin A. The country has committed domestic resources to significantly close gaps in malaria intervention coverage and has sufficient financing to procure and distribute the majority of the ACTs, RDTs, and LLINs required for 2014. Niger has shown a 65% decline in under-five mortality rate since 1990.

Impact
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Key Challenge
- Delays in LLIN procurement may delay the universal coverage campaign in 2014.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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

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