In Cape Verde, 58% of the population lives in areas where there is a low risk of malaria; the rest of the country is malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 46 and zero deaths.
Progress
Cape Verde has made great progress and has achieved significant impact in its malaria control programme, enabling the country to enter the pre-elimination phase of malaria control. The country has secured sufficient resources to sustain universal coverage of key malaria interventions in 2015 and continues to sustain high coverage of vector control interventions. The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions DPT3 vaccination, PMTCT, and skilled birth attendants. Cape Verde also has a high rating in terms of public sector management systems.

Impact
Malaria morbidity and mortality has declined in Cape Verde. Total confirmed malaria cases decreased from 126 during 2000–2001 to 46 cases in 2013 and zero deaths. As such, the country has achieved the international target of at least a 75% reduction in malaria burden since 2000.

Key Challenge
- Sustaining malaria control gains as the country prepares for elimination.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>MNCH¹: Optimise quality of care</td>
<td>Work towards improving postnatal care coverage through increasing availability of skilled care, promoting facility births where women and babies are observed for at least 24 hours before discharge and through home visits by Community Health Workers</td>
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Cape Verde has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing lack of data on postnatal care, exclusive breastfeeding and vitamin A and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

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

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