Malaria is endemic in all parts of Malawi. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 3,906,838 with 3,723 deaths.
Progress
Malawi has made good progress in scaling-up malaria control interventions. The country has made policy changes including the introduction of policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. Malawi has also banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies. The malaria commodities required to achieve and sustain universal coverage in 2015 are financed. High coverage has been obtained for the tracer MNCH interventions, including skilled birth attendance, exclusive breastfeeding, postnatal care, and PMTCT coverage. Malawi has achieved MDG4 by reducing under-five child mortality by over two-thirds since 1990. Malawi has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 3,906,838 with 3,723 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Increases in malaria cases reported in 2014.

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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