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Progress
Mauritania has banned the import and sale of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and has introduced a policy on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. The country has secured sufficient resources to meet the LLIN, ACT, and RDT requirements for 2015. The country has made good progress in the tracer MNCH intervention of vitamin A coverage and has increased DPT3 vaccination coverage.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 128,486 with 25 deaths.

Key Challenge
• Low LLIN coverage.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>Ensure the GF New Funding Model concept note is submitted by Q3 2014 and ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control at a level that is sufficient to sustain the gains made in recent years</td>
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¹ MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA/iERG
Mauritania has responded positively to the recommended action addressing low coverage of vector control and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

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