The entire population of Sierra Leone is at high risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 1,715,851 with 4,326 deaths.
Progress
Sierra Leone has banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and has introduced policies on Community Case Management for both malaria and pneumonia. The country has secured sufficient resources to achieve universal coverage of LLINs, RDTs, and ACTs in 2015. The country has achieved high coverage in the tracer MNCH interventions PMTCT, postnatal care and vitamin A and has recently increased coverage of DPT3. Sierra Leone has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard. Sierra Leone has made significant efforts to mitigate the impact of the current ebola crisis on malaria control. The LLIN universal coverage campaign was completed in September including in ebola affected areas and the country conducted Mass Drug Administration with antimalarial medicine to reduce the overall incidence of fever. Sierra Leone was awarded a 2015 ALMA Award for Most Improved in Malaria Control.

Impact
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Key Challenge
- Sustaining the coverage of essential health services during the ebola outbreak.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Sierra Leone has responded positively to the recommended action addressing low coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

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