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**Quarter Two, 2019**

## Malaria

### Progress

Guinea-Bissau secured sufficient resources to sustain coverage of ACTs, RDTs and LLINs in 2019. The country has also scaled up iCCM implementation.

### Impact

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<td>Vector Control</td>
<td>Provide an update to WHO on mosquito insecticide resistance status, carry out insecticide resistance testing and develop and implement a national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan</td>
<td>Q1 2017</td>
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<td>The country is receiving support from WHO to finalise the planning for monitoring and management of insecticide resistance, as well as for entomological monitoring</td>
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## RMNCAH and NTDs

### Progress

The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention of exclusive breastfeeding and vitamin A.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Guinea-Bissau is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Guinea-Bissau is high for trachoma (85%) and good for onchocerciasis (78%), for lymphatic filariasis (73%), soil transmitted helminths (62%). Coverage is low for schistosomiasis (0%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Guinea-Bissau in 2017 is 20, which represents substantial increase compared with the 2016 index value (1).

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<td>NTDs</td>
<td>Based on the recent entomology results, investigate if some geographical areas may be ready to stop MDA for Onchocerciasis</td>
<td>Q3 2019</td>
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<td>The country has been supported by ESPEN and once the report is finalised, will follow up on the recommendations</td>
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<td>NTDs</td>
<td>Work to fully integrate treatment across all the five Preventive Chemotherapy NTDs, to achieve systematically high annual coverage of all the components in all risk groups as recommended by WHO</td>
<td>Q4 2019</td>
<td></td>
<td>In collaboration with the ESPEN, the country has conducted an integrated Preventive Chemotherapy for Schistosomiasis, Soil Transmitted Helminths, Onchocerciasis, and Lymphatic Filariasis</td>
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Guinea Bissau has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of skilled birth attendants, ARTs in the total population (with
recent increases in ART coverage reported) and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**New Key Recommended Action**

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<td>Optimise quality of care</td>
<td>Investigate and address the reasons for the decreasing coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age</td>
<td>Q2 2020</td>
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**Key**
- Green: Action achieved
- Yellow: Some progress
- Red: No progress
- Gray: Deliverable not yet due

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1 RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO