Malaria transmission in Nigeria takes place all year round in the south but is more seasonal in the northern regions. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 18,690,954 cases.
Malaria
Progress
Nigeria has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has recently finalised the development of the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Nigeria has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard. Nigeria has decreased the estimated malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 18,690,954.

Key Challenge
• Funding gaps to achieve and sustain universal coverage of all malaria interventions in 2019-2020.

Previous Key Recommended Actions
Nigeria has responded positively to the previous recommended actions addressing insufficient resources to fully implement the essential malaria control interventions, and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Nigeria has achieved high coverage of vitamin A, and has recently increased coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and postnatal care.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Nigeria 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 Nigeria is good for onchocerciasis (80%), for schistosomiasis (74%), for soil transmitted helminths (71%), for lymphatic filariasis (62%). The coverage is low for trachoma (30%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Nigeria in 2017 is 60, which represents a substantial increase compared with the 2016 index value (48).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Nigeria has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of skilled birth attendants and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**Key**

- [Green] Action achieved
- [Yellow] Some progress
- [Red] No progress
- [Gray] Deliverable not yet due

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