Malaria is present in the three northern provinces of South Africa bordering Mozambique and Swaziland. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 28,295 with 274 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
South Africa secured sufficient resources for the insecticides required for IRS in 2019 and enough RDTs and ACTs. WHO has identified South Africa as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2020. The country has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO and finalised the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. South Africa has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Elimination Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 28,295 with 274 deaths. The country experienced a significant increase in malaria cases between 2016 and 2017.

Key Challenges
- The country has reported increases in malaria.
- Risk of re-introduction of malaria from neighbouring countries.
- There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.

Previous Recommended Actions
The country has responded positively to the recommended action to ensure that the IRS programme is fully implemented before the beginning of the malaria season. The country has also responded to the recommended action to investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence and mortality rate between 2010 and 2017. Preliminary data indicate that there was a significant reduction in cases in 2018 compared to 2017.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
The country has made significant progress in scaling-up the tracer RMNCAH interventions of skilled birth attendants and postnatal care.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in South Africa is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in South Africa is low for soil transmitted helminths (43%) and for schistosomiasis (0%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for South Africa in 2017 is 2, which represents a slight decrease compared with the 2016 index value (3).

Previous Recommended Action
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<td>Identify the reasons for the decrease in Preventive Chemotherapy (PC) coverage of Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) and the continued low coverage of PC for Schistosomiasis, and work to enhance coverage to reach the WHO targets</td>
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Key

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