The entire population of the Democratic Republic of Congo is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense year round with seasonal variations. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 11,363,817 with 30,918 deaths.
Progress
The Democratic Republic of Congo has banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and introduced policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. The country has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve high coverage. The Democratic Republic of Congo has secured the majority of the resources required to sustain coverage of essential malaria control interventions in 2015. The country has achieved high coverage in the tracer MNCH intervention of skilled birth attendants and vitamin A coverage and has recently increased coverage of PMTCT. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 11,363,817 with 30,918 deaths.

Key Challenges
- Resource gaps exist to sustain universal coverage in 2017.
- Taxes and tariffs are levied on private sector malaria commodities.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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New Key Recommended Action

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