Malaria transmission is confined to the north-east part of Namibia where malaria is endemic and about 72% of the population of the country is at risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 4,745 with 21 deaths.
Progress
Namibia has banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies. Adequate funding for the required number of anti-malarial drugs, RDTs, LLINs, and IRS has been secured for 2015. Namibia has made significant progress in scaling-up malaria control interventions and has, in particular, sustained high levels of IRS whilst rolling out LLINs and expanded to universal parasitological diagnosis and treatment. The country has good coverage of tracer MNCH interventions, particularly DPT3, skilled birth attendants and postnatal care and has recently increased PMTCT coverage. The country has significantly enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
Namibia has made significant progress in the fight against malaria. The number of probable and confirmed malaria cases reported annually decreased from 480,515 during 2001–2005 to only 4,745 cases in 2013. During the same period, a similar trend was observed in deaths: malaria deaths fell from 1,370 to 21. As such, the country has achieved the global target of more than a 75% reduction in the malaria burden since 2000. However the number of malaria cases in 2013 increased to 4,745 from 3,163 in 2012 and deaths increased in 2013 to 21 compared with four deaths in 2012.

Key Challenges
- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda as the disease burden continues to drop.
- Increases in malaria cases reported in 2014.

Recommended Actions
Namibia has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the lack of data on vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as this action is implemented. The country has also responded positively to investigating the reasons for the increasing number of malaria cases in 2014.