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 2017 was 15,272,767 with 27,458 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
The Democratic Republic of Congo has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. 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 2016 was 15,272,767 with 27,458 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Resource gaps to fully implement the national strategic plan.

Previous Key Recommended Action
The country has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing CPIA cluster D and need to investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2010 – 2017 and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NDTs
Progress
The Democratic Republic of Congo has achieved high coverage in the tracer RMNCAH intervention of skilled birth attendants. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Democratic Republic of the Congo 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 Democratic Republic of the Congo is good for schistosomiasis (80%), onchocerciasis (77%), soil transmitted helminths (76%) and for lymphatic filariasis (71%). However, the coverage is low for trachoma (14%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2017 is 54, which represents substantial increase compared with the 2016 index value (44).
## Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>Investigate and address the reasons for the reported decrease in Vitamin A coverage in 2016</td>
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The country has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing accelerating coverage of ARTs in children, and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

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

\(^1\) RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO