Malaria transmission is most intense in the south whilst the desert areas in the north are malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 2,638,580 with 2,316 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
Niger has mobilised the required financing to procure and distribute the ACTs and RDTs required for 2019. The country has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage. Niger has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has recently reported the results of insecticide resistance testing to WHO. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach. Niger has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 2,638,580 with 2,316 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Insufficient resources to achieve high coverage of essential malaria interventions.

Previous Key Recommended Action
Niger has responded positively to the recommended action addressing resource mobilisation and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention vitamin A. The country has enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Niger is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Niger is high for schistosomiasis (100%) and soil transmitted helminths (87%), good for lymphatic filariasis (72%) and low for trachoma (27%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Niger in 2017 is 64, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2016 index value (1).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO
Niger has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of skilled birth attendants, postnatal care and exclusive breastfeeding, and ARTs coverage in children (with recent increases in coverage reported), and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**Key**

- ![Action achieved](image)
- ![Some progress](image)
- ![No progress](image)
- ![Deliverable not yet due](image)