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**Key**

- **Target achieved or on track**
- **Progress but more effort required**
- **Not on track**
- **No data**
- **Not applicable**
Malaria Progress
São Tomé and Príncipe secured sufficient resources to finance the ACTs and LLINs/IRS required for 2019 and has achieved 100% operational coverage of vector control. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO, and has recently completed the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. The country has decreased the estimated malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010. São Tomé and Príncipe has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Elimination Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 2,241 with zero deaths.

Key Challenges
- Significant reduction in funding from the Global Fund and other donors has significantly reduced the resources available for malaria control.
- Malaria upsurges observed.

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<td>The country attributes the increase in malaria cases since 2014 to a number of factors including the 70% reduction in GF funding and gaps in key malaria commodities including RDTs and IRS. STP is undertaking steps to address the upsurge including through the establishment of an emergency district task force including all key stakeholders for response, sensitization and community mobilization; resource mobilisation with China and UNICEF to fill the commodity gaps. Additionally, the country is updating the national strategic plan</td>
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The country has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing iCCM scale-up and finalization of the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**RMNCAH and NTDs**

**Progress**

São Tomé and Príncipe has achieved high coverage in the tracer RMNCAH interventions DPT3 vaccination coverage, skilled birth attendants and exclusive breastfeeding and postnatal care.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Sao Tomé and Principé is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. The country reported high coverage of NTD PC in 2017.

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São Tomé and Príncipe has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing the lack of data for ARTs, and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**Key**

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

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1 RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO