The entire population of the Republic of the Congo is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense all year round. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 183,026 with 2,870 deaths.
Congo ALMA Quarterly Report
Quarter Four, 2014

Progress
Congo introduced a policy of Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia to bring treatment services closer to the population. The country has banned the marketing of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies. The country has made good progress in tracer MNCH interventions, particularly DPT3, skilled birth attendants and postnatal care.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 183,026 with 2,870 deaths.

Key Challenge
• The lack of new resources allocated to malaria in the Global Fund New Funding Model jeopardises the country’s ability to sustain the gains made in the fight against malaria.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>MNCH¹: Enact high level policy and strategy change</td>
<td>a) Work to update the exclusive breastfeeding policy from 3 months to 6 months</td>
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Key
- Action achieved
- Some progress
- No progress
- Deliverable not yet due

¹ MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA/iERG