The entire population of Sierra Leone is at high risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2013 was 1,715,851 with 4,326 deaths.
Progress
Sierra Leone has banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and has introduced policies on Community Case Management for both malaria and pneumonia. The country has secured sufficient resources to achieve universal coverage of LLINs, RDTs, and ACTs in 2014. Despite the ebola outbreak, Sierra Leone has completed the universal coverage campaign for LLINs. The country has made significant progress in tracer MNCH interventions including in PMTCT and exclusive breastfeeding and has high coverage of vitamin A and DPT3 vaccination. The country has recently increased coverage of postnatal care. Sierra Leone has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard. Sierra Leone has made significant efforts to mitigate the impact of the current ebola crisis on malaria control. The LLIN universal coverage campaign was completed in September including in ebola affected areas and the country is conducting Mass Drug Administration with antimalarial medicine to reduce the overall incidence of fever.

Impact
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Key Challenge
- Sustaining the coverage of essential health services during the ebola outbreak.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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