The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 35,725 with 15 deaths.
Progress
Eritrea has made significant progress in scaling-up malaria control interventions. The country has made policy changes including the banning of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies and the introduction of a policy of Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. Eritrea has secured sufficient financing to maintain universal coverage of key anti-malarial interventions in 2015.

Eritrea has also achieved good coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions of DPT3 and exclusive breastfeeding. Eritrea has achieved MDG4 by reducing under-five child mortality by over two-thirds since 1990.

Impact
Eritrea has made significant progress in malaria prevention and control. The number of malaria cases (probable and confirmed) has decreased from 125,746 in 2001 to 35,725 in 2014. In the same period malaria deaths declined from 133 to 15. WHO projects that the country will achieve a greater than 75% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

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Eritrea has responded positively to the MNCH recommended actions addressing low coverage of skilled birth attendants, vitamin A and postnatal care and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

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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