The entire population of The Gambia is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense for most of the year. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 166,229 with 170 deaths.
Progress
The Gambia continues to make good progress with malaria control, including the introduction of Community Case Management for malaria and pneumonia. The Gambia has secured resources to finance the majority of the malaria commodities required for 2015. The country has also procured sufficient LLINs to sustain universal coverage. The Gambia was awarded a 2015 ALMA Award for Excellence in Implementation of Vector Control.

The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions postnatal care and DPT3 vaccination coverage. The Gambia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
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Key

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