Malaria is endemic in all parts of Malawi. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 5,065,703 with 4,490 deaths.
Progress
Malawi has made good progress in scaling-up malaria control interventions. The country has made policy changes including the introduction of policies on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia. Malawi has also banned oral artemisinin-based monotherapies. The malaria commodities required to achieve and sustain universal coverage in 2015 are financed.

High coverage has also been obtained for the tracer MNCH interventions, including skilled birth attendance, exclusive breastfeeding, DPT3, postnatal care, and PMTCT coverage and Malawi has recently increased vitamin A coverage. Malawi has achieved MDG4 by reducing under-five child mortality by over two-thirds since 1990. Malawi has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 5,065,703 with 4,490 deaths. WHO, through modeling, projects that Malawi has achieved a 50%-75% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

Key Challenge
- Delays in the implementation in the LLIN universal coverage campaign.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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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