The entire population of Sierra Leone is at high risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 1,898,852 with 2,848 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 and ACTs in 2015. Sierra Leone was awarded a 2015 ALMA Award for Most Improved in Malaria Control.

The country has also achieved high coverage in the tracer MNCH interventions PMTCT, postnatal care and vitamin A. Sierra Leone has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard. Sierra Leone has responded to the challenge of the post ebola recovery. The country has developed and put in place a recovery plan and health systems building strategy and is mobilizing resources for it.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 1,898,852 with 2,848 deaths. WHO, through modeling, estimates that there has been a less than 50% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

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Sierra Leone has responded positively to the MNCH recommended action addressing low coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

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Key

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

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