In Burundi, about 24% of the population is at high risk for malaria and nearly 22% live in malaria-free highland areas. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 5149436 with 2,481 deaths.
Malaria

Global Fund Update
The Global Fund has announced that Burundi will receive US$118.9 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2021-2023. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Burundi’s disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and previous disbursements. For Burundi this is calculated at US$70.8 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Burundi is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to accelerate progress.

Progress
Burundi procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country has secured sufficient resources to procure the LLINs, RDTs and ACTs required in 2019. Burundi has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has developed an insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 5,149,436 with 2,481 deaths.

Key Challenges
- The country has experienced a malaria upsurge from 2015.
- Gaps to further scale up IRS.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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**RMNCAH and NTDs**

**Progress**

Burundi has achieved high coverage of tracer RMNCAH interventions, including exclusive breastfeeding, DPT3, ART coverage and skilled birth attendance. Burundi enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Burundi is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Burundi is high for schistosomiasis (100%), soil transmitted helminths (95%) and for onchocerciasis (83%). However, the country did not implement preventive chemotherapy for trachoma (0%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Burundi in 2018 is 17, the same as 2017 index value (17).

Burundi is commended for completing the required rounds of MDA for Trachoma, and reducing the prevalence to less than 5%. The country has also reached WHO targets for Preventive Chemotherapy for schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and onchocerciasis.

**Previous Key Recommended Action**

Burundi has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ART coverage in children, with a 2% increase in coverage reported in the last year.