There is intense malaria transmission all year round in the Central African Republic and the entire population of the country is at high risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 995,157 with 1,292 deaths.
Malaria

The Global Fund

The Global Fund has announced that Central African Republic will receive €121.8 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 Central African Republic’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 Central African Republic this is calculated at €53.8 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Central African Republic 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

Central African Republic secured the required resources required for LLINs and most of the resources for RDTs in 2019. Central African Republic has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. Central African Republic have recently submitted insecticide resistance monitoring data to WHO.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 995,157 with 1,292 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Limited access to some at-risk populations is hampering coverage of malaria control interventions.
- Limited resources to further scale-up interventions.

Previous Key Recommended Action

Central African Republic has responded positively to the recommended action on development and implementation of a national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and reporting on the status of insecticide resistance monitoring to WHO.

New Key Recommended Action

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RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Central African Republic is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Central African Republic is below WHO target for schistosomiasis (44%), soil transmitted helminths (35%), onchocerciasis (34%), lymphatic filariasis (31%) and trachoma (23%).
Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Central African Republic in 2018 is 33 and shows a substantial increase compared to the 2017 index value (1).

### Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Central African Republic has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs in the whole population and in children, with a resulting increase of 3% and 4% respectively over the last year, and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

### Key
- **Action achieved**
- **Some progress**
- **No progress**
- **Deliverable not yet due**