In Cabo Verde, 58% of the population lives in areas where there is a low risk of malaria; the rest of the country is malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 21 with zero deaths.
Malaria
Global Fund Update
The Global Fund has announced that Cabo Verde will receive €4.3 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 Cabo Verde’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 Cabo Verde this is calculated at €1.1 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Cabo Verde 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, and achieve its elimination targets.

Progress
Cabo Verde secured sufficient resources to sustain universal coverage of ACTs and RDTs in 2019 and has achieved high coverage of IRS. WHO identified Cabo Verde as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2020. The country has completed the insecticide resistance management and implementation plan and has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO. Cabo Verde has a high rating in terms of public sector management systems (CPIA cluster D). The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Elimination Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 21 with one death.

Key Challenge
• Sustaining malaria control gains as the country prepares for elimination.

New Key Recommended Action

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RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH interventions, DPT3 vaccination, skilled birth attendants, exclusive breastfeeding and coverage of ARTs in the total population. Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Cabo Verde is measured using preventive chemotherapy achieved for soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminths is 70%. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cabo Verde in 2018 is 70 and shows a slight decrease compared to the 2017 index value (72).

Previous Key Recommended Actions
Cabo Verde has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing lack of data on postnatal care, ART coverage in children and vitamin A and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.