Malaria transmission is more intense in the south of Mali. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 2,614,104 with 1,001 deaths.
Malaria
Global Fund Update
The Global Fund has announced that Mali will receive €162.1 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 Mali’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 Mali this is calculated at €81.7 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Mali 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 the gains made in recent years.

Progress
Mali has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. The majority of the malaria commodities required to achieve and sustain universal coverage in 2019 are financed. Mali has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Mali has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard. The country has decreased the estimated malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact Approach.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 2,614,104 with 1,001 deaths.

Key Challenge
• The country has funding gaps including for Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention.

New Key Recommended Action

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RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Mali has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention of vitamin A. The country has significantly 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 Mali 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 Mali is high for trachoma (100%) and
schistosomiasis (91%); and good for onchocerciasis (77%) and for lymphatic filariasis (69%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Mali in 2018 is 83.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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The country has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing the low coverage of ARTs, with small increases in coverage recently reported, as well as decrease in skilled birth attendants and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Key

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

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO