The entire population of the Republic of the Congo is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense all year round. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 248,159 with 271 deaths.
Congo ALMA Quarterly Report
Quarter Two, 2016

Malaria
Progress
Congo has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2014 and has reported the results to WHO.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 248,159 with 271 deaths. WHO, through modeling, projects that Congo has achieved a 50%–75% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

Key Challenge
- The lack of new resources allocated to malaria in the Global Fund New Funding Model and through domestic resources jeopardises the country’s ability to sustain the gains made in the fight against malaria.

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<td>Vector Control</td>
<td>Given the reported mosquito resistance to 2 classes of insecticide, urgently finalise the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan</td>
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<td>Congo has recently tested for mosquito insecticide resistance and preliminary results are available. The country plans to elaborate a management plan and establish a platform for monitoring moving forward</td>
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MNCH
Progress
Congo has made good progress in tracer MNCH interventions including skilled birth attendants, DPT3 and postnatal care. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

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<td>Work to accelerate coverage of ARTs especially in children under 14 years of age</td>
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<td>Deliverable not yet due but Congo has increased ART coverage by 9% in the total population and by 4% in children</td>
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Congo has responded positively to the MNCH recommended actions addressing lack of data for vitamin A and low coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

¹ MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA
**Key**
- Action achieved
- Some progress
- No progress
- Deliverable not yet due