Malaria transmission is confined to the north-east part of Namibia where malaria is endemic and about 72% of the population of the country is at risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 15,692 with 61 deaths.
Malaria

Progress
Namibia has secured sufficient funding for the required number of anti-malaria drugs, RDTs, LLINs, and IRS for 2016. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2014 and has reported the results to WHO. Namibia was awarded a 2016 ALMA Award for Excellence for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target for malaria.

Impact
Namibia has made significant progress in the fight against malaria. The number of probable and confirmed malaria cases reported annually decreased from 480,515 during 2001–2005 to only 15,692 cases in 2014. During the same period, a similar trend was observed in deaths: malaria deaths fell from 1,370 to 61. As such, the country has achieved the global MDG target of more than a 75% reduction in the malaria burden since 2000. However the number of malaria cases in 2014 increased to 15,692 compared to 4,745 in 2013 and deaths increased in 2014 to 61 compared to 21 in 2013.

Key Challenge
- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda as the disease burden continues to drop.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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The country has responded positively to investigating the reasons for the increasing number of malaria cases in 2014.

MNCH

Progress
Namibia has good coverage of tracer MNCH interventions, including DPT3, ART coverage in children under 14 years of age, skilled birth attendants and postnatal care. The country has recently increased coverage of ARTs in the total population. The country has enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Previous Key Recommended Action
Namibia has responded positively to the MNCH recommended action addressing the lack of data on vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.