The entire population of Sierra Leone is at high risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 1,898,852 with 2,848 deaths.
Malaria Progress
Sierra Leone has secured sufficient resources to achieve universal coverage of LLINs, RDTs and ACTs in 2016 and has distributed sufficient LLINs to achieve operational universal coverage.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 1,898,852 with 2,848 deaths. WHO, through modeling, estimates that there has been a less than 50% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

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MNCH Progress
The country has achieved high coverage in the tracer MNCH interventions postnatal care and vitamin A. Sierra Leone has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard. Sierra Leone has responded to the challenge of the post ebola recovery. The country has developed and put in place a recovery plan and health systems building strategy and is mobilizing resources for it.

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Sierra Leone has responded positively to the MNCH recommended action addressing low coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

1 MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA
Key
- Green: Action achieved
- Yellow: Some progress
- Red: No progress
- Grey: Deliverable not yet due