The annual reported number of confirmed malaria cases in 2014 was 1,485 with 22 deaths.
Malaria

Progress

Botswana has successfully mobilised resources for malaria control. Sufficient financing has been secured for IRS, malaria diagnosis and treatment in 2016. Botswana was awarded the 2016 ALMA Award for Excellence for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target for malaria. Botswana has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard.

Impact

Botswana has made significant progress in malaria control. The number of confirmed malaria cases reported annually has declined from 3,362 during the period 2000–2005 to 1,485 cases in 2014. The country has achieved the MDG international target of reducing malaria burden by 75% since 2000. However, the number of malaria cases in 2014 increased to 1,485 compared to 456 in 2013 and malaria deaths increased in 2014 to 22 compared with 7 deaths in 2013.

Key Challenges

- Achieving and maintaining IRS coverage above 80%.
- There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Botswana has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the lack of data on iCCM and continues to strengthen access to treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea.
MNCH
Progress
Botswana has achieved good coverage in tracer MNCH interventions, including deliveries by skilled birth attendants, DPT3 vaccination and ART coverage in the total population and in children. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Previous Key Recommended Actions
The country has responded positively to the MNCH recommended actions addressing low coverage of exclusive breastfeeding and lack of data for postnatal care and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

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

¹ MNCH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO MCA