The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 35,725 with 15 deaths.
Malaria

Progress
Eritrea has made significant progress in scaling-up malaria control interventions. Eritrea has secured sufficient financing to maintain universal coverage of key anti-malarial interventions in 2016. The country has scaled up implementation of iCCM. Eritrea has recently increased coverage of vector control. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2014 and has reported the results to WHO and has recently completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Eritrea was awarded the 2016 ALMA Award for Excellence for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target for malaria.

Impact
Eritrea has made significant progress in malaria prevention and control. The number of malaria cases (probable and confirmed) has decreased from 125,746 in 2001 to 35,725 in 2014. In the same period malaria deaths declined from 133 to 15. WHO projects that the country will achieve a greater than 75% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

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MNCH
Progress
Eritrea has achieved good coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions of DPT3, exclusive breastfeeding and ART coverage in the total population.

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Eritrea has responded positively to the MNCH recommended actions addressing low coverage of skilled birth attendants, vitamin A, CPIA Cluster D and postnatal care. The country continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Key

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

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