The entire population of The Gambia is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense for most of the year. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 166,229 with 170 deaths.
Malaria

Progress
The Gambia continues to make good progress with malaria control, including through the implementation of iCCM. The Gambia has secured resources to finance the majority of the malaria commodities required for 2016. The country has also procured sufficient LLINs to sustain 100% operational coverage in 2016. The Gambia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2014 was 166,229 with 170 deaths. WHO, through modeling, estimates that there has been a less than 50% decrease in malaria incidence between 2000 and 2015.

Previous Key Recommended Action
The Gambia has responded positively to the recommended action addressing insecticide resistance management.
MNCH Progress
The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer MNCH interventions postnatal care and DPT3 vaccination coverage. The Gambia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>Work to accelerate coverage of ARTs in the total population and in children under 14 years of age</td>
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The Gambia has responded positively to the MNCH recommended action addressing lack of data for Vitamin A coverage.

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

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