Malaria is endemic in all parts of Malawi. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2015 was 4,933,416 with 3,799 deaths.
Malaria
Global Fund Update
The Global Fund has announced that Malawi will receive US$ 450.4 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2018-2020. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Malawi’s disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and previous disbursements. For Malawi this is calculated at US$ 70.7 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Malawi is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to sustain the gains made in recent years.

Progress
Malawi has secured sufficient resources to finance the majority of the ACTs and RDTs required for 2016. Sufficient LLINs have been procured to achieve 100% operational coverage and the country rolled out the universal coverage campaign in the first quarter of 2016. Malawi has scaled up iCCM. Malawi has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2014 and has reported the results to WHO.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2015 was 4,933,416 with 3,799 deaths. WHO estimates that the country has achieved a decrease of greater than 40% in the malaria incidence rate and a decrease of 20-40% in the malaria mortality rate for the period 2010 - 2015.

Previous Key Recommended Action
Malawi has responded to the recommended action addressing the status of the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan.

New Key Recommended Action

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MNCH Progress

High coverage has also been obtained for the tracer MNCH interventions, including coverage of skilled birth attendants, exclusive breastfeeding, DPT3 and vitamin A. Malawi has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Malawi has responded positively to the MNCH recommended actions addressing low coverage of postnatal care and 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