Malaria transmission is confined to the north-east part of Namibia where malaria is endemic and about 72% of the population of the country is at risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2015 was 12,050 with 45 deaths.
Malaria
Global Fund Update
The Global Fund has announced that Namibia will receive US$ 37.1 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 Namibia’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 Namibia this is calculated at US$ 1.8 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Namibia is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation at a level that is sufficient to sustain the gains made in recent years.

Progress
Namibia has secured sufficient funding for the required number of anti-malaria drugs, RDTs, LLINs, and IRS for 2016. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2014 and has reported the results to WHO. Namibia 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 2015 was 12,050 with 45 deaths. WHO estimates that the country has experienced an increase of greater than 20% for malaria incidence rate and for malaria mortality rate for the period 2010 - 2015.

Key Challenges
- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda as the disease burden continues to drop.
- There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.
- The increase in malaria incidence and mortality rates estimated by WHO between 2010-2015.

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Namibia 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 diarrhoea.
New Key Recommended Actions

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**MNCH Progress**
Namibia has good coverage of tracer MNCH interventions, including DPT3, ART coverage in the total population and in children under 14 years of age, skilled birth attendants and postnatal care. The country has enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

**Previous Key Recommended Action**
Namibia has responded positively to the MNCH recommended action addressing the lack of data on vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

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