

Scorecard for Accountability and Action



In Cabo Verde, 58% of the population lives in areas where there is a low risk of malaria; the rest of the country is malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 21 with zero deaths.

Metrics

| Commodities Financed and Financial Control | |
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| IRS financing 2020 (% of at-risk population) | 40 |
| Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need) | 100 |
| Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need) | 100 |
| World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D) | 4.0 |

Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact

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| Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010 | 1 |
| Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO | |
| National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan | |
| RDTs in stock (>9 months stock) | |
| ACTs in stock (>9 months stock) | |
| LLINIRS campaign on track | ▲ |
| Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign | |
| Scale of implementation of iCCM (2017) | |
| IRS Operational Coverage (%) | 80 |
| On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015) | |
| On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015) | |

Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and NTDs

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| Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2018) | 70 |
| Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019) | 94 |
| Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019) | |
| % deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant | 93 |
| Postnatal care (within 48 hrs) | |
| Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months) | 60 |
| Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses) | |
| DPT3 coverage 2019 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds) | 96 |

Key

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| | Target achieved or on track |
| | Progress but more effort required |
| | Not on track |
| | No data |
| | Not applicable |

Malaria

Sustaining Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is putting an incredible strain on health systems across Africa. Health systems are required to maintain routine health services for other illnesses even as they handle the additional burden of COVID-19. In order to prevent widespread morbidity and mortality, it is of vital importance that we work to sustain the delivery of essential life-saving interventions during this difficult time including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent health and malaria.

Using the example of malaria, WHO underlines the critical importance of sustaining efforts to prevent, detect and treat malaria during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is of vital importance to ensure the continuity of malaria prevention and treatment services including distribution of insecticide-treated nets and indoor residual spraying. Any intervention must consider the importance of both lowering malaria-related mortality and ensuring the safety of communities and health workers given the ease of transmission of COVID-19.

For Cabo Verde, it has been of vital importance that the indoor residual spraying (IRS) campaign planned for 2020 goes ahead as planned, whilst taking into account physical distancing, in accordance with the recent guidance and recommendations from WHO and that the insecticides needed for the campaign are ordered on time. Without this IRS, coupled with the need to sustain essential health services including malaria case management, there will be an increase in malaria cases and deaths.

Progress

Cabo Verde secured sufficient resources to sustain universal coverage of ACTs and RDTs in 2020. WHO identified Cabo Verde as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2020. The country has completed the insecticide resistance management and implementation plan and has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO. Cabo Verde has more than nine months of stocks of ACTs and RDTs but there were delays in the delivery of insecticide for IRS, however, IRS is now ongoing. Cabo Verde has a high rating in terms of public sector management systems (CPIA cluster D). The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Elimination Scorecard.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 21 with one death.

Key Challenges

- Sustaining malaria control gains as the country prepares for elimination.
- Sustaining the delivery of essential life-saving interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child health including malaria.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

| Objective | Action Item | Suggested completion timeframe | Progress | Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report |
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| Impact | Ensure that malaria services including case management and vector control are sustained and implemented whilst using COVID-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic | Q4 2020 | | Cabo Verde rolled out IRS in Q2, but the campaign was paused whilst awaiting the delivery of additional insecticide, which arrived finally at the end of August allowing for the resumption of the spraying. The country has adequate stocks of ACTs and RDTs. The economy has been impacted with a slowdown in socio-economic activities, including a significant impact on tourism. In the health sector, the provision of all health services has declined because attention is focused on urgent measures to prevent and treat COVID-19. The country has submitted an emergency plan to be able to fight COVID-19 |

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH interventions, DPT3 vaccination, skilled birth attendants, exclusive breastfeeding and coverage of ARTs in the total population. Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Cabo Verde is measured using preventive chemotherapy achieved for soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminths is 70%. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cabo Verde in 2018 is 70 and shows a slight decrease compared to the 2017 index value (72).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

| Objective | Action Item | Suggested completion timeframe | Progress | Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report |
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| RMNCAH ¹ : Impact | Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. Address any stock-outs of essential RMNCAH commodities | Q4 2020 | | RMNCAH services were mostly affected at the beginning of the pandemic, with a reduction in the demand for primary care by the population due to the fear of contracting the disease, financial duress and lack of transport options. The country responded by task-shifting health technicians to COVID related activities and requiring spacing of appointments to maintain social distancing. In this reorganization, essential RMNCAH services were not neglected. The Ministry of Health released an official decree for health facilities to ensure a continuation of priority care in sexual and reproductive health services, child health and vaccination, antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, and services for patients with chronic diseases, and emergencies. The country developed procedures to assist health facilities impose a series of prevention and protection measures, to be strictly complied with by users and health professionals during COVID. Guidelines have also been developed for caring with confirmed COVID cases in pregnant women, during child birth, children and adolescents. Additionally, TV and radio spots have been amplified during COVID promoting reproductive health services of mothers, new-borns, children and adolescents, respecting individual prevention and protection measures |

Cabo Verde has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing lack of data on postnatal care, ART coverage in children and vitamin A and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

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

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO