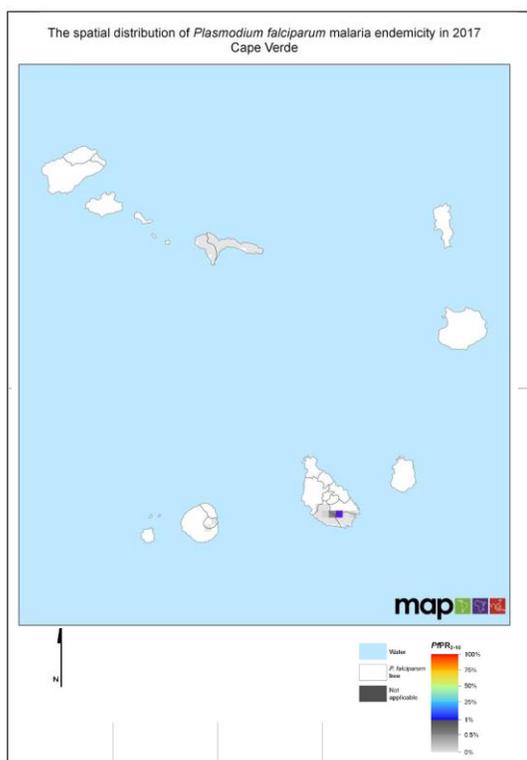


Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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 2019 was 40 with zero deaths.

Metrics

Commodities Financed and Financial Control		
IRS financing 2020 (% of at-risk population)	Progress but more effort required	40
Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need)	Target achieved or on track	100
Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need)	Target achieved or on track	100
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)	Target achieved or on track	4.0
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010	Progress but more effort required	2
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO	Target achieved or on track	
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan	Target achieved or on track	
RDTs in stock (>9 months stock)	Target achieved or on track	
ACTs in stock (>9 months stock)	Target achieved or on track	
LLIN/IRS campaign on track	Target achieved or on track	
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign	Not applicable	
Scale of Implementation of iCCM	Not applicable	
IRS Operational Coverage (%)	Target achieved or on track	80
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)	Target achieved or on track	
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)	Target achieved or on track	
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and NTDs		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2019)	Progress but more effort required	63
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)	Target achieved or on track	94
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)	Not applicable	
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant	Target achieved or on track	93
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)	Not applicable	
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)	Target achieved or on track	60
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)	Not applicable	
DPT3 coverage 2019 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	Target achieved or on track	96

Key

Target achieved or on track	Target achieved or on track
Progress but more effort required	Progress but more effort required
Not on track	Not on track
No data	No data
Not applicable	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, Neglected Tropical Diseases and malaria.

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

It is essential to ensure the continuity of malaria, RMNCAH and NTD services in 2021 as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our continent. This may include the implementation of any necessary catch-up activities and ensuring timely planning to account for potential delays in procurement and delivery. Any intervention must ensure the safety of communities and health workers given the ease of transmission of COVID-19.

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 2019 was 40 with zero deaths.

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, malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
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 2020, but the campaign was paused whilst awaiting the delivery of additional insecticide, which arrived 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. Some planned activities such as supervisory visits, were not implemented during the COVID-19 lock-down

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. The preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminths in Cabo Verde is 63% and below the WHO target. The overall NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cabo Verde is 63 in 2019, which represents a decrease compared with the 2018 index value (70).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
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.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
NTDs	Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration, vector control and Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritising key necessary catch up activities	Q4 2021

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due