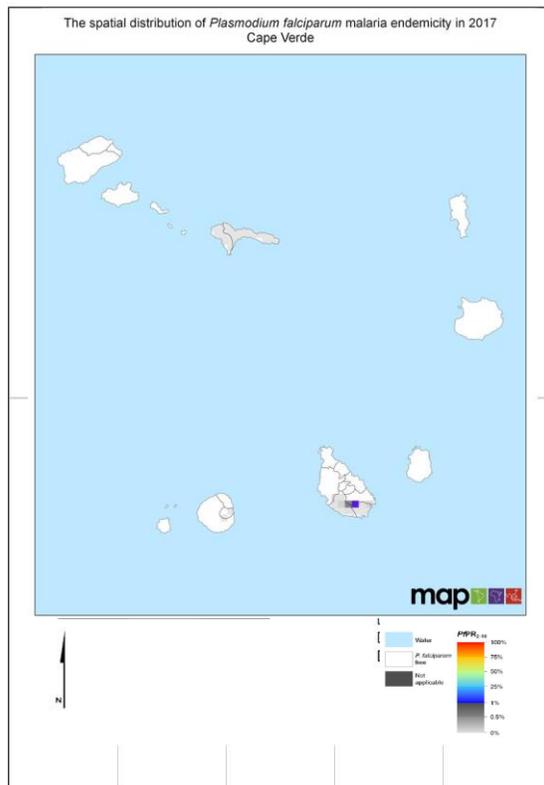


## Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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 2020 was 10 with zero deaths.

### Metrics

Commodities Financed	
IRS financing 2021 (% of at-risk population)	100
Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need)	100
Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need)	100
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact	
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010	2
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO	
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan	
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)	▼
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)	
LLIN/IRS campaign on track	
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign	
Scale of Implementation of iCCM	
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, NTDs and Covid 19	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)	55
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)	98
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)	
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant	93
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)	
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)	60
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)	
DPT3 coverage 2020 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	93
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19	43

### Key

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

## **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.

WHO estimates that there were an additional 47,000 malaria deaths globally in 2020 due to service disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an estimated 7.5% increase in deaths.

It is essential to ensure the continuity of malaria, RMNCAH and NTD services in 2022 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.

The country has been affected by the continent-wide restriction of access to COVID-19 vaccines but has been able to cover 43% of their population by the end of 2021.

### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 10 with zero deaths.

### **Key Challenge**

- 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**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Suggested completion timeframe</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report</b>
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 2022		The country has adequate stocks of ACTs and RDTs for 2021. During Q4 2021 the country continued the implementation of activities specific to malaria elimination including passive and active case-based surveillance and adequate management of each case. A multisectoral coordination mechanism was implemented for community-based activities. In term of case management. The IRS was completed as planned

## **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 coverage achieved for soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminths in Cabo Verde in 2020 was below the WHO targets. The overall NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cabo Verde is 55 in 2020, which represents a decrease compared with the 2019 index value (63)

### .Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
RMNCAH <sup>1</sup> : 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 2022		RMNCAH services were affected at the beginning of the pandemic, with a reduction in the demand for primary health 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-19 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

<sup>1</sup> RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
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 2022		The country is conducting all planned NTD interventions by respecting COVID-19 measures. MDA was conducted in March 2021 and planning is underway for the 2022 campaigns

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.

**Key**

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due