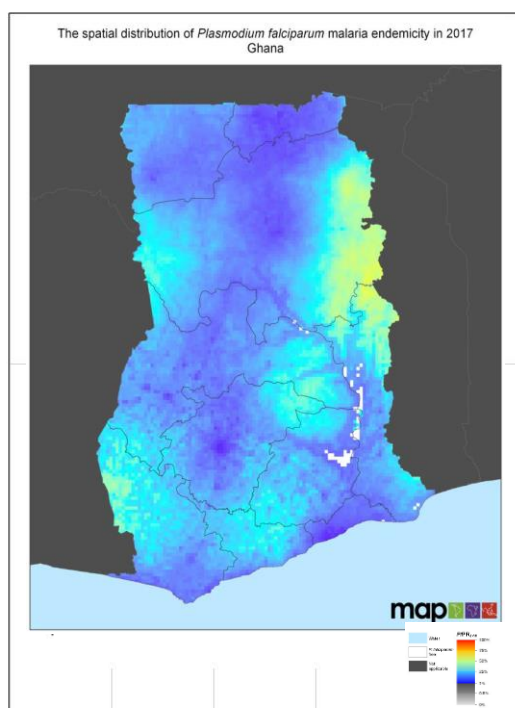


Scorecard for Accountability and Action



The entire population of Ghana is at risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 5,879,506 with 308 deaths.

Metrics

Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100
Policy		
Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Plan	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	
Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	4
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	
LLINIRS campaign on track	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	
Operational LLINIRS coverage (% of at risk population)	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs and Covid 19		
Scale of Implementation of iCCM	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	0
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	33
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	31
DPT3 coverage 2020 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	94
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	17

Key

<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	Target achieved or on track
<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	Progress but more effort required
<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	Not on track
<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	No data
<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	Not applicable

Sustaining Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted routine health services considerably, and the economic impacts continue to hamper health systems recovery. It is vitally important that we focus on recovering lost ground in delivering essential life-saving interventions during this difficult time, sustaining progress towards the SDG targets for Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases and Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child and Adolescent health.

Given the difficulties in securing essential health commodities in Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is of vital importance that countries sign, ratify and deposit the African Medicines Agency (AMA) instrument with the AUC in order to improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medical products in Africa. The country is congratulated for doing this. Early procurement of essential health commodities is also highly recommended whilst long delivery times persist.

The country has been affected by the continent-wide restriction of access to COVID -19 vaccines and had only been able to cover 17% of their population by April 2022. The country, working with partners, should invest in education and behaviour change communication to increase the uptake of COVID vaccines and therapeutics.

Malaria

Progress

Ghana has secured sufficient resources for the essential anti-malarial commodities required to sustain coverage in 2022 and has distributed sufficient numbers of LLINs and carried out IRS sufficient to achieve 100% operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. Ghana has scaled up coverage of iCCM. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach. Ghana has also launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. Ghana has decreased the estimated malaria incidence and mortality rates by more than 40% since 2015.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Ghana has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Elimination Scorecard and has posted the scorecard to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 5,879,506 with 308 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Insecticide resistance threatens vector control effectiveness.
- 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 2022		The country has low stocks of ACTs but a strong delivery pipeline which means there will not be any stock outs. The IRS and SMC planning is on track. The malaria programme has expanded Outreach, Training and Supportive Supervision (OTSS) at sub-regional level to enhance quality improvement in malaria case management whilst ensuring that facility staff implement malaria control activities according to policy recommendations. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the costs of campaigns, creating some gaps in funding for the operational costs
Policy	Work to incorporate activities targeting refugees in the Malaria Strategic Plan	Q1 2023		The NMCP is conducting the Malaria Match Box analysis and the results and recommendations of the assessment will be considered in the revised Malaria Strategic Plan

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

The country has achieved high coverage of tracer RMNCAH DPT3. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard, including with the introduction of community level scorecards. The country has also published the RMNCAH and community scorecards on the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Ghana is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for trachoma and 0% for schistosomiasis, onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis and soil-transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Ghana in 2020 is 0, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2019 index value (73).

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 2022		Ghana reports there have been improvements in RMNCAH services for ANC, PNC and EPI since the COVID-19 pandemic disruptions. Ghana continues to offer essential services. Child health services have improved significantly: Penta 3 coverage remains high at 99% in Q1 2022. Measles/Rubella vaccination increased from 77% Q1 2021 to 83% Q2 2022, and Meningitis A coverage has increased to 81% in Q1 2022. In terms of Maternal Health Service, ANC 4 is showing improvements from 77% in Q4 2021 to 85% in Q1 2022; PNC remains high at 99% Q1 2022. Ghana have offered continuous training and rolled out vaccination among health staff. These have boosted the staff confidence to render essential services across all levels of service delivery. To mitigate for the impact on RMNCAH services, Ghana has adopted COVID-19 protocols and guidelines for paediatric and obstetric care. The guidelines establish special arrangements for COVID-19 prevention and service delivery in the context of COVID-19 with key messages for service providers and communities. The guidelines aim to enhance trust in the capacity of the health system and ensure appropriate care-seeking behaviour. The COVID-19 pandemic has also affected the regular in-flow of essential commodities to render effective RMNCAH services at the service delivery point.
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 MDA coverage, ensure that NTD interventions including MDAs, vector control and Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritizing key	Q4 2022		Deliverable not yet due

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

	necessary catch up activities			
Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q4 2022		To address the falling Vitamin A coverage Ghana is enhancing outreach services in the community, including through enhancing school health Vitamin A campaigns. The country noticed that many mothers stop visiting the Child Welfare Clinics when their children complete the childhood immunization services at 2 years so it has been important to target older children in schools. The country is also undertaking Social Behavior Change communications to educate caretakers on the benefits of Vitamin A

Ghana has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing the low coverage of ARTs in children, with recent increases reported, and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due