Malaria transmission occurs all year round throughout Côte d’Ivoire, although it is more seasonal in the north of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 4,980,640 with 1,316 deaths.
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 encouraged to complete this process. 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 27% of their population by October 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

Côte d’Ivoire has successfully raised resources for the financing of LLINs, RDTs, and ACTs in 2022 and has procured enough LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage of the targeted at-risk population with LLINs. The country has also scaled up implementation of iCCM. There are sufficient stocks of ACTs and RDTs. Côte d’Ivoire has recently reported the results of insecticide resistance testing to WHO and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees. The country has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Côte d’Ivoire has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard, however the scorecard is not yet shared through the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 4,980,640 with 1,316 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 NTDs.
**Previous Key Recommended Action**

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**RMNCAH and NTDs**

**Progress**

The country has made progress on the tracer RMNCAH intervention of vitamin A and of ARTs. Côte d'Ivoire has enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Côte d'Ivoire is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths, lymphatic filariasis and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage in Côte d'Ivoire was very good for schistosomiasis (100%), onchocerciasis (74%) and for soil transmitted helminths (82%). Coverage for lymphatic filariasis (48%) and trachoma (25%) was low. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Côte d'Ivoire in 2020 is 59 and this represents substantial decrease compared with the 2019 index value (65).
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<td>RMNCAH¹: Optimise quality of care</td>
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<td>The country reports that health services use and demand decreased significantly in 2020 but that the demand for and use of health services has since recovered. NGOs and CBOs carried out outreach and mass-communication awareness-raising activities on COVID-19 including designing and distributing communication materials, radio ads, illustrated fact sheets, illustrated guides, posters, posts on social media and digital platforms. PPE has been distributed to community health workers with additional PPE funded through the Global Fund</td>
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<td>NTDs</td>
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<td>Q4 2022</td>
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<td>The country is conducting NTD prevention and control activities whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. The country has been working on NTD surveillance activities including the transmission assessment surveys. The country has also carried out Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention activities. No MDA medicine expiration was reported by the country</td>
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**Key**

- **Green**: Action achieved
- **Yellow**: Some progress
- **Red**: No progress
- **Gray**: Deliverable not yet due

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WH