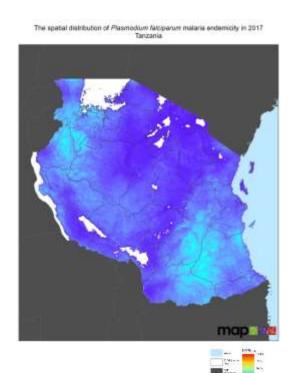
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Commodities Financed and Financial Control			
LLIN financing 2020 projection (% of need)	Г		100
Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need)	Ī		100
Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need)			100
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)			3.0
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation	and	lmp	act
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010			-
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)		Γ	
Operational LLINIRS coverage (% of at risk population)	•		75
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	NT	Ds	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2018)			7
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)			71
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019	,		66
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant	I		64
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)			4
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)			51
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)			91
DPT3 coverage 2019 (vaccination among 0-11	Ť		89

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Key



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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. In order to prevent widespread morbidity and mortality, it is of vital importance that we work to sustain the delivery of essential lifesaving interventions during this difficult time including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent health and 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, as well as chemoprevention for pregnant women (intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy). 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 the United Republic of Tanzania, it was of vital importance that the distribution of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) scheduled for 2020 went ahead as planned, whilst taking into account physical distancing, in accordance with the recent guidance and recommendations from WHO and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria. The country is congratulated for prioritising both the LLIN and IRS campaigns. Without sustaining LLIN coverage, Indoor Residual Spraying, coupled with the need to sustain essential health services including malaria case management, there could be an increase in malaria cases and deaths. Under the worst-case scenario, in which all ITN campaigns are suspended and there is a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, WHO estimate that there could be a 27.5% increase in malaria cases, and a 132.7% increase in malaria deaths in the United Republic of Tanzania. This scenario would represent a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

Progress

The United Republic of Tanzania secured sufficient resources to sustain universal coverage of LLINs, ACTs, and RDTs in 2020, and the country has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. The United Republic of Tanzania 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 a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach, and the launch of the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 6,220,485 with 2,753 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda on the island of Zanzibar as the burden continues to drop.
- 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
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		The school Net distribution is planned in 14 regions with five regions completed by end of Q3 2020. Distribution in the remaining 9 regions will continue after the arrival of nets into the country. The mass net replacement campaign (MRC) is planned in 10 regions. In 4 regions implementation is ongoing and in the remaining 6 regions, the programme is carrying out household registration with the objective of completing the distribution before the elections at the end of October.

The United Republic of Tanzania has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing iCCM and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

The United Republic of Tanzania has also made progress on tracer RMNCAH interventions including vitamin A, DPT3, and exclusive breastfeeding, and has recently increased coverage of ARTs in both the total population and children. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Tanzania Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard, and with the development of the multi-sectoral nutrition scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in the United Republic of Tanzania is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive for lymphatic onchocerciasis, chemotherapy coverage achieved filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in United Republic of Tanzania is very good for schistosomiasis (100%), lymphatic filariasis (91%) and for onchocerciasis (81%). Preventive chemotherapy coverage is below WHO targets for soil transmitted helminths (60%) and for trachoma (40%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for United Republic of Tanzania in 2018 is 71, which represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2017 index value (88).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
NTDs	Work to increase preventive chemotherapy coverage of Soil Transmitted Helminths and trachoma to reach the same coverage as in 2017	Q2 2020		No progress reported
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		Deliverable not yet due

The United Republic of Tanzania has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of postnatal care and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

Key	_
	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO