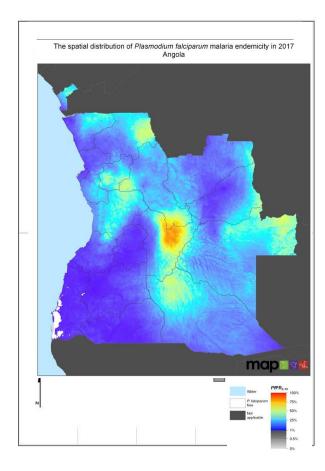
Angola ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter One, 2021



Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Metrics

Commodities Financed	and Financial	Control

LLIN financing 2021 projection (% of need)		
Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		
Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)		

Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact

	-	210	
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010			3
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)			
LLIN/IRS campaign on track			
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign			
Scale of Implementation of iCCM			
Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population)	•		36
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 N	ITC	Ds	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2019)			15
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)			27
Estimated % of children (0−14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)			16
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant			47
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)			23
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)			37
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)			4
DPT3 coverage 2019 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)			57

Key

The entire population of Angola is at risk of malaria. The annual reported number of suspected malaria cases in 2019 was 7,530,788 with 18,691 deaths.



Target achieved or on track Progress but more effort required Not on track No data 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. 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 Angola, the country is encouraged to sustain the delivery of essential health services including malaria case management, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Without this, it is estimated by WHO there will be an increase in malaria cases and deaths. Under the worst-case scenario, in which there is a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, WHO estimate that there could be a 15.4% increase in malaria cases, and a 103.7% increase in malaria deaths in Angola. This scenario would represent a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

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

IRS has been rolled out in five districts in the south. The country has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Angola has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. This has recently been updated, with new indicators added.

Impact

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Key Challenges

- There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.
- 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		Angola has continued implementing essential malaria services during the COVID-19 pandemic with provision of support and supervision, training, implementing of iCCM and SBC. Treatment of malaria according to treatment guidelines continued even though the country experienced some stockouts of RDTs and nets for routine distribution. IRS in the southern part of the country continued covering the 5 targeted districts
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2015 and 2019, which means that the country is not on track to achieve the 2020 target of a 40% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2021		Angola report that the observed increase in cases was caused by the following: insufficient ACTs and RDTs due to a financial crisis; excessive rainfall leading to increased mosquito breeding sites and transmission; and a weak surveillance and preparedness and response to malaria epidemics. In response, the country recruited Community Health Workers (ADECOS) to improve diagnosis and treatment; introduced DHIS2 to capture surveillance data; revised the treatment guidelines and protocol; disseminated a laboratory manual for improved diagnosis; IRS was re-introduced in southern Angola to address the malaria outbreaks; and operational research was carried out in Cunene and Cubango provinces to produce entomological and epidemiological data to guide malaria implementation
Address vector control coverage	Address falling vector control coverage	Q4 2021		600,000 LLINS were shipped to Angola in the last quarter of 2020

The country has responded positively to finalising the policy on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia, and insecticide resistance monitoring and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Angola is demonstrated using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage for trachoma is very low (1%), low for lymphatic filariasis (11%), onchocerciasis (12%), for soil transmitted helminths (14%), and for schistosomiasis is 27%. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index is

low (15), although there has been slight increase in the index in 2019 compared with 2018 (13).

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last
		timeframe		quarterly report
RMNCAH ¹ : Optimise quality of care	Work to accelerate coverage of ARTs in the total population and in children under 14 years of age	Q1 2017		Angola updated the national HIV prevention, care and treatment guidelines to align with normative guidance from WHO and UNAIDS. Strategic priorities include focusing HIV testing services on key and vulnerable populations, re- defining, enhancing and expanding the package of HIV prevention, care and treatment services for key and vulnerable populations, implementation of the test and treat strategy and improving HIV diagnosis among children
	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		During the first quarter of 2021, the MoH Angola, continued to ensure that essential RMNCAH services were provided at all levels of the health system, especially at primary health care level. The PHC department conducted field supervision visits to the provinces affected by drought supported by the World Bank, in order to monitor the degree of implementation of Nutrition programmes and conducted health provider training in 4 provinces in family planning. The Primary Health Care Department conducted a meeting with partners to review and update the joint annual work plan with a focus on the improvement of RMNCAH. The MoH started the Covid-19 vaccination campaign of frontline workers and target risk groups. An Emergency Response to Covid-19 Health project will contribute to increasing access to life-saving interventions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the survival, well-being and resilience of the populations of Luanda, specifically the inhabitants of selected districts where COVID-19 infection rates were higher and where they present multidimensional poverty indicators, The MoH conducted an assessment in the 49 health facilities on the provision of essential RMNCAH services

Previous Key Recommended Actions

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

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NTDs	Work to increase the coverage of all the preventive chemotherapy 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		From June to December 2019, the country updated its epidemiological profile for all the MDA NTDs however, this also impacted the coverage of MDA. In relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, Angola, like other countries, interrupted some planned interventions in the first half of 2020, and then resumed them in the 3rd quarter of 2020. This included the targeting of the 48 endemic municipalities with Onchocerciasis and 49 of the 53 endemic municipalities with Lymphatic Filariasis. The remaining 4 districts will be targeted in 2021. In Q1 2021, Angola began to implement the school-age deworming campaigns which were interrupted the previous year in seven provinces. Despite the critical state of the Covid-19 pandemic, the MDA campaigns have complied with COVID-19 prevention guidelines to avoid the risk of transmission including through encouraging hand washing and social distancing. These campaigns are supported by the NGO MENTOR Initiative

Angola has responded positively to the MNCH recommended action addressing the lack of data on exclusive breastfeeding and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

Key

Action achieved		
Some progress		
No progress		
Deliverable not yet due		