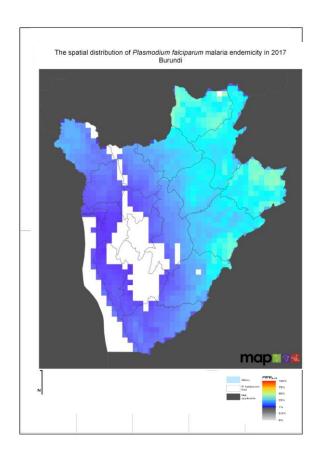
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## **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Commodities Financed and Financial Control		
LLIN financing 2021 projection (% of need)		9
Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		10
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)		2.
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	nd In	npact
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		į.
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)		10
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 I	NTD:	S
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2019)		9
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		8
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		3
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant		8
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)		5
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)		8
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)		8
DPT3 coverage 2020 (vaccination among 0-11		9

In Burundi, about 24% of the population is at high risk for malaria and nearly 22% live in malaria-free highland areas. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2019 was 9,432,390 with 3,316 deaths.

## 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, Neglected Tropical Diseases and malaria.

WHO underlines the critical importance of sustaining efforts to prevent, detect and treat malaria during the COVID-19 pandemic. For Burundi, it was important to ensure that the indoor residual spraying (IRS) campaign was completed as planned, whilst sustaining case management. Under the worst-case scenario, WHO estimated that there could have been be a 23.2% increase in malaria cases, and a 99.8% increase in malaria deaths in Burundi. This scenario would have represented 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**

Burundi procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country secured sufficient resources to procure the RDTs and ACTs required in 2021, and has good stocks of these commodities. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has developed an insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Burundi has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. This scorecard tool has recently been updated and is being decentralized but has not yet been shared on the ALMA Scorecard Knowledge Hub.

#### Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2019 was 9,432,390 with 3,316 deaths.

#### **Key Challenges**

- The country has experienced a malaria upsurge from 2015.
- Gaps to further scale up IRS.
- 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		Burundi facilitated a rapid procurement of ACTs in order to address stock outs due to the delayed delivery of essential commodities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Stocks of ACTs are currently sufficient. The country has begun the planning for the 2022 LLIN campaign. Service delivery has been disrupted at health care facilities with malaria prevention interventions for pregnant women affected, notably the coverage rate for routine LLINs, which fell from 82.7 percent in 2019 to 76.2 percent in 2020. Attendance at first antenatal consultations fell from 95.5 percent to 88.8 percent between 2019 and 2020, which may have had an impact on IPTp3

## **RMNCAH and NTDs**

### **Progress**

Burundi has achieved high coverage of tracer RMNCAH interventions, including exclusive breastfeeding, DPT3, ART coverage and skilled birth attendance. Burundi enhanced the 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 Burundi is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Burundi is high for trachoma (95%), schistosomiasis (98%), soil-transmitted helminths (97%) and for onchocerciasis (81%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Burundi in 2019 is 93 and this represents a high increase over the 2018 index value (17).

**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 2020		In Burundi, the country reports that RMNCAH essential services are being conducted as planned during this COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 guidelines are being respected while implementing the planned activities and all activities which were suspended have been resumed by respecting COVID-19 preventive measures

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 2021		NTD interventions are being conducted whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. Between April and June 2021, the country worked to prepare trachoma elimination and conducted a surveillance survey in three districts. The country also conducted a collection of blackflies in three districts hypoendemic to onchocerciasis (Nyanza Lac, Mutaho and Cankuzo) for an entomological study within the framework of onchocerciasis elimination mapping. MDA was conducted with Albendazole for children aged 1 to 14 throughout the country (47 health districts)

Burundi has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ART coverage in children, with a 2% increase in coverage reported in the last year.

