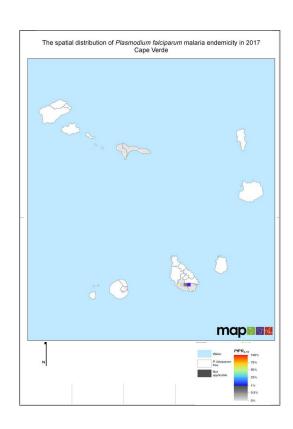
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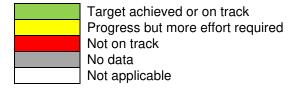
Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Commodities Financed and Financial Control		
RS financing 2021 (% of at-risk population)		100
Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		100
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2020 (CPIA Cluster D)		4.1
nsecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	nd I	mpact
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		2
nsecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO		
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan		
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)		
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)		
LLIN/IRS campaign on track		
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign		
Scale of Implementation of iCCM		
RS Operational Coverage (%)		80
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	NTD)s
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2019)		63
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		98
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant		93
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)		
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)		60
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)		
DPT3 coverage 2020 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		93

In Cabo Verde, 58% of the population lives in areas where there is a low risk of malaria; the rest of the country is malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2019 was 40 with zero 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 of COVID-19. 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.

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

Cabo Verde secured sufficient resources to sustain universal coverage of ACTs, RDTs and IRS in 2021. WHO identified Cabo Verde as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2025. The country has completed the insecticide resistance management and implementation plan and has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO. Cabo Verde has more than six months of stocks of ACTs and RDTs. Cabo Verde has a high rating in terms of public sector management systems (CPIA cluster D).

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, the country has developed a Malaria Elimination Scorecard but this is not up to date or posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2019 was 40 with zero 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 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		The country has adequate stocks of ACTs and RDTs for 2021. The economy has been impacted with a slowdown in socio-economic activities, including a significant impact on tourism. In the health sector, the provision of all health services has declined because attention is focused on urgent measures to prevent and treat COVID-19. Some planned activities such as supervisory visits, were not implemented during the COVID-19 lock-down. The IRS campaign is on track

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

The country has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH interventions, DPT3 vaccination, skilled birth attendants, exclusive breastfeeding and coverage of ARTs in the total population.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Cabo Verde is measured using preventive chemotherapy achieved for soil transmitted helminths. The preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminths in Cabo Verde is 63% and below the WHO target. The overall NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cabo Verde is 63 in 2019, which represents a decrease compared with the 2018 index value (70).

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RMNCAH1: 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		RMNCAH services were affected at the beginning of the pandemic, with a reduction in the demand for primary care by the population due to the fear of contracting the disease, financial duress and lack of transport options. The country responded by task-shifting health technicians to COVID related activities and requiring spacing of appointments to maintain social distancing. In this reorganization, essential RMNCAH services were not neglected. The Ministry of Health released an official decree for health facilities to ensure a continuation of priority care in sexual and reproductive health services, child health and vaccination, antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, and services for patients with chronic diseases, and emergencies. The country developed procedures to assist health facilities impose a series of prevention and protection measures, to be strictly complied with by users and health professionals during COVID. Guidelines have also been developed for caring with confirmed COVID cases in pregnant women, during child birth, children and adolescents. Additionally, TV and radio spots have been amplified during COVID promoting reproductive health services of mothers, new-borns, children and adolescents, respecting individual prevention and protection measures	

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

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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		By respecting Covid-19 preventive measures, the country successfully implemented the MDA in March 2021 and is working on the MDA report. Other routine activities are also being conducted

Cabo Verde has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing lack of data on postnatal care, ART coverage in children and vitamin A and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

