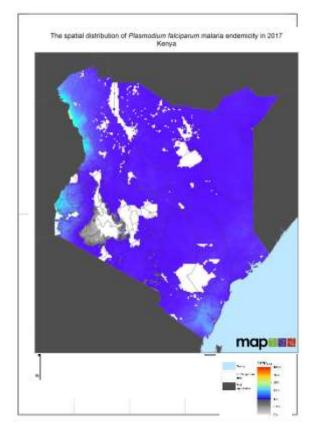
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Metrics

Commodities Financed and Financial Control		
LLIN financing 2020 projection (% of need)	100	
Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need)	100	
Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need)	100	
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)	3.4	

Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact

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)	
Operational LLINIRS coverage (% of at risk population)	7
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 NTDs	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2018)	
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)	7
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)	6
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant	6
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)	5
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)	6
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)	5

Key

Malaria transmission in Kenya ranges from intense in lowland areas to unstable epidemic-prone in the highlands. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 9,950,781.



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 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 Kenya, it will be of vital importance to ensure that the universal coverage campaign for long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) scheduled for 2020 goes ahead, whilst taking into account physical distancing, in accordance with the recent guidance and recommendations from WHO and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria. Without this campaign, coupled with the need to sustain essential health services including malaria case management, there will 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 37% increase in malaria cases, and a 144% increase in malaria deaths in Kenya. This scenario would represent a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

Progress

Kenya has secured the resources required to sustain universal coverage of essential malaria control interventions in 2020. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Kenya has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Kenya has a high rating in terms of public sector management systems (CPIA cluster D). The country is implementing iCCM. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 9,950,781.

Key Challenge

 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
Address funding	Ensure the GF malaria funding application is submitted by Q3 2020 and ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control at a level that is sufficient to sustain the gains made in recent years. Work to fill other outstanding gaps	Q3 2020		The country successfully submitted the Global Fund funding request
Vector control	Work to address the falling LLIN coverage	Q4 2020		Over 3 million LLINs were shipped to Kenya in Q2 with the LLIN campaign launched in Q3
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		A letter from the Director General for Health was written to all the county health executives to ensure continuity of malaria health services at all levels. A county engagement forum was initiated to discuss the modalities of ensuring the patients visit the health facilities despite the pandemic. The malaria program has developed and disseminated messages to counties. The Cabinet Secretary for Health emphasised the importance of treatment seeking for malaria during his regular COVID-19 pandemic updates. The plan of action for the LLIN campaign has been revised to incorporate the necessary mitigation measures and approaches to be followed amidst COVID-19 during the campaign implementation. The programme submitted a GF reallocation request to procure PPEs to be used in the mass LLIN campaign. This was approved. The country has stocks of ACTs and RDTs, with additional commodities under procurement.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Kenya has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention exclusive breastfeeding and has recently increased coverage of DPT3. The country has significantly 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 Kenya is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Kenya for trachoma is very low at 1%, and is not reported for lymphatic filariasis, soil transmitted helminths and schistosomiasis.

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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		The MoH developed and circulated guidelines on the continuation of service delivery to all counties. Health facility attendance has improved in most of the counties following the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions although attendance is below the optimal. Health workers and Community Health Volunteers have been trained on COVID -19 including on the general guidelines of protection and use of PPEs

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Action achieved
Some progress
No progress
Deliverable not yet due

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO