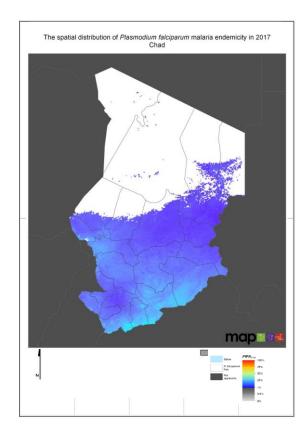
Chad ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Four, 2021



Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Metrics

Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2021 projection (% of need)	•	78
Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		93
Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		89

Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact

Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	na	Impact
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 (>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		
Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population)		100
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, NTD	s a	nd Covid 19
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)	Ţ	12
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		69
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		30
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant		20
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)		16
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)		1
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)	Ŧ	0
DPT3 coverage 2020 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		52
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		4

Key

Malaria transmission in Chad is intense in the south of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 1,890,264 with 2,955 deaths.



Target achieved or on track Progress but more effort required Not on track No data Not applicable



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.

WHO underlines the critical importance of sustaining efforts to prevent, detect and treat malaria during the COVID-19 pandemic. For Chad, it was of vital importance to ensure that the universal coverage campaign for long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) was completed in 2021. The country is congratulated for rolling out the LLIN campaign and completing the SMC. Under the worst-case scenario, in which the LLIN campaign was suspended and there was a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, WHO estimate that there could have been a 21.5% increase in malaria cases, and a 39.5% increase in malaria deaths in Chad. This scenario would have represented a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

WHO estimates that there were an additional 47,000 malaria deaths globally in 2020 due to service disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an estimated 7.5% increase in deaths.

It is essential to ensure the continuity of malaria, RMNCAH and NTD services in 2022 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.

The country has been affected by the continent-wide restriction of access to COVID-19 vaccines and had only been able to cover 1% of their population by the end of 2021.

Malaria

Progress

The ACTs, RDTs and LLINs needed for 2021 are fully financed. Chad has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve operational universal coverage of the targeted at-risk population. Chad has also successfully rolled out the LLIN campaign, distributing nets door to door to ensure social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Current stocks of ACTs and RDTs are low but additional commodities are under procurement.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Chad has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard, however this scorecard is not yet shared through the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

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Key Challenges

- Weak health information system.
- 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 2022		ITN distribution was completed as planned. There were stock outs of drugs for the treatment of severe malaria and delays in the delivery of ACTs and RDTs for the treatment of uncomplicated malaria. There was no interruption in delivery of malaria interventions at community level

Chad has responded positively to the recommended actions for the reporting of insecticide resistance to WHO.

RMNCAH and **NTDs**

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Chad is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage in Chad was very good for lymphatic filariasis (78%) and for onchocerciasis (68%) but was low for schistosomiasis (15%) and for soil-transmitted helminths (26%) and very low for trachoma (0%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Chad in 2020 is 12 with a very substantial decrease compared with the index value of 2019 (65).

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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 2022		In Chad, reductions in service utilization related to COVID-19 were observed at the beginning of the pandemic. Currently, service users are accessing RMNCAH services as normal. The country is fundraising for more resources to equip health facilities with resuscitation facilities, drugs and other essential health materials
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 MDA coverage, ensure that NTD interventions including MDAs, vector control and Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritizing key necessary	Q4 2022		No Progress Reported

Previous Key Recommended Actions

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

catch up activities including working to increase the		
coverage of all the preventive chemotherapy NTDs		

Chad has responded positively to the recommended actions for skilled birth attendants, exclusive breastfeeding, ART coverage in children, with a 3% increase reported over the last year, and postnatal care coverage and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q4 2022

Key

Action achieved
Some progress
No progress
Deliverable not yet due