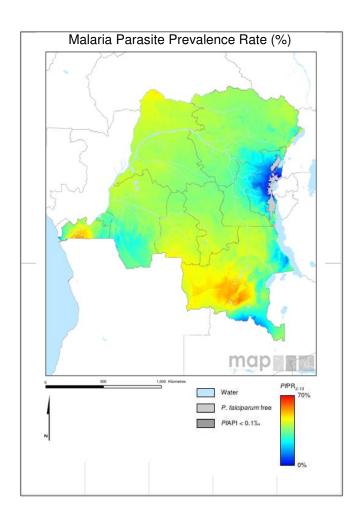
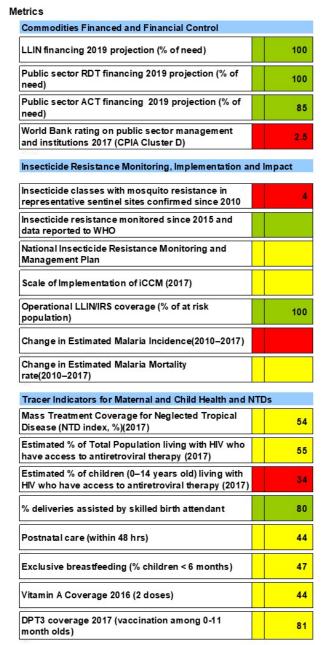
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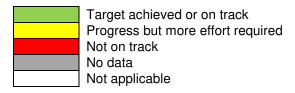
Scorecard for Accountability and Action





The entire population of the Democratic Republic of Congo is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense year round with seasonal variations. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2017 was 15,272,767 with 27,458 deaths.

Key



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Malaria

Progress

The Democratic Republic of Congo has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. The Democratic Republic of Congo has secured the resources required to sustain coverage of the majority of the essential malaria control interventions in 2019. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2016 was 15,272,767 with 27,458 deaths.

Key Challenge

Resource gaps to fully implement the national strategic plan.

Previous Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2010 and 2017	Q4 2019		The country reports that the increase in malaria cases between 2010 and 2017 was partly due to the introduction of free treatment with ACTs, increasing the uptake of health services. The country also found it difficult to ensure that LLINs were replaced on a 3-year cycle. Additionally, the country highlights the problem of insecticide resistance potentially reducing the impact of LLINs. Sufficient resources have been secured to ensure that all the LLIN campaigns take place on time in 2019 and 2020

The country has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing CPIA cluster D and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NDTs

Progress

The Democratic Republic of Congo has achieved high coverage in the tracer RMNCAH intervention of skilled birth attendants. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Democratic Republic of the Congo is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Democratic Republic of the Congo is good for schistosomiasis (80%), onchocerciasis (77%), soil transmitted helminths (76%) and for lymphatic filariasis (71%). However, the coverage is low for trachoma (14%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2017 is 54, which represents substantial increase compared with the 2016 index value (44).

Previous Key Recommended Action

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RMNCAH ¹ : Optimise quality of care	Investigate and address the reasons for the reported decrease in Vitamin A coverage in 2016	Q2 2019		Deliverable not yet due

The country has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing accelerating coverage of ARTs in children, with recent increases in coverage observed and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.



¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO