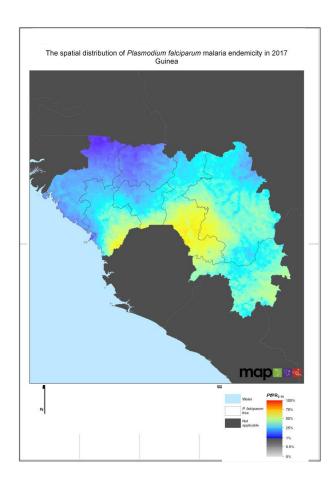
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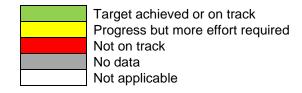
# **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Commodities Financed and Financial Control		
LLIN financing 2020 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need)		
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2018 (CPIA Cluster D)		2.
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	nd	Impact
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO		0
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan		
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign		
Scale of Implementation of iCCM (2017)		
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	NTE	)s
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2018)		6
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2018)		4
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2018)		2
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant	•	5
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)	•	4
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)	<b>A</b>	3
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)	<b>A</b>	8
DPT3 coverage 2018 (vaccination among 0-11		4

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# 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 life-saving interventions during this difficult time including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent health including 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 and young children (intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy and seasonal malaria chemoprevention). 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.

The country is encouraged to sustain the delivery of essential health services including malaria case management, coupled with the planned delivery of seasonal malaria chemoprevention, during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the whole of the continent learning lessons from your country's experience during the Ebola outbreak. Without this sustained health system delivery, there will be an increase in malaria cases and deaths. Under the worst-case scenario, in which there is a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, WHO estimate that there could be a 6.2% increase in malaria cases, and a 30.9% increase in malaria deaths in Guinea. This scenario would represent a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

#### **Progress**

Guinea has secured sufficient resources for the majority of the RDTs and LLINs required in 2020. The country has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan, carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Guinea has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. 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 1,599,625 with 1,267 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 including malaria. **Previous Key Recommended Action** 

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 Q2 2020 and ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control at a level that is sufficient to sustain the gains made in recent years	Q2 2020		Guinea submitted the GF application in Q1 2020

**New Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
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

## **RMNCAH and NTDs**

### **Progress**

Guinea has achieved high coverage of vitamin, and recently increased coverage of exclusive breast feeding.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Guinea 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 Guinea is very good for schistosomiasis (92%), lymphatic filariasis (79%) and onchocerciasis (75%). Preventive chemotherapy coverage is below WHO target for soil transmitted helminths (62%) and trachoma (35%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Guinea in 2018 is 65, which represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2017 index value (87).

**Previous Key Recommended Actions** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
NTDs	Work to increase the preventive chemotherapy coverage and reach WHO targets for both Soil Transmitted Helminths and Trachoma	Q2 2020		In 2018, mild side effects in one child following MDA for Soil Transmitted Helminths led to serious rumours about MDA which undermined confidence in the programme. No MDA was conducted in 2019, however, during 2019, the NTD programme sensitized the community, media and politicians and emphasised the importance of deworming. Deworming will resume in 2020. Trachoma was also affected by the situation

Guinea has responded on the recommended actions on low coverage of ARTs, with recent data indicating coverage of this intervention has increased.

**New Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
RMNCAH <sup>1</sup> : Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of skilled birth attendants	Q1 2021
quality of our	b) Address the falling coverage of postnatal care c) Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using COVID-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic	Q1 2021



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO