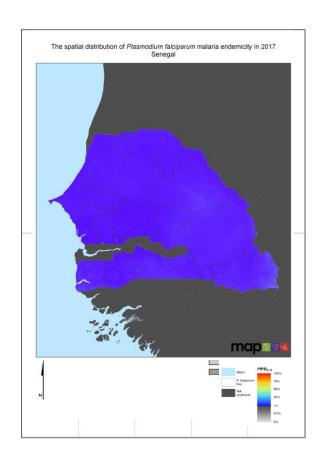
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Commodities Financed	_	
LLIN financing 2021 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need)	i.	100
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	nd	Impact
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		4
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO		V.
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan		
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)		8
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 1
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)	•	42
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		77
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020)		37
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant		68
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)		77
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)		42
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)	¥	37
DPT3 coverage 2020 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		91
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		ŧ

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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 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.

For Senegal, it will be of vital importance that the country sustains essential health services including malaria case management. Without the 2021 SMC campaign, coupled with sustained malaria case management, there would be an increase in malaria cases and deaths. The country is commended for rolling out SMC in 2021. 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 19.5% increase in malaria cases, and a 79.9% increase in malaria deaths in Senegal. This scenario would represent 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 6% of their population by the end of 2021.

Malaria

Progress

Senegal has implemented iCCM country wide. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. The country has recently finalised the insecticide resistance management and monitoring plan. Senegal has secured sufficient resources to sustain universal coverage of essential malaria control interventions in 2021 and has distributed sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage in the targeted at risk population. The country has sufficient stocks of ACTs and RDTs. Senegal was the first country to launch the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The country is applauded for loaning RDTs to The Gambia to address the country's stockout during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Senegal has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard, although the scorecard has not yet been posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

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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 Action

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		The country has sufficient stocks of essential antimalarial commodities. Implementation of the SMC campaign has been completed. The IRS campaign was completed on schedule

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Senegal has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH interventions DPT3 and postnatal care and has recently increased coverage of ARTs in children and the total population, as well as skilled birth attendants. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Senegal 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 was 100% for trachoma, 88% for onchocerciasis, 70% for lymphatic filariasis, 69% for schistosomiasis and 3% for soil-transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Senegal in 2020 was 42, which represents a decrease compared with the 2019 index value (62).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
RMNCAH ¹ : Impact	Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. Address any stockouts of essential RMNCAH commodities	Q4 2022		The country worked to ensure that services are maintained during the pandemic period. The Directorate of Maternal and Child Health used WHO COVID-19 guidelines whilst implementing services. A situational analysis of services in health facilities has helped the development of a contingency plan to ensure the continued availability and use of services during the ongoing pandemic. Integrated supervision and monitoring visits are currently underway and results to date show a good availability of RMNCAH commodities, with good stocks. The Ministry of Health held a review of the COVID joint action plans with district and regional health teams in mid-December
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 catch up activities	Q4 2022		Whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures, the country is implementing NTD control and elimination activities as planned. In Q4 2021 meetings were organized including MDA planning meetings, and meetings to review and validate the NTD related tools. Other activities include integrated supervision of NTD control and elimination activities, Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention activities and entomological mapping of onchocerciasis elimination

Senegal responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs in children, with increased coverage recently achieved.

New Key Recommended Action

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

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

