Malaria transmission is more intense in the south of Mali. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,561,370 with 1,480 deaths.
Malaria
Global Fund Update
The Global Fund has announced that Mali will receive US$179.6 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2024-2026. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Mali’s disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and the importance of sustaining life-saving essential services. For Mali this is calculated at US$99.2 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Mali is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to accelerate progress.

Progress
The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, Mali has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted at-risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. There are sufficient resources to procure the ACTs, RDTs and ITNs needed in 2023 and have good levels of stocks. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact Approach. The country has also launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Mali has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard, although this scorecard is not yet posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country should consider establishing an End Malaria Council and Fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multi-sectoral action.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,561,370 with 1,480 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Insufficient resources to fully implement the malaria National Strategic Plan.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Mali have achieved high coverage of the RMNCAH tracer indicator, vitamin A. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard and has published it on the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Mali is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis and trachoma. In 2021, preventive
Chemotherapy coverage was 100% for lymphatic filariasis, for soil transmitted helminthiasis and for trachoma; 95% for schistosomiasis and 0% for onchocerciasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Mali in 2021 is 25, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value of 95.

### Previous Key Recommended Actions

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The country has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing the low coverage of ARTs, with small increases in coverage reported.

**Key**

- Action achieved
- Some progress
- No progress
- Deliverable not yet due