Malaria transmission in Kenya ranges from intense in lowland areas to unstable epidemic-prone in the highlands. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 4,255,874 and 753 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, Kenya secured the resources required to procure required ACTs and RDTs in 2023. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Kenya has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Kenya has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The country is implementing iCCM.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Kenya has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard and has posted the scorecard to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country received the ALMA Joyce Kafanabo Award for Innovation and Excellence during the AU Summit in February 2023. The country has also launched the End Malaria Council in 2021. The Kenya malaria youth army has also been launched.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 4,255,874 and 753 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Funding gaps to fully deliver the malaria national strategic plan.

Previous Key Recommended Action
Kenya has responded positively to the recommended action addressing drug resistance monitoring and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Kenya has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention vitamin A and DPT3. 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 scorecard hub.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Kenya is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 64% for schistosomiasis, 62% for trachoma, 42% for soil transmitted helminthiasis and 0% for lymphatic filariasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Kenya in 2021 is 11, which represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value of 29. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of an NTD Scorecard.
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<td>Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2021 MDA coverage, work to increase the coverage of all the preventive chemotherapy NTDs</td>
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<td>The Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminth MDA were conducted in Mombasa in January 2023 and in Homebay in April 2023, with five eastern counties rolling out in June in five Eastern counties. Additional MDAs will be conducted in August and in November 2023. Trachoma MDA is ongoing in targeted counties. Lymphatic Filariasis MDA is planned in November 2023. In May 2023, the county organized a training of trainers for Hydrocele surgery and during the process, 56 cases underwent surgery. The country organized a workshop together with the Kenya Health information System (KHIS) to add additional NTD indicators into KHIS and is in the preparation of the NTD scorecard decentralization to county level.</td>
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**Key**
- Action achieved
- Some progress
- No progress
- Deliverable not yet due