Malaria transmission ranges from unstable and epidemic in Puntland and Somaliland to moderate in central Somalia to high in the south. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 50,648 and 0 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, Somalia has secured sufficient resources to procure the ACTs and RDTs required in 2023. The country has carried out drug resistance monitoring since 2018, and insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees and IDPs.

**Impact**
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 50,648 and 0 deaths.

**Key Challenges**
- A weak health system and relatively few partners limit scale up of core malaria interventions.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions**

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Somalia has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing lack of insecticide resistance monitoring and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**RMNCAH and NTDs**
Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Somalia is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminthiasis. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was zero for both schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminthiasis, and not reported for trachoma. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index in 2021 is 0, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value of 90.
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Somalia has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs in children under 14, and lack of data on vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

### Key

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