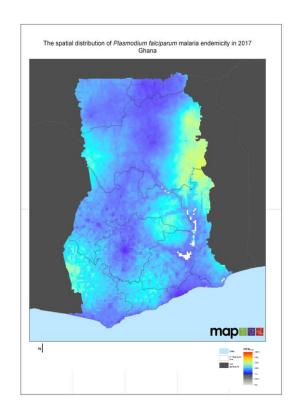
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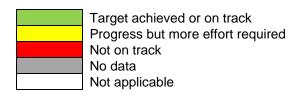
Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Metrics **Commodities Financed** LLIN financing 2023 projection (% of need) Public sector RDT financing 2023 projection (% of need) 100 Public sector ACT financing 2023 projection (% of need) 100 Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched End Malaria Council and Fund Launched Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010 Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan RDTs in stock (>6 months stock) ACTs in stock (>6 months stock) LLIN/IRS campaign on track Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population) 100 On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2021 (vs On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2021 (vs Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs and Covid 19 Scale of Implementation of iCCM Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2021) Estimated % of children (0-14 years old) living with HIV 44 Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses) DPT3 coverage 2022 (vaccination among 0-11 month

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Key



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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, Ghana has secured sufficient resources for the essential anti-malarial commodities required to sustain coverage in 2023 and has distributed sufficient numbers of LLINs and carried out IRS sufficient to achieve 100% 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 and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. Ghana has scaled up coverage of iCCM. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach. Ghana has also launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. Ghana has decreased the estimated malaria incidence by more than 40% since 2015.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Ghana has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria 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 could 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 6,077,543 with 277 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Insecticide resistance threatens vector control effectiveness.
- Lack of resources to achieve full coverage of essential malaria interventions

Previous Key Recommended Action

Ghana has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the inclusion of refugees and IDPs in the national strategic plan and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Resource Mobilisation	Work to fill key gaps in malaria funding	Q2 2024

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

The country has achieved high coverage of tracer RMNCAH DPT3. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard, including with the introduction of community level scorecards. The country has also published the RMNCAH and community scorecards on the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Ghana is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved

for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for trachoma, 100% soil-transmitted helminths, 70% for lymphatic filariasis, 59% for schistosomiasis and 49% for onchocerciasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Ghana in 2021 is 73, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (0).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Ghana has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing the low coverage of vitamin A and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.