Liberia ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Two, 2023



Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2023 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector RDT financing 2023 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector ACT financing 2023 projection (% of need)		10
Policy		
Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC		
Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Plan		
Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan	[
Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched		
End Malaria Council and Fund Launched		
Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		1
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO		
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		1
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)		10
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2021 (vs 2015)		
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2021 (vs 2015)		
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs ar	d C	ovid 19
Scale of Implementation of iCCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2021)		6
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2022)		3
Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)		6
DPT3 coverage 2022 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		71

Key

The entire population of Liberia is at high risk for malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 983,978 with 248 deaths.



Target achieved or on track Progress but more effort required Not on track No data Not applicable

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, Liberia secured the resources required for the procurement and distribution of the anti-malarial commodities in 2023 and 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.

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

Impact

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Key Challenge

• The increase in malaria incidence and mortality rates estimated by WHO between 2015 and 2021.

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence and mortality between 2015 and 2020, which means that the country did not achieve the 2020 target of a 40% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2022		The country in collaboration with WHO and partners is in the process of the finalization of the MPR. The exercise will lead to the development of the new MSP which will include information of the latest 2022 MIS conducted in collaboration with the DHS Program.
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		No progress reported

Previous Key Recommended Actions

RMNCAH and **NTDs**

Progress

Liberia has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Liberia is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 72% for lymphatic filariasis, 71% for onchocerciasis, 55% for schistosomiasis and 50% for soil transmitted helminthiasis.

Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Liberia in 2021 is 61, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (0).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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RMNCAH ¹ : Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q1 2021		No progress reported

Liberia has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs, with a 5% increase in coverage over the past year, and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

Key

Action achieved
Some progress
No progress
Deliverable not yet due