# Nigeria ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Two, 2023



# Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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Commodities Financed	
LLIN financing 2023 projection (% of need)	73
Public sector RDT financing 2023 projection (% of need)	90
Public sector ACT financing 2023 projection (% of need)	82
Policy	
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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		
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO		
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		4
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		
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Malaria transmission in Nigeria takes place all year round in the south but is more seasonal in the northern regions. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 23,608,797 cases and 7,828 deaths.

## Key

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

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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, Nigeria has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has finalised the development of the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees.and IDPs. Nigeria has decreased the estimated malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach. Nigeria has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The approval of the World Bank US\$200 million loan for malaria control in thirteen states is a significant development.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Nigeria has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard, although the scorecard has not yet been posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country has recently launched the Nigeria End Malaria Council and Fund.

#### Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 23,608,797 cases and 7,828 deaths.

## **Key Challenge**

• Resource constraints to fully implement the malaria national strategic plan, especially in 2026.

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		No progress reported
Stocks	Address the low stocks of essential commodities	Q3 2023		The country has good stock levels for ACTs and RDTs

#### **Previous Key Recommended Actions**

#### **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 significantly enhanced tracking and accounting mechanisms with the development of the RMNCAH scorecard tool.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Nigeria 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 24% for onchocerciasis, 17% for soil-transmitted helminths, 14% for lymphatic filariasis, 8% for schistosomiasis and 0% for trachoma. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Nigeria in 2021 is 5, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value (56). The country has significantly enhanced tracking and accountability with the development of the NTD scorecard tool.

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progres s	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2021 MDA coverage, ensure that NTD interventions including MDAs for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma are implemented	Q4 2023		The country is conducting NTD control and elimination as planned. In 2022, the country conducted successfully MDA for Trachoma with a coverage of 81% and MDA for Lymphatic Filariasis with a coverage of 72%. For the rest of MDAs, the country didn't manage to reach WHO targets due to insufficient medicines (MDA coverage for Schistosomiasis was 34%; MDA coverage for Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis was 49% and MDA coverage for Onchocerciasis was 50%). The country is in the preparation of MDA s for 2023 and is working to have sufficient medicines for the targeted population. Other routine activities are being conducted including surveillance and impact surveys

#### **Previous Key Recommended Actions**

Nigeria has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing lack of data on coverage of ARTs in children and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

Key
Action achieved
Some progress
No progress
Deliverable not yet due