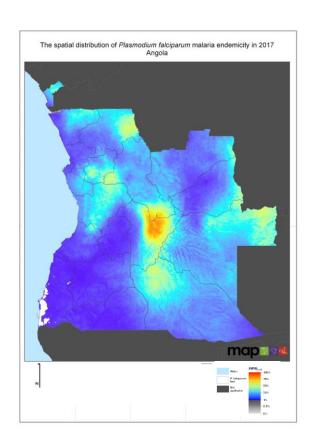
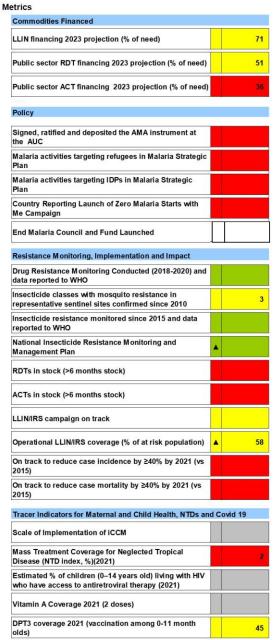
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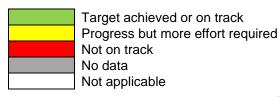
Scorecard for Accountability and Action





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Key



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Malaria

Global Fund Allocation

The Global Fund announced that Angola will receive US\$126 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2024-2026. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Angola's disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and previous disbursements. For Angola this is calculated at US\$ 48 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Angola is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to accelerate progress. The Global Fund resources are especially important in the current resource constrained environment. The ongoing economic crisis, increased costs of doing business, and the need to introduce newer more expensive commodities to address insecticide and drug resistance mean that countries may experience shortfalls in sustaining their life-saving malaria essential services.

Progress

The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard Angola has rolled out IRS in five districts in the south. The country has submitted drug and insecticide resistance data to WHO. In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Angola has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. This has recently been updated, with new indicators added. The country should consider establishing an End Malaria Council and Fund.

Impact

The annual reported number of suspected malaria cases in 2021 was 9,169,267 with 13,676 deaths.

Key Challenge

There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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
Policy	Work to incorporate activities targeting refugees in the Malaria Strategic Plan	Q1 2025		Angola is in process of planning the malaria mid-term review
Address vector control coverage	Work to fill funding gaps for vector control	Q4 2023		1.8 million ITNs were distributed to the country is the previous six months
Impact	Investigate and address	Q4 2023		Deliverable not yet due

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and 2021		

The country has responded positively to finalising the policy on Community Case Management of malaria and pneumonia and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Angola is demonstrated using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage for trachoma is not reported (0%). However, coverage is zero (0%) for lymphatic filariasis and for onchocerciasis; low for soil transmitted helminths (28%) and for schistosomiasis is 61%. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Angola in 2021 is low (2) and this represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value (19).

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RMNCAH ¹ : Optimise quality of care	Work to accelerate coverage of ARTs in the total population and in children under 14 years of age	Q1 2017		Angola updated the national HIV prevention, care and treatment guidelines to align with normative guidance from WHO and UNAIDS. Strategic priorities include focusing HIV testing services on key and vulnerable populations, re-defining, enhancing and expanding the package of HIV prevention, care and treatment services for key and vulnerable populations, implementation of the test and treat strategy and improving HIV diagnosis among children. There has been a 4% increase in coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age in 2021, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
NTDs	Work to implement the Lymphatic Filariasis and Onchocerciasis preventive chemotherapy campaigns and increase the coverage of all the preventive chemotherapy NTDs to reach WHO targets	Q4 2023		In 2022, the country prioritised NTD interventions: in addition to trachoma and onchocerciasis mapping activities, from October to November 2022, the country conducted school-based MDA with Albendazole in the Province of Bengo, treating 28,771 children and achieving therapeutic coverage of 96.4%. The same MDA was conducted in the Province of Cuanza Norte, where 166,341 school age children were treated with a coverage of 68.1%

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

