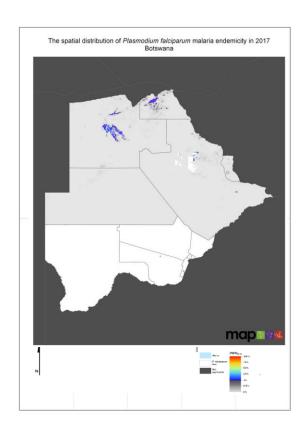
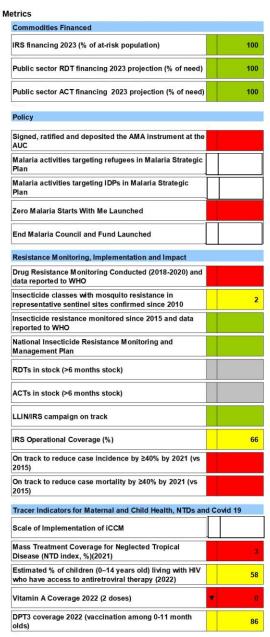
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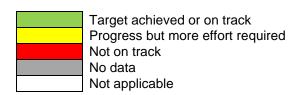
Scorecard for Accountability and Action





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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, Botswana. has secured sufficient resources to fund the required ACTs and RDTs and IRS in 2023 and the IRS campaign is on track. WHO has identified Botswana as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2025. The country has finalised the insecticide resistance management and monitoring plan. With heavy rain predicted during the final quarter of 2023, the country has good stocks and the IRS is on track.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Botswana has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Elimination Scorecard and this is shared publicly in-country, but not yet posted to the ALMA Scorecard Knowledge Hub. Discussions are ongoing for the creation of the Botswana End Malaria and NTD council.

Impact

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Key Challenges

- Achieving and maintaining IRS coverage above 80%.
- Need to further 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

Botswana has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the lack of data on iCCM and continues to strengthen access to treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Botswana has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Botswana is illustrated using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage for schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma in Botswana are below WHO targets. Preventive chemotherapy coverage is very good for schistosomiasis (98%) and was not implemented for soil-transmitted helminthiasis (0%) and no data reported for trachoma. The overall NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index in 2021 is 3 and is the same compared to the 2020 index value (3).

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q4 2024

Action achieved
Some progress
No progress
Deliverable not yet due