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Botswana ALMA Quarterly Report
Quarter Three, 2023

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
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 729 with 5 deaths.

Key Challenges
- Achieving and maintaining IRS coverage above 80%.
- Need to further strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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<td>Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC</td>
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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

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**Key**
- Action achieved
- Some progress
- No progress
- Deliverable not yet due