Malaria transmission occurs year-round in Cameroon and is most intense in the south of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,420,788 with 3,782 deaths.

Key

- 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 Cameroon secured the resources to cover the costs of the ACTs and RDTs needed in 2023. Cameroon has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has completed the 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. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach and has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Cameroon has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard. The country is also planning the launch of their End Malaria Council and Fund.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,420,788 with 3,782 deaths.

Key Challenges
- Insecticide resistance.
- Delays in the completion of the universal coverage campaign.

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The country has responded positively to previous recommended action on drug resistance monitoring and is working to implement the actions.

RMNCAH and NTDs Progress
Cameroon has achieved good coverage in the tracer RMNCAH intervention, Vitamin A.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Cameroon is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Cameroon is low for lymphatic filariasis (34%) and for trachoma (72%). It is good for onchocerciasis (70%), soil transmitted helminthiasis (75%) and high for schistosomiasis (97%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cameroon in 2021 is 66 and this represents substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (4).
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<td>The country is conducting NTD control and elimination interventions as planned. In Q3 2023, the country conducted MDAs for onchocerciasis in all 10 regions and preparations are ongoing for schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis MDAs, planned in Q4 2023. All MDA coverages will be available after the post MDA survey planned in December 2023. Other NTD routine activities are being conducted as planned including surveillance and case management.</td>
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The country has responded positively to previous recommended action on accelerating coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age, with a 2% increase reported in the last year.

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