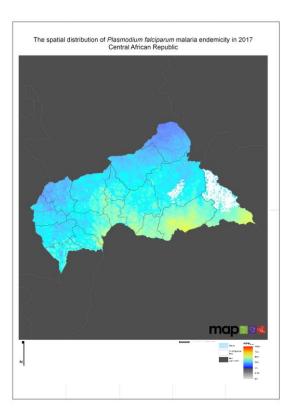
Central African Republic ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter One, 2023



Scorecard for Accountability and Action

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Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical 43 Disease (NTD index, %)(2021)		43
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV 65 who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021) 65		65
Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)	Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)	
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month d2 olds)		42

There is intense malaria transmission all year round in the Central African Republic and the entire population of the country is at high risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 2,223,562 with 2,412 deaths.

Key



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

Malaria

Global Fund Allocation

The Global Fund announced that Central Africa Republic will receive US\$140.2 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 Central Africa Republic'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 Central Africa Republic this is calculated at US\$ 66.6 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Central Africa Republic 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 Central African Republic has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted at-risk population. Central African Republic has recently submitted insecticide resistance monitoring data to WHO and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The ACTs, RDTs and LLINs needed for 2023 are fully financed. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting IDPs.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, the country should consider establishing an End Malaria Council and Fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multi-sectoral action.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 2,223,562 with 2,412 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Limited access to some at-risk populations is hampering coverage of malaria control interventions.
- Limited resources to further scale-up interventions.

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

Central African Republic has responded positively to the recommended action on development and implementation of a national insecticide resistance monitoring and

management plan and reporting on the status of insecticide resistance monitoring to WHO.

RMNCAH and **NTDs**

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Central African Republic 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 Central African Republic is very low for schistosomiasis (16%), low for soil transmitted helminths (43%), onchocerciasis (61%) and for trachoma (47%). It is good for lymphatic filariasis (77%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Central African Republic in 2021 is 43 and this represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (0).

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
NTDs	Work to increase the preventive chemotherapy coverage for schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminthiasis, Onchocerciasis and for trachoma and reach WHO targets. Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration, vector control and Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention are sustained and implemented. This includes prioritising key necessary catch-up activities as well as conducting stock reconciliation following a national and subnational physical inventory count tracking of leftover stocks at district level and retrieving all expired drugs after MDA for incineration and accountability	Q4 2023		In Q4 2022, the country did not manage to implement the planned MDA. In Q1 2023, the country worked to mobilize funds for MDA and is now preparing the campaign. The country is also implementing routine activities.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

The country has responded to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing the lack of data for vitamin A and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

Key
Action achieved
Some progress
No progress

Deliverable not yet due