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.
**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 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. The country has recently rolled out their malaria scorecard for accountability and 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**

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<td>Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC</td>
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Central African Republic has responded positively to the recommended actions on drug resistance testing and on the 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).
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<td>During Q2 and Q3 2023, the country has carried out MDA for Onchocerciasis, Schistosomiasis, Soil Transmitted Helminths and Lymphatic Filariasis. Due to security issues and limited funds, the activity is still ongoing, to be completed by the end of the year. The country is scaling down MDA for trachoma and surveillance activities are ongoing. Other NTD routine activities are being conducted.</td>
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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**

- Green: Action achieved
- Orange: Some progress
- Red: No progress
- Gray: Deliverable not yet due