Malaria transmission in Chad is intense in the south of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 1,811,859 with 3,065 deaths.
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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 Chad has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve operational universal coverage of the targeted at-risk population. The ACTs, RDTs and LLINs needed for 2023 are fully financed. Chad has also successfully rolled out the LLIN campaign, distributing nets door to door to ensure social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chad has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Chad has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard, however this scorecard is not yet shared through the ALMA Scorecard Hub. 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 1,811,859 with 3,065 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Weak health information system.
- Lack of resources to sustain coverage of essential life-saving malaria services

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<td>Impact</td>
<td>Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2015 and 2021</td>
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<td>The NMCP in collaboration with WHO and partners is conducting the MPR of the 2019-2023 MSP which will include the analysis of the epidemiological trend for the last five years. Recommendations from the exercise will lead to the development of a new MSP</td>
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<td>Resource Mobilisation</td>
<td>Work to fill key gaps in malaria funding</td>
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<td>The NMCP will submit the Chad funding request to the GF in the first quarter of 2024 and an analysis of the funding gap will be done during the process on which additional funding proposals will be developed</td>
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Chad has responded positively to the recommended actions for the reporting of insecticide resistance to WHO.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
The country has recently achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention of vitamin A coverage.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Chad 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 Chad is very good for schistosomiasis
(77%), lymphatic filariasis (78%) and for onchocerciasis (78%). It is low and for soil-transmitted helminths (36%) and not reported for trachoma (0%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Chad in 2021 is 18 with an increase compared with the index value of 2020 (12).

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<td>The country is conducting NTD control and elimination activities as planned. Since May 2023, the country has carried out Schistosomiasis MDA. MDA for Onchocerciasis and Lymphatic Filariasis started at the end of June 2023 and is ongoing. Other NTD routine activities including surveillance and community mobilisation are being conducted.</td>
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Chad has responded positively to the recommended actions for ART coverage in children and continues to track progress as actions are implemented. A 2% increase in coverage has been observed over the previous two years.

**Key**

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