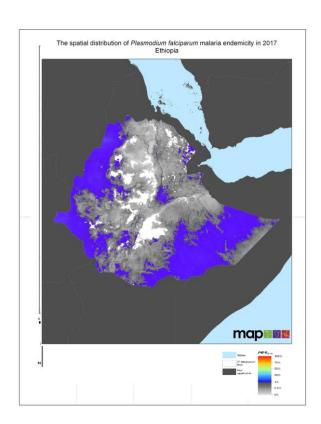
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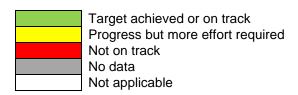
### **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		81
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		75
Policy		
Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC		
Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Plan		
Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan		
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign		
Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO		
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		4
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO		
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan		
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)		
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)		
LLIN/IRS campaign on track		
Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population)	•	82
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)		
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)		
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs an	d C	ovid 19
Scale of Implementation of ICCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)		11
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		36
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)		66
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		65
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		31

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## Sustaining Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted routine health services considerably, and the economic impacts continue to hamper health systems recovery. It is vitally important that we focus on recovering lost ground in delivering essential life-saving interventions during this difficult time, sustaining progress towards the SDG targets for Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases and Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child and Adolescent health.

Given the difficulties in securing essential health commodities in Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is of vital importance that countries sign, ratify and deposit the African Medicines Agency (AMA) instrument with the AUC in order to improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medical products in Africa. The country is encouraged to finalise the deposition that is already ongoing. Early procurement of essential health commodities is also highly recommended whilst long delivery times persist.

The country has been affected by the continent-wide restriction of access to COVID-19 vaccines and had only been able to cover 31% of their population by October 2022. The country, working with partners, should invest in education and behaviour change communication to increase the uptake of COVID vaccines and therapeutics.

#### Malaria

#### **Progress**

Ethiopia has scaled up iCCM and secured sufficient resources to sustain coverage of LLINs in 2022. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has completed the national 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 has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with me campaign. Ethiopia has decreased the estimated malaria incidence and mortality rates by more than 40% since 2015.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Ethiopia has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard, although this has not yet been shared to the ALMA Scorecard Hub

#### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 1,848,231 with 173 deaths.

#### Key Challenges

- Ethiopia has documented insecticide resistance to 4 insecticide classes.
- Sustaining the delivery of essential life-saving interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child health, malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Ensure that malaria services including case management and vector control are sustained and implemented whilst using COVID-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic	Q4 2022		Ethiopia continues to take measures to sustain essential malaria services during the COVID-19 pandemic, whilst ensuring safety measures. Delays in procurement and delivery of malaria commodities, increases in the price of commodities, the lack of containers for international shipments as well as decreased health seeking behaviour during the pandemic has affected programme implementation. The LLIN and IRS campaigns were carried out whilst considering the COVID-19 safety protocols. The country intensified systematic tracking and monitoring of the stock status for RDTs and ACTs and now has adequate supplies. The community were mobilised to ensure early diagnosis and treatment
Impact	Work to fill funding gaps for ACTs	Q4 2023		The country has secured adequate stocks of ACTs and has a strong pipeline
Address vector control coverage	Address falling vector control coverage	Q2 2023		Over 11 million ITNs were shipped to Ethiopia in the last 2 quarters - which once distributed will lead ti increased coverage. The country completed the IRS

### **RMNCAH and NTDs**

#### **Progress**

Ethiopia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard, including with the introduction of community level scorecards.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Ethiopia is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 73% for onchocerciasis, 33% for soil-transmitted helminthiasis, 29% for lymphatic filariasis, 24% for trachoma and 0% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Ethiopia in 2020 is 11, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2019 index value (65). The country has recently rolled out the NTD scorecard management tool.

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Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report						
RMNCAH¹: Impact	Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. Address any stockouts of essential RMNCAH commodities	Q4 2022		Despite the security challenges in some part of the county, key RMNCAH programs are regularly delivered. The fear for COVID-19 which at the height of the pandemic affected the use of services have now normalized. To further contain the impact of the pandemic, the ministry started administering COVID-19 vaccination in Djibouti for long-distance truck drivers. Furthermore, preparatory activities are completed to administer 4th round of COVID-19. The directorate have completed preparatory works for supportive supervision on the maternal health programme and call to action monitoring framework. In the area of Family Planning, the ministry has developed a concept note for the Motion Tracker Start-up and Implementation, an accountability framework that is customized to complement existing monitoring and evaluation tools						
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 MDA coverage, ensure that NTD interventions are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines. This includes ensuring the use of 12.4 million tablets of praziquantel issued to districts and expiring in September 2022 and track the leftover stocks and retrieve all expired drugs after MDA for incineration and accountability purposes. Ensure First Expire First Out (FEFO) method is effectively implemented at the national level	Q4 2021		The country is conducting NTD prevention and control interventions as planned by respecting COVID-19 measures. Currently the county is in the preparations of the remapping of Onchocerciasis and is conducting the remapping for Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminths in the targeted areas. The country is also working to ensure that all NTD interventions are fully integrated in the existing health systems						

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

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