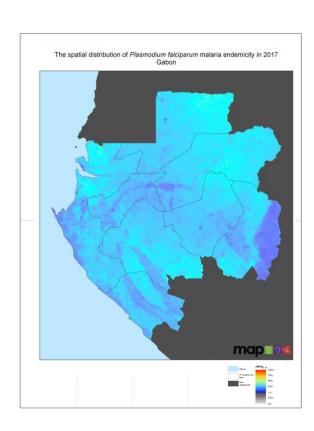
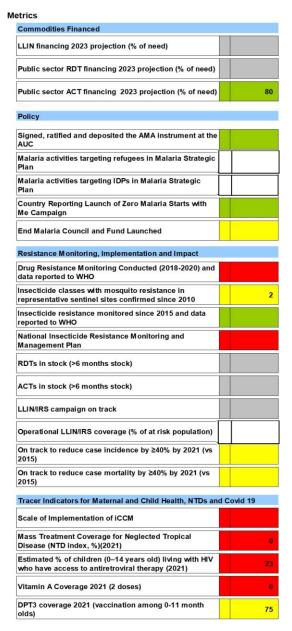
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action





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Key



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Malaria

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Progress

The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, Gabon has recently submitted the results of insecticide resistance testing to WHO. The country reports that the majority of the population access RDTs and ACTs through the health insurance scheme.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, the country has planned for the launch of the Gabon End Malaria Fund

Impact

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Key Challenges

Insufficient resources to achieve high coverage of essential malaria interventions.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Optimise quality of care	Provide data on the scale up iCCM implementation country wide	Q1 2017		The Gabon NMCP is in the process of validation of the NSP which has a component on iCCM. The country is working with ALMA in the support of the development of a business case which will guide in setting up an End Malaria Fund. Gabon has also received a GF allocation of US\$3 million for the implementation of the ITN mass campaign in 2024/2025.
Monitoring	Ensure that drug resistance monitoring is conducted and the data are reported to WHO	Q1 2023		The NMCP has included the implementation of therapeutic efficacy surveys in the new strategic plan 2022-2026 but there is a need of funds mobilization for the implementation

Gabon has responded to the recommended actions addressing financing of anti-malarial commodities and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Impact	Work to address low coverage of vector control	Q3 2023

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Gabon is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 0% for soil-transmitted helminths, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and onchocerciasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Gabon in 2021 is zero, with no change compared with the 2020 index value of 0.

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RMNCAH ¹ : Optimise quality of care	Investigate and address the reasons for the lack of reported data on vitamin A coverage	Q2 2019		No progress reported
NTDs	Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths	Q4 2023		The country managed to organize the 2022 MDA for Soil Transmitted Helminths (with a coverage of 46%) and Schistosomiasis (with a coverage of 49%). This represents a significant improvement on 2021, when the campaigns were not conducted, but falls short of the

are implemented	WHO targets	s. The coutnry is
	working to m	obilize more resources
	to cover the	NTD financial gaps and
	improve MD	A coverage

