The entire population of Guinea-Bissau is at risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2019 was 497,916 with 288 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, Guinea-Bissau secured sufficient resources to sustain coverage of LLINs, ACTs, RDTs and LLINs in 2023. The country has scaled up iCCM implementation and has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve operational universal coverage of the at-risk population. The country has submitted data to WHO on the insecticide resistance status.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Guinea-Bissau has launched the End Malaria and NTD Council. The country has recently developed their Malaria Scorecard for Accountability and Action and has posted the scorecard to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2019 was 497,916 with 288 deaths.

Key Challenge
- Funding gaps to fully implement the malaria national strategic plan.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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The country has responded to the recommended action on drug resistance and insecticide resistance monitoring and is continuing to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress
The country has enhanced accountability and action for RMNCAH with the recent development of the Guinea-Bissau RMNCAH scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Guinea-Bissau is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Guinea-Bissau in 2021 is 4, which represents a small increase compared with the 2020 index value of 12. The country has enhanced accountability and action for NTDs with the recent development of the Guinea-Bissau NTD scorecard.

Previous Key Recommended Action
Guinea Bissau has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of vitamin A and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

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