## Liberia ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Three, 2023



## Scorecard for Accountability and Action

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trics Commodities Financed	
LIN financing 2023 projection (% of need)	100
Public sector RDT financing 2023 projection (% of need)	100
Public sector ACT financing 2023 projection (% of need)	100
Policy	
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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	
Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched	
End Malaria Council and Fund Launched	
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	3
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)	100
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2021 (vs 2015)	
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2021 (vs 2015)	
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs and	d Covid 19
Scale of Implementation of iCCM	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2021)	61
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2022)	32
Vitamin A Coverage 2022 (2 doses)	7
DPT3 coverage 2022 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	78

The entire population of Liberia is at high risk for malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 983,978 with 248 deaths.

#### Key



Target achieved or on track Progress but more effort required Not on track No data Not applicable

#### 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, Liberia secured the resources required for the procurement and distribution of the anti-malarial commodities in 2023 and has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted at-risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Liberia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard, but this is not yet posted on the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country is considering establishing an End Malaria Council and Fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multi-sectoral action.

#### Impact

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#### **Key Challenge**

• The increase in malaria incidence and mortality rates estimated by WHO between 2015 and 2021.

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence and mortality between 2015 and 2020, which means that the country did not achieve the 2020 target of a 40% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2022		The NMCP conducted and finalised the MPR which report and different available data from surveys were used during the development of the GF funding request submitted in August 2023. The NMCP is planning the process of developing a new MSP which will be extended to 2027 as the current will end by 2025. The country has introduced next generation dual ai nets to address the key threat of insecticide resistance, and it is believed this will help to reduce cases and deaths moving forward
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		No progress reported

#### Previous Key Recommended Actions

# **RMNCAH and NTDs**

#### Progress

Liberia has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Liberia is measured 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 72% for lymphatic filariasis, 71% for onchocerciasis, 55% for schistosomiasis and 50% for soil transmitted helminthiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Liberia in 2021 is 61, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (0).

#### **Previous Key Recommended Actions**

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RMNCAH <sup>1</sup> : Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q1 2021		The country reports an increase in coverage of Vitamin A in the first half of 2023

Liberia has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs, with a 5% increase in coverage over the past year, and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

## Key

Action achieved		
Some progress		
No progress		
Deliverable not yet due		