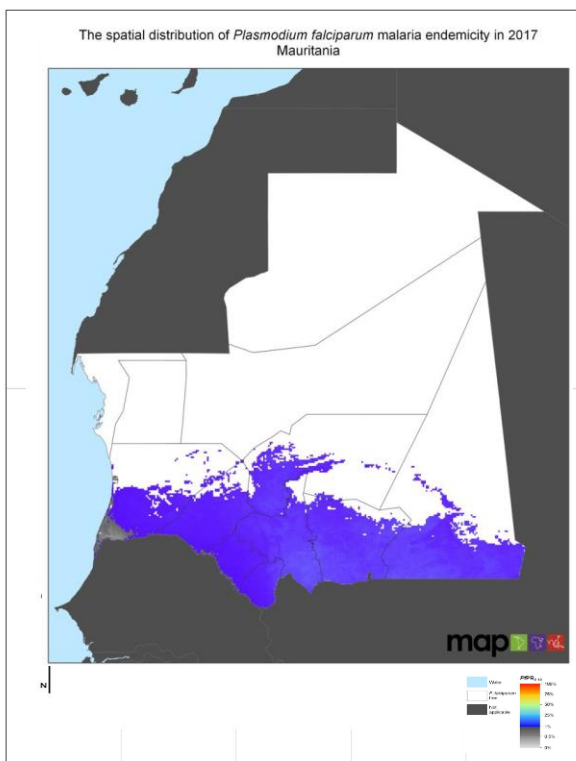


### Scorecard for Accountability and Action



In Mauritania, almost 15% of the population is at high risk and 75% is at low risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 144,709.

#### Metrics

Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
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	1	
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)	75	
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 and Covid 19		
Scale of Implementation of iccm		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)	85	
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)	21	
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)	0	
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	68	
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19	27	

#### Key

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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 do this. 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 27% 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**

Mauritania is implementing iCCM at scale. The country has secured sufficient resources to fully finance the ACTs, RDTs and LLINs needed in 2022. The country has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO. Mauritania has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Mauritania has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard, although the scorecard is not yet shared on the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 144,709.

### **Key Challenges**

- The country has a less than 20% malaria case reporting rate by surveillance systems.
- 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		The country implemented the first rounds of the SMC campaign with World Bank financial support. A long-term TA was deployed with Expertise France support and a short term with the GF. The country in collaboration with the GF is working on how to accelerate the implementation of activities as the grant agreement was signed with some delays. Diagnosis and treatment at health facility level were carried out as planned. ITNs were distributed through routine distribution with some stock outs observed. IPTp was implemented but also with some stock out of drugs observed.
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		Deliverable not yet due
Monitoring	Ensure that drug resistance monitoring is conducted and data reported to WHO	Q1 2023		The country last conducted drug resistance testing in 2013 and is working to secure resources to carry out further testing

## RMNCAH and NTDs

### Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Mauritania is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis, and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for trachoma and 72% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Mauritania in 2020 is 85, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2019 index value (75).





## Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
NTDs	Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration, vector control and Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritising key necessary catch up activities	Q4 2022		Whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures, the country is conducting NTD interventions as planned

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
RMNCAH <sup>1</sup> Impact	Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. Address any stock-outs of essential RMNCAH commodities	Q4 2022		<p>The MoH continues to ensure the continuity of essential RMNCAH services. This includes prioritising immunisation for children for BCG, OPV, DPT-Hep-Hib, and measles. Pregnant women have received at least the second dose of tetanus vaccine. Two polio vaccination rounds were organized with very high coverage. The COVID-19 vaccination campaign is ongoing. Mauritania has however been affected in 2022 by the negative impact of the drought which is combining with the influx of refugees and returnees and the global food price inflation resulting from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and the volatile situation in Ukraine. 20% of the population will be severely food insecure during the lean season of 2022 (versus 11% in 2021), with a high risk of a rapid deterioration of the nutritional situation. The needs for 2022 are expected to be large and exceed capacities. Partners are supporting the MOH to ensure the continuity of integrated prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition essential services including optimal IYCF practices promotion. An integrated mass campaign was organized in February: 588,778 under 6-59 months children (86 %) were screened at national level, 560,327 12-59 months children (96%) dewormed and 612,396 6-59 months children (94%) benefited from vitamin A supplementation; As of May, 11,565 cases of SAM were admitted for treatment, 42% of the annual target. Three key IMAM indicators met the SPHERE standards with an 89% cure rate, 1% death rate, 9.2% defaulter rate; 90,497 primary caregivers of children aged 0-23 months and 31,597 pregnant women continue to receive IYCF counselling through facilities and community platforms; Mauritania received additional cartons of RUTF and others IMAM supplies from the matching fund initiative adopted in 2021, in addition to the 18,157 cartons procured by UNICEF</p>

Mauritania has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

**Key**

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due