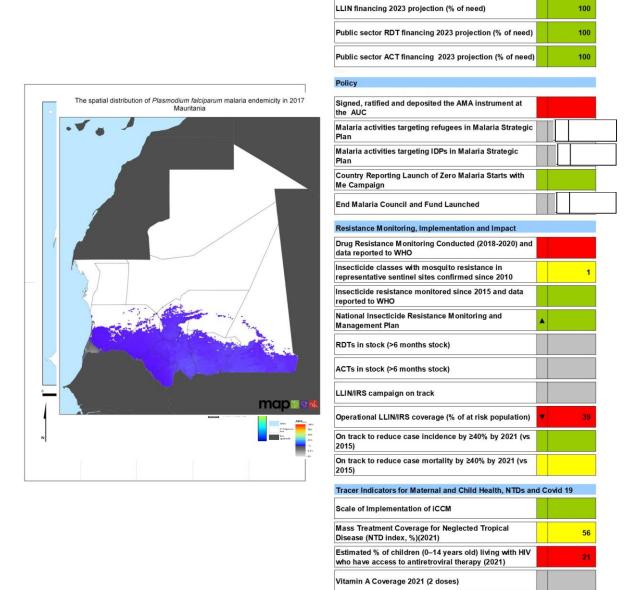
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## Scorecard for Accountability and Action

Metrics

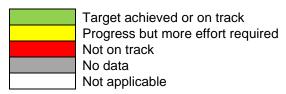
Commodities Financed



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 2021 was 49.560.

### Key

DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month



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## Malaria

#### **Global Fund Allocation**

The Global Fund announced that Mauritania will receive US\$21 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2024-2026. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Mauritania's disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and previous disbursements. For Mauritania this is calculated at US\$ 12.4 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Mauritania is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to accelerate progress. The Global Fund resources are especially important in the current resource constrained environment. The ongoing economic crisis, increased costs of doing business, and the need to introduce newer more expensive commodities to address insecticide and drug resistance mean that countries may experience shortfalls in sustaining their life-saving malaria essential services.

#### **Progress**

The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, Mauritania is implementing iCCM at scale. The country has secured sufficient resources to fully finance the ACTs, RDTs and LLINs needed in 2023. 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. The country should consider establishing an End Malaria Council and Fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multisectoral action.

#### Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 49,560.

#### **Key Challenges**

- The country has a less than 20% malaria case reporting rate by surveillance systems.
- Insufficient resources to fully implement the malaria National Strategic Plan.

## **Previous Key Recommended Actions**

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		No progress reported
Monitoring	Ensure that drug resistance monitoring is	Q1 2023		The country in collaboration with research institutes are working together to identify funds for the

	conducted and data		implementation of the next drug
	reported to WHO		resistance testing
Address	Work to fill funding	Q4 2023	The country secured additional
vector	gaps for vector		resources totalling US\$2.9 million to
control	control		procure and distribute an additional
coverage			1.2 million LLINs

## 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 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for trachoma and 31% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Mauritania in 2021 is 56, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value (85).

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NTDs	Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration, particularly for schistosomiasis, are implemented	Q4 2023		Deliverable not yet due

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.

