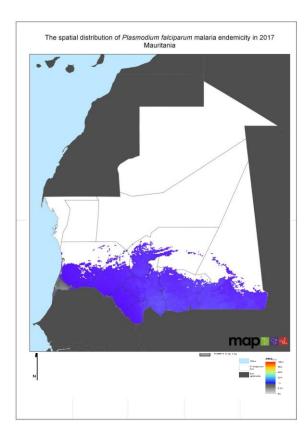
Mauritania ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Three, 2023



Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2023 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector RDT financing 2023 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector ACT financing 2023 projection (% of need)		10
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		
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		
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)	•	7
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 ar	nd C	ovid 19
Scale of Implementation of iCCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2021)		5
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2022)		2
Vitamin A Coverage 2022 (2 doses)		
DPT3 coverage 2022 (vaccination among 0-11 month		7

Key

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.



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

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 multi-sectoral 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	
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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 conducted and data reported to WHO	Q1 2023		The NMCP in collaboration with research institutes has identified some funding oportunities including the French cooperation and the Global Fund through GC7) for the implementation of the next drug resistance testing.
Vector control	Work to accelerate the ITN campaign	Q2 2024		The NMCP in collaboaration with partners (AMP,WHO) finalized the micro-planning for the ITN campaign and has mapped the budget needs. The ITNs are already pre-positioned at district level

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).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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NTDs	Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration, particularly for schistosomiasis, are implemented	Q4 2023		The country is conducting NTD control and elimination interventions as planned. In 2022, the country organized MDA for Schistosomiasis and the 2023 MDA is planned in Q4 2023 once schools are resumed. Other routine activities including surveillance are being conducted as planned

Mauritania has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age and vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Key

Action achieved		
Some progress		
No progress		
Deliverable not yet due		