Malaria transmission is most intense in the south whilst the desert areas in the north are malaria-free. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 4,659,909 with 4,430 deaths.
Malaria
Progress
The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The country has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted population. The country has adequate stocks of ACTs and RDTs. Niger has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has recently reported the results of insecticide resistance testing to WHO. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach. Niger 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, the country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard, although the scorecard is not yet posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country is developing a concept note for the End Malaria Council.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 4,659,909 with 4,430 deaths.

Key Challenges
- Insufficient resources to achieve high coverage of essential malaria interventions.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Niger has responded positively to the recommended action addressing drug resistance monitoring and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs
Progress
Niger has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention vitamin A. The country has enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Niger is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for soil transmitted helminthiasis, 58% for schistosomiasis, 28% for trachoma and 0% for lymphatic filariasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Niger in 2021 is 11, which represents a very substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value of 61.

Previous Key Recommended Actions
Niger has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs in children, with a 2% increase in coverage over the last year, and
continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

**Key**

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