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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, São Tomé and Príncipe secured sufficient resources to finance the ACTs, and LLINs/IRS required for 2023. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has recently completed the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. The country has decreased the estimated malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, São Tomé and Príncipe has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Elimination Scorecard, although the scorecard has not yet been posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 2730 with 1 deaths.

Key Challenge

• Malaria upsurges observed.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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The country has responded positively to the recommended action addressing iCCM scale-up and insecticide and drug resistance monitoring and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

São Tomé and Príncipe has achieved high coverage in the tracer RMNCAH intervention DPT3 vaccination coverage.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Sao Tomé and Principe is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for lymphatic filariasis, 70% for schistosomiasis and 58% for soil-transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD
preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Sao Tomé and Principe in 2021 is 74, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (8).

**Previous Key Recommended Actions**
São Tomé and Príncipe has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing the lack of data for ART coverage in children and vitamin A and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

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