Malaria transmission occurs all year round in most parts of Uganda. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 15,144,755 with 3,158 deaths.
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, Uganda has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve operational universal coverage of vector control in the targeted at risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Uganda has also completed drug resistance monitoring since 2018 and has reported the data to WHO. Uganda has completed the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Uganda has decreased the estimated malaria incidence and malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umoro Sissoco Embaló, Uganda has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard, although the scorecard is not yet posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. Uganda has launched the Mass Action Against Malaria campaign and the End Malaria Fund.

Impact
The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 15,144,755 with 3,158 deaths.

Key Challenges
- Ongoing increases in malaria cases
- Insufficient resources to fully implement the malaria National Strategic Plan

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<td>Uganda is working to quantify the full financial needs for the current strategic plan period through an NSP costing exercise. Core interventions to be implemented over the period 2024-2026, informed by subnational tailoring, are prioritized for funding through the GC7 global fund grant and other funding sources including PMI and Government of Uganda. Additionally domestic financing efforts are being strengthened through advocacy including through Members of Parliament and the End Malaria Fund (Malaria Free Uganda). Other avenues for resource mobilization will continue to be sought.</td>
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The country has responded positively to the recommended action on incidence of malaria and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

**RMNCAH and NTDs**

**Progress**

Uganda has achieved high coverage in the tracer RMNCAH intervention of DPT3. Uganda has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the ongoing development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Uganda is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for lymphatic filariasis, 83% for onchocerciasis, 66% for soil transmitted helminths, 52% for trachoma and 0% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Uganda in 2021 is 20, which represents a very substantial decrease compared to 2020 index value (70).

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<td>The country is conducting NTD control and elimination activities as planned. In 2022, no Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis MDAs were conducted but in 2023, MDA commenced in a few districts, to be completed by November 2023. Trachoma and Onchocerciasis MDAs were conducted and the country is working on the reports. Surveillance activities are being conducted and the country stopped Lymphatic Filariasis MDAs in 2021</td>
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**Key**

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