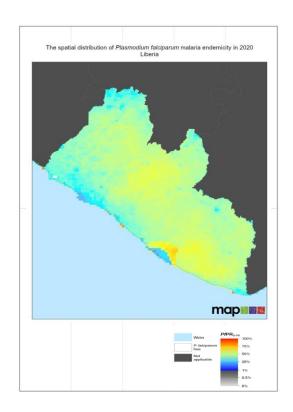
# Liberia ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter One, 2024



# **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Metrics Financing LLIN financing (2024-2026) projection (% of need) 100 Public sector ACTs and RTDs financing (2024-2026) 100 % of National Malaria Strategic Plan Financed (2024-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 Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched End Malaria Council and Fund Launched Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact Drug efficacy studies conducted since 2019 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 RDTs in stock (>6 months stock) ACTs in stock (>6 months stock) LLIN/IRS campaign on track % of vector control in the last year with next generation 100 On track to reduce malaria incidence by at least 75% by 2025 (vs 2015) On track to reduce malaria mortality by at least 75% by Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and NTDs Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical 72 Disease (NTD index, %)(2022) % of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO Targets 75 Estimated % of children (0-14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2022) Vitamin A Coverage 2022 (2 doses) DPT3 coverage 2022 (vaccination among 0-11 month 78

The entire population of Liberia is at high risk for malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2022 was 760,056 with 353 deaths.

### Key



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### Malaria

Africa is at the centre of a perfect storm that threatens to disrupt malaria services and undo decades of progress. We must act urgently to mitigate the adverse effects of the ongoing global financial crisis, increasing biological threats, climate change, and humanitarian crises. These threats represent the most serious emergency facing malaria in 20 years and will lead to malaria upsurges and epidemics if not addressed. AU Member States face a \$1.5 billion gap just to sustain existing, yet inadequate, levels of malaria-related services between now and 2026. To get back on track and eliminate malaria, we will need to mobilise another \$5.2 billion dollars annually to fully finance our national malaria plans. Climate change also presents a significant threat to the progress that we have made. Africa is disproportionately exposed to the risks of climate change and by the 2030s, 150 million additional people will be at risk of malaria because of warmer temperatures and increased rainfall. Climate disasters displace millions and destroy roads and health facilities, reducing access to health services. There is urgency to decarbonise our carbon footprint, implement integrated and multisectoral solutions, and adapt our health systems to the threats of climate change. We must also take action to confront the threats of insecticide and drug resistance, reduced efficacy of rapid diagnostic tests, and the Anopheles stephensi mosquito which spreads malaria in both urban and rural areas. The good news is that the malaria toolkit continues to expand. WHO has approved the use of dual-insecticide mosquito nets that are 43% more effective than traditional mosquito nets and will address the impact of insecticideresistance. New medicines for treating malaria and two malaria vaccines for children have also been approved with an increasing number of countries deploying these new tools. The scaling up of these interventions will help us achieve our goal of eliminating malaria. This will require integrated approaches with malaria as a pathfinder for pandemic preparedness, climate change and health and Primary Health Care and Universal Health Coverage. We must work to sustain and increase domestic resource commitments including through multisectoral End Malaria and NTD councils and Funds. which have raised over US\$50 million.

### **Progress**

Liberia secured the resources required for the procurement and distribution of the antimalarial commodities in 2024-26. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Liberia has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard, but this is not yet posted on the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country is considering 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 2022 was 760,056 with 353 deaths.

#### **Key Challenges**

- The increase in malaria incidence and mortality rates estimated by WHO between 2015 and 2021.
- Insufficient resources to fully implement the national strategic plan

**Previous Key Recommended Action** 

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
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence since 2015, which means that the country is not on track to achieve the 2025 target of a 75% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2024		The NMCP finalized the MSP in collaboration with WHO and partners. The new MSP includes key interventions following the analysis of the epidemiological trend to address the malaria increase over the last years. Interventions include the distribution of dual ai nets, and strengthened diagnosis and treatment at all levels, The NMCP finalized the GF GC7 grant signature and activities are under implementation

# Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health

## **Progress**

Liberia has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development and launch of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions** 

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RMNCAH1: Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q1 2021		No progress reported

Liberia has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs, with a 5% increase in coverage over the past year, and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

# **Neglected Tropical Diseases**

#### **Progress**

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Liberia is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2022, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 73% for lymphatic filariasis, 73% for onchocerciasis, 86% for schistosomiasis and 59% for soil transmitted helminthiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Liberia in 2022 is 72, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2021 index value (61). The country reached WHO MDA coverage target for lymphatic Filariasis and schistosomiasis only.

