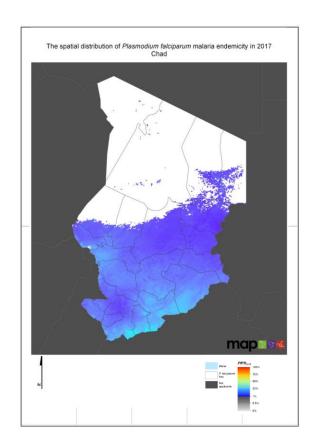
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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LLIN financing 2020 projection (% of need)		8
Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need)		
Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need)		2
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)		2.
Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	nd	Impact
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		7.
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO		
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan		
RDTs in stock (>9 months stock)		
ACTs in stock (>9 months stock)		
LLIN/IRS campaign on track	•	
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign		
Scale of Implementation of iCCM		
Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population)		10
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)		
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)		
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and I	NTE)s
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2019)		6
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)		5
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)		2
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant		2
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)		1
Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months)		
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)		7
DPT3 coverage 2019 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		5

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Key



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Malaria

Sustaining Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is putting an incredible strain on health systems across Africa. Health systems are required to maintain routine health services for other illnesses even as they handle the additional burden. In order to prevent widespread morbidity and mortality, it is of vital importance that we work to sustain the delivery of essential lifesaving interventions during this difficult time including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent health, Neglected Tropical Diseases and malaria.

WHO underlines the critical importance of sustaining efforts to prevent, detect and treat malaria during the COVID-19 pandemic. For Chad, it was of vital importance to ensure that the universal coverage campaign for long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevantion (SMC) was completed in 2020. The country is congratulated for rolling out the LLIN campaign and completing the SMC. Under the worst-case scenario, in which the LLIN campaign was suspended and there was a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, WHO estimate that there could have been a 21.5% increase in malaria cases, and a 39.5% increase in malaria deaths in Chad. This scenario would have represented a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

It is essential to ensure the continuity of malaria, RMNCAH and NTD services in 2021 as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our continent. This may include the implementation of any necessary catch-up activities and ensuring timely planning to account for potential delays in procurement and delivery. Any intervention must ensure the safety of communities and health workers given the ease of transmission of COVID-19.

Progress

Chad has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve operational universal coverage of the targeted at risk population. Chad has also successfully rolled out the LLIN campaign, distributing nets door to door to ensure social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard.

Impact

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Key Challenges

- Weak health information system.
- Sustaining the delivery of essential life-saving interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child health, malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Ensure that malaria services including case management and vector control are sustained and implemented whilst using COVID-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic	Q4 2020		The country rolled out the LLIN distribution campaign, with the majority of the LLINs distributed in 2020. The country completed the four cycles of SMC. The quantities of RDTs and ACTs available are currently sufficient to sustain case management

Chad has responded positively to the recommended actions for the reporting of insecticide resistance to WHO.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence between 2015 and 2019, which means that the country is not on track to achieve the 2020 target of a 40% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2021

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Chad is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Chad is good for lymphatic filariasis (71%), for onchocerciasis (70%), for schistosomiasis (66%), for soil-transmitted helminths (62%) and for trachoma (57%). The NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Chad in 2019 is 65, with no change compared with the 2018 index value (65).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
RMNCAH¹: Impact	Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. Address any stock-outs of essential RMNCAH commodities	Q4 2020		The COVID-19 pandemic particularly impacted Chad in the March to July period. With partner support, the government reinforced the surveillance system and provided training in COVID-19 case management. Chad supported advocacy and training of community leaders to ensure Social Behaviour Change communication, distributed personal protection equipment to health staff and Community Health Workers, and established handwashing stations. This has allowed the progressive resumption of health services. The government is advocating for more donor support since the COVID-19 pandemic continues to slow the national economy due to government restrictions.

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

Chad has responded positively to the recommended actions for skilled birth attendants, exclusive breastfeeding, ART coverage in children, with a 3% increase reported over the last year, and vitamin A, and postnatal care coverage and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
NTDs	Ensure that NTD interventions including Mass Drug Administration, vector control and Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritising key necessary catch up activities	Q4 2021

