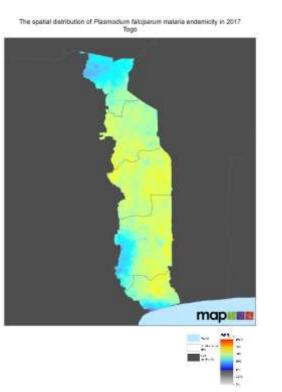
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# **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Commodities Financed and Financial Control		
LLIN financing 2020 projection (% of need)	٨	10
Public sector RDT financing 2020 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector ACT financing 2020 projection (% of need)		10
World Bank rating on public sector management and institutions 2019 (CPIA Cluster D)	4	3.
insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation a	nd h	mpact
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		
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)		
LLINIRS campaign on track	٠	
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign		
Scale of Implementation of ICCM (2017)		
Operational LLINIRS 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 2018)		
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and	NTD	s
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2018)		9
Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)		6
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2019)		4
% deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant		d
Postnatal care (within 48 hrs)		7
Exclusive breasfeeding (% children < 6 months)		5
Vitamin A Coverage 2018 (2 doses)		
DPT3 coverage 2019 (vaccination among 0-11	ī	

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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, Adolescent and Child health and malaria.

WHO underlines the critical importance of sustaining efforts to prevent, detect and treat malaria during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is of vital importance to ensure the continuity of malaria prevention and treatment services including distribution of insecticide-treated nets and indoor residual spraying, as well as chemoprevention for pregnant women and young children (intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy and seasonal malaria chemoprevention). Any intervention must consider the importance of both lowering malaria-related mortality and ensuring the safety of communities and health workers given the ease of transmission of COVID-19.

For Togo, it will be of vital importance to ensure that the universal coverage campaign for long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) scheduled for 2020 goes ahead, whilst taking into account physical distancing, in accordance with the recent guidance and recommendations from WHO and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria. Without this campaign, coupled with the need to sustain essential health services including malaria case management and deliver seasonal malaria chemoprevention, there could be an increase in malaria cases and deaths. Under the worst-case scenario, in which all ITN campaigns are suspended and there is a 75% reduction in access to effective antimalarial medicines, WHO estimate that there could be a 38% increase in malaria cases, and a 327% increase in malaria deaths in Togo. This scenario would represent a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

#### **Progress**

Togo has secured sufficient resources to fund the LLINs, RDTs and ACTs required in 2019. The country has distributed sufficient LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. Togo has finalised the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has reported the results of insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Togo has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard.

#### Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2018 was 1,381,410 and 905 deaths.

## **Key Challenge**

 Sustaining the delivery of essential life-saving interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child health including malaria. **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		Togo have continued case management and malaria prevention activities. The country has worked to address shortages of ACTs. Overall, visits to health centres have decreased. The country completed three rounds of SMC in Q3 2020. Preparations for the LLIN campaign continues with the modified LLIN campaign planned in Q4 2020

Togo has responded positively to the recommended action on monitoring national insecticide resistance and continues to track progress as this action is implemented.

**New Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Vector control	Work to accelerate the LLIN campaign	Q1 2021

## **RMNCAH and NTDs**

## **Progress**

Togo achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention exclusive breastfeeding and DPT3 vaccination, and has recently increased vitamin A coverage.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Togo is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, trachoma, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Togo is very good for lymphatic filariasis (100%), schistosomiasis (100%), trachoma (100%), onchocerciasis (84%) and soil transmitted helminths (84%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Togo in 2018 is 93, which represents a substantial increase compared with 2017 (84).

**Previous Key Recommended Actions** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
RMNCAH <sup>1</sup> : 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		Deliverable not yet due

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

Togo has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs in children, with a 6% increase in coverage recently observed, and skilled birth attendants and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

