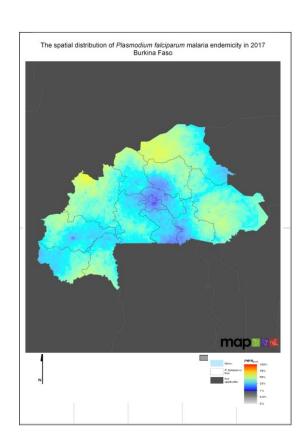
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



| LLIN financing 2021 projection (% of need) Public sector RDT financing 2021 projection (% of need) Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of need) | 9 |
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| need) Public sector ACT financing 2021 projection (% of | |
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| Insecticide Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and In | npact |
| 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 (>6 months stock) | |
| ACTs in stock (>6 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, NTDs and | d Covid 1 |
| Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020) | 8 |
| Estimated % of Total Population living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020) | 7 |
| Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2020) | 1 |
| | 8 |
| % deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant | 7 |
| % deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendant Postnatal care (within 48 hrs) | |
| as a | 5 |
| Postnatal care (within 48 hrs) | 5 |
| Postnatal care (within 48 hrs) Exclusive breastfeeding (% children < 6 months) | |

Malaria is present throughout Burkina Faso, with transmission most intense in the southern part of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 11,567,698 with 3,983 deaths.

Key



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Sustaining Essential Health Services During the COVID-19Pandemic

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 life-saving interventions during this difficult time including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child 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 Burkina Faso, it was of vital importance to ensure that the delivery of seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC) planned for 2021 went ahead as planned, whilst taking into account physical distancing, in accordance with the recent guidance and recommendations from WHO. The country is congratulated for successfully implementing the SMC as planned. Without the SMC campaign, coupled with the need to sustain essential health services including malaria case management, there was a prediction of an increase in malaria cases and deaths. Under the worst-case scenario, WHO estimated that there could be a 10.3% increase in malaria cases, and a 73.9% increase in malaria deaths in Burkina Faso. This scenario would have represented a complete reversal in the substantial progress in malaria mortality reductions seen over the last 2 decades.

WHO estimates that there were an additional 47,000 malaria deaths globally in 2020 due to service disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an estimated 7.5% increase in deaths.

It is essential to ensure the continuity of malaria, RMNCAH and NTD services in 2022 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.

The country has been affected by the continent-wide restriction of access to COVID-19 vaccines and had only been able to cover 3% of their population by the end of 2021.

Malaria

Progress

Burkina Faso has scaled up coverage of iCCM and has procured sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country has sufficient stocks of RDTs for 2021. 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 is also showing leadership in malaria control through participation in the High Burden High Impact approach.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Burkina Faso has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Scorecard and this has been updated regularly and is shared on the ALMA scorecard hub. The country is in process of launching its End Malaria Council and Fund.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 11,567,698 with 3,983 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Insecticide resistance threatens vector control effectiveness.
- 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 Action

| Objective | Action Item | Suggested completion timeframe | Progress | Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report |
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| 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 2022 | | The continuity of routine malaria services after a decline in supply and uptake has resumed. Awareness-raising activities and the implementation of distribution campaigns have been maintained by taking measures to protect the staff involved and beneficiaries. There continue to be delays in the delivery of some essential commodities but there were no major stock outs at health facility or community level and there are now sufficient stocks in-country and in the delivery pipeline. PPE for campaigns has been covered by partners or requested in the C19RM GF proposal for future years. The 2021 IRS campaign was successfully completed. The SMC campaign was also implemented as planned. During the implementation of the SMC campaign, sensitization on COVID-19 preventive measures was also strengthened. Additionally, the communication was strengthened on the use of LLINs. CHWs received capacity building through training and supervision |

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Burkina Faso has also made good progress in tracer RMNCAH interventions, including DPT3, exclusive breastfeeding and skilled birth attendants. Burkina Faso has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Burkina Faso is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage in Burkina Faso was high for trachoma (100%), schistosomiasis (100%), onchocerciasis (70%), and for lymphatic filariasis (78%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Burkina Faso in 2020 is 89 which is slightly higher than the index in 2019 (86).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

| Objective | Action Item | Suggested | Progress | Comments - key |
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| 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 2022 | | The Ministry of Health of Burkina Faso has trained field workers on COVID-19, and has set up triage posts in all university, regional and district hospitals. PPE has been provided to health staff including masks, gloves, gowns, and hydroalcoholic gels. Technical guidelines for maintaining the provision of services and care for RMNCAH in the context of COVID-19 have been prepared and their implementation is being monitored |
| NTDs | Ensure that NTD interventions including MDAs, 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 2022 | | From March 2020 to date, the country has been able to maintain the implementation of key interventions for NTDs despite a delay in the initial planning, whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. The country carried out Lymphatic Filariasis transmission assessment surveys. All routine NTD activities are being conducted as planned |

Burkina Faso has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing the low coverage of ARTs in children and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.



¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO