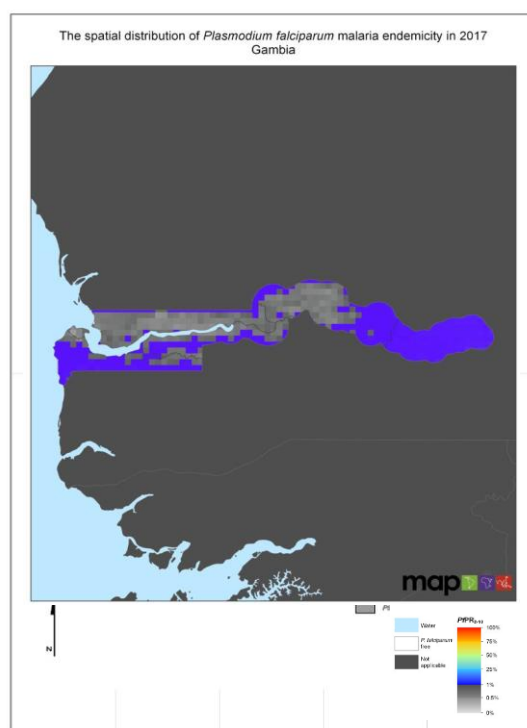


### Scorecard for Accountability and Action



The entire population of The Gambia is at high risk of malaria and transmission is intense for most of the year. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 75,801 with 73 deaths.

#### Metrics

Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Policy		
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 Plan		
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign		
Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO		
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010		3
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		
Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population)		100
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 Covid 19		
Scale of Implementation of ICCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)		1
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		41
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)		33
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		82
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		14

#### Key

	Target achieved or on track
	Progress but more effort required
	Not on track
	No data
	Not applicable

## **Sustaining Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted routine health services considerably, and the economic impacts continue to hamper health systems recovery. It is vitally important that we focus on recovering lost ground in delivering essential life-saving interventions during this difficult time, sustaining progress towards the SDG targets for Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases and Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child and Adolescent health.

Given the difficulties in securing essential health commodities in Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is of vital importance that countries sign, ratify and deposit the African Medicines Agency (AMA) instrument with the AUC in order to improve access to quality, safe and efficacious medical products in Africa. Early procurement of essential health commodities is also highly recommended whilst long delivery times persist.

The country has been affected by the continent-wide restriction of access to COVID-19 vaccines and had only been able to cover 14% of their population by July 2022. The country, working with partners, should invest in education and behaviour change communication to increase the uptake of COVID vaccines and therapeutics.

### **Malaria**

#### **Progress**

The Gambia secured sufficient resources to finance the malaria commodities required for 2022. The country has procured sufficient LLINs and carried out IRS to sustain 100% operational coverage of the targeted at risk population. The country has recently submitted the results of insecticide resistance monitoring to WHO and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees. The Gambia has decreased the estimated malaria incidence by more than 40% since 2015.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Gambia has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard, although this has not yet been shared to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

#### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 75,801 with 73 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, malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

### Previous Key Recommended Action

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 2022		The country implemented the cross border mass ITN campaign distribution with Senegal. Diagnosis and treatment activities were implemented countrywide. The programme planned the implementation of the Indoor Residual Spraying in 2 regions. Supervision, entomological surveillance activities were implemented as planned
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		Deliverable not yet due

### New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Address vector control coverage	Ensure that RDT stocks are replenished to avoid stock outs	Q4 2023

## RMNCAH and NTDs

### Progress





Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in The Gambia is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths, and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for trachoma and 0% for soil-transmitted helminths and schistosomiasis. The NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Gambia in 2020 is 1, which represents a decrease compared with the 2019 index value (8).

## 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 2022		The Ministry of Health established a committee to oversee the implementation of activities to ensure continuity of Health Services in the country. RMNCAH routine activities continued as planned including the monitoring of Reproductive Health services in the health facilities, training of health care providers on Emergency Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health, monitoring on Kabulo bama implementation at community level which is a model of cluster supporting reproductive health at community level
NTDs	Given the high coverage of Preventive Chemotherapy (PC) for trachoma, work to increase the preventive chemotherapy coverage for soil transmitted helminthiasis and implement preventive chemotherapy for schistosomiasis, including mobilizing the necessary resources and community surveillance systems. 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 2022		The country is conducting the NTD related activities whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. In Q2 2022, in addition to NTD routine activities, the country completed the NTD Master plan for 2022-2026 and is working on the 2021 MDA reports. The country also developed the NTD scorecard for accountability and action and shared it publicly using the scorecard hub and the epidemiology weekly bulletin shared on weekly basis with more than 350 people

The Gambia has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing the low coverage of ARTs and vitamin A and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

### Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due

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