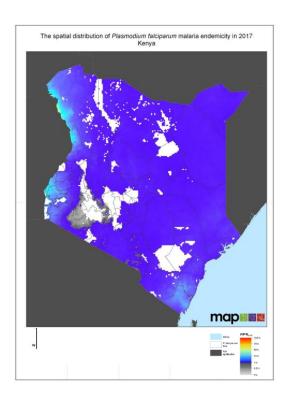
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## **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



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		4
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)		87
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, NTD	s a	nd Covid 19
Scale of Implementation of iCCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)		29
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)	•	59
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)		82
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		91
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		17

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## Key



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#### **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. The country is encouraged to finalise the deposition process which is already ongoing. 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 17% 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**

Kenya secured the resources required to sustain universal coverage of essential malaria control interventions in 2022. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Kenya has completed the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Kenya has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The country is implementing iCCM.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Kenya has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard and has posted the scorecard to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country has also launched the End Malaria Council in Q1 2021. The Kenya malaria youth army has also been launched.

#### Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 6,875,369 and 742 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 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 2022		In October 2021, Kenya lifted most of the COVID-19 measures: (Night-time curfew; In-person meetings; mask-mandates; restriction of movement). Malaria services delivery at facility and community level have resumed fully with no anticipated disruptions in service delivery expected for the rest of 2022. Programme activities including in-person engagements are ongoing and no disruption is expected. The procurement of commodities has been carried out early to ensure delivery schedules in good time. A major concern is the increase in Commodity prices and also elongated lead times. In order to address the inadequate financing to fully implement the national strategic plan., the programme in conjunction with stakeholders is working on securing additional financing with a focus on domestic resource mobilization at national and county levels
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		The country is in process of depositing the AMA instrument at the AUC
Policy	Work to incorporate activities targeting IDPs in the Malaria Strategic Plan	Q1 2023		The Country has completed the Malaria Matchbox Assessment; The report is pending finalization and dissemination. The report will identify vulnerable, marginalized populations including IDPs. The report will make recommendations that will be incorporated into the next NSP. The Malaria Mid-Term Review of 2021/2022 recommended that HRG related issues are mainstreamed into the strategy; The addendum includes this recommendation
Monitoring	Ensure that drug resistance monitoring is conducted and data are reported to WHO	Q1 2023		The country is undertaking drug resistance monitoring in 4 sites across the country, using recommended protocols. The results of the monitoring will be available at the end of 2022. This will be shared with local, regional and global stakeholders including the WHO.

# **RMNCAH and NTDs**

### **Progress**

Kenya has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention vitamin A and DPT3. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard and has published it on the scorecard hub.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Kenya is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved

for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 25% for trachoma. No data was reported for lymphatic filariasis, for soil transmitted helminths and for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Kenya in 2020 was 0, which represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2019 index value of 39.

**Previous Key Recommended Action** 

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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 MoH developed and circulated guidelines on the continuation of service delivery to all counties. Health facility attendance improved following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. Health workers and Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) were trained on COVID -19 guidelines including general protection and use of PPEs. Health care workers have been trained on prevention and case management of COVID-19. CHVs have provided more services than in the pre-COVID-19 period. Kenya was affected by the disruption of international supply chains especially for drugs and medical supplies leading to interrupted supply of commodities including the PPEs required for continued service delivery and prevention of COVID-19 infections, but the situation has now normalised. Kenya enhanced COVID-19 surveillance through testing, contact tracing and reporting of COVID-19 cases in all counties. The country has also rolled out COVID-19 vaccination. All counties have been supported by the national government to strengthen their emergency preparedness for COVID-19 including expanding ICU services, hospital bed capacity and oxygen production. The government has also established a homebased isolation and care system for COVID-19 positive cases that entails continuous monitoring and reporting to minimize community spread and promptly refer cases for specialized care. The government intensified outreaches to improve immunization coverage, Vit A supplementation and deworming for children; ensured cold chain equipment were adequately maintained; and stocking of adequate doses of EPI vaccines and vitamin A in the counties		
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 MDA coverage, ensure that NTD interventions are sustained	Q4 2022		The country is conducting NTD prevention and control activities whilst using COVID-19 preventive measures. The elaboration of the new NTD Master plan is ongoing and the country is in preparation of Paediatric Praziquantel roll out in Nyanza (Homa Bay) and in Coast Region (in Kwale). The country has rolled out the Lymphatic Filariasis Transmission assessment. Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis MDA are under		

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

and	preparation, to take place in July 2022
implemented	
whilst using	
Covid-19	
sensitive	
guidelines.	
This includes	
prioritizing key	
necessary	
catch up	
activities	
including	
achieving high	
coverage from	
all MDAs	

**New Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Optimise	Work to accelerate coverage of ARTs in the total	Q2 2023
quality of care	population and in children under 14 years of age	

