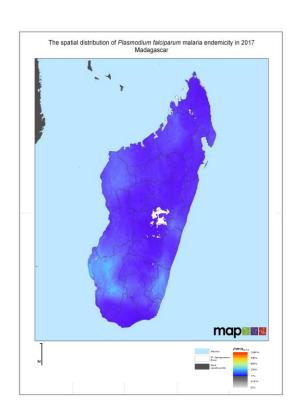
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action

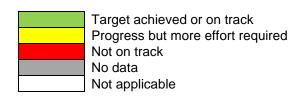


Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)		97
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		100
Policy		

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	L	
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, NTD	s a	nd Covid 19
Scale of Implementation of iCCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)		34
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		7
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)		26
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	•	55
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		4
79		

Malaria transmission in Madagascar occurs all year round in the north of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 1,950,471 with 674 deaths.

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 complete this process. The country is encouraged to do this. 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 4% 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

Madagascar has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. The country has finalised the insecticide resistance management and monitoring plan and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. Madagascar has secured the finances to sustain universal coverage of LLINs and has good stocks of ACTs and RDTs. The country has distributed sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of vector control for the targeted at risk population.

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

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 1,950,471 with 674 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 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		All malaria activities have been implemented according to the plan, and none of the interventions were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All activities are being implemented in accordance with COVID-19 preventives measures. All malaria activities have been implemented as per the 2022 plan of action. The country has completed the ITN mass campaign distribution with high coverage reported and reductions in morbidity observed. The country has adequate stocks of ACTs and RDTs. "Last mile" strategies which consist of supplying community sites with antimalarial inputs are functional

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Madagascar has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Madagascar is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 60% for schistosomiasis, 49% for soil-transmitted helminthiasis, and 13% for lymphatic filariasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Madagascar in 2020 is 34, which represents a decrease compared with the 2019 index value (37).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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Objective	Action item	Suggested	Progress	Comments - key	
		completio		activities/accomplishments since last	
		n		quarterly report	
		timeframe			
RMNCAH ¹	Ensure that	Q4 2022		A reference document for RMNCAH	
Impact	essential			was developed in June to ensure the	
	RMNCAH			continuity of essential services. As with	
	services are			all interventions, there was a drop in	
	sustained and			coverage of MCH indicators during the	
	implemented			peak of COVID-19 cases, which have	
	whilst using			since decreased. For the regions where	
	Covid-19 sensitive			the maximum number of COVID-19	
	guidelines during			cases were encountered, the MoH in	
	the pandemic.			collaboration with its partners worked to	
	Address any			strengthen services. This included	
	stock-outs of			support by UNFPA in setting up buses	
	essential			to transport women for ANC, PNC, and	
	RMNCAH			delivery from their homes to the	
	commodities			hospital. This approach is being	
	Commodities				
				evaluated. Mobile clinics for Family	
				Planning with support from Marie	
				Stopes Madagascar were also	
				implemented. Mobile clinics also rolled	
				out offering Reproductive Health and	
				Family Planning packages and	
				information	
NTDs	Ensure that NTD	Q4 2022		The country is conducting NTD routine	
	interventions			activities whilst respecting COVID-19	
	including MDAs,			safety measures. In November 2021,	
	vector control and			the country conducted the first round of	
	Morbidity			MDA targeting Schistosomiasis and	
	Management and			another MDA was conducted between	
	Disability			April and May 2022. During the last	
	Prevention are			week of May 2022, the country started	
	sustained and			the MDA for Lymphatic Filariasis and,	
	implemented			Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis MDA	
	whilst using			was integrated with Schistosomiasis	
	Covid-19 sensitive			MDA in some regions and with	
	guidelines during			Lymphatic Filariasis MDA in other	
	the pandemic.			regions. The country is also managing	
	This includes			morbidity cases and is working to use	
	prioritising key			the medicines with the risk of expiration	
	necessary catch			before the expiry date	
	up activities				

timeframe qu	
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¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO
The country has responded to the recommended action to increase coverage of ARTs,

with small increases noted in coverage, but continues to track progress as key actions are implemented.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of DPT3	Q2 2023

