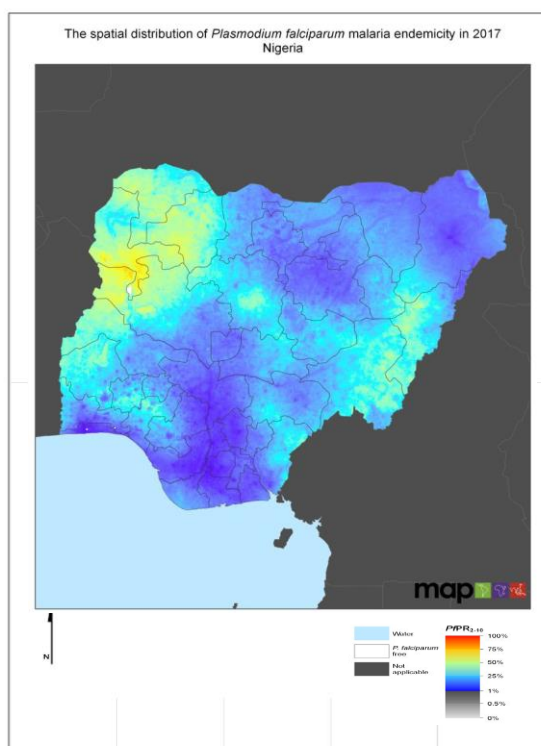


# Nigeria ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Two, 2022



## Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Malaria transmission in Nigeria takes place all year round in the south but is more seasonal in the northern regions. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 21,580,055 cases and 1811 deaths.

### Metrics

Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)		74
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)	▼	62
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)	▼	30
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)	▼	80
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)		56
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		31
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)		0
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		56
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		10

### 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. 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 10% 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**

Nigeria has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has finalised the development of the national insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has carried out drug resistance testing since 2018 and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees and IDPs. Nigeria has decreased the estimated malaria mortality rate by more than 40% since 2010. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach. Nigeria has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The approval of the World Bank US\$200 million loan for malaria control in thirteen states is a significant development.

In line with the legacy agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, Nigeria has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard, although the scorecard has not yet been posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country is planning to launch the Nigeria End Malaria Council and Fund.

### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 21,580,055 cases and 1811 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		The country has continued with the distribution of LLINs through rolling campaigns, which were modified to take into account the necessary social distancing, with house to house distributions. The 2022 LLIN campaigns is on track. There are sufficient stocks of RDTs and and whilst there are lower stocks of ACTs, these are under procurement. Sufficient PPE have also been mobilised. Planning for the Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention campaigns is on track with the first round completed as planned
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		Deliverable not yet due

Nigeria has responded positively to the previous recommended actions addressing insufficient resources to fully implement the essential malaria control interventions and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

## New Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Address vector control coverage	Address falling vector control coverage	Q2 2023
Address essential stocks	Ensure that ACT stocks are replenished to avoid stock outs	Q4 2023

## RMNCAH and NTDs

### Progress

The country has significantly enhanced tracking and accounting mechanisms with the development of the RMNCAH scorecard tool.





Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Nigeria is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 75% for onchocerciasis, 55% for both lymphatic filariasis and schistosomiasis, 53% for trachoma and 44% for soil-transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Nigeria in 2020 is 56, which represents a decrease compared with the 2019 index value (76).

## Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
RMNCAH 1: 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		Essential RMNCAH services are continuing in all health facilities across the country. In order to address been over verticalization of the COVID-19 response, attempts are being made to integrate COVID-19 vaccination into routine immunization and other health care services. Lessons from the pandemic has brought about increase in oxygen support for children
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 MDA coverage, 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 prioritizing key necessary catch up activities	Q4 2022		The country is conducting NTD routine activities whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. The country is working on the new NTD Master Plan; MDA was conducted in April 2022. The Pre-Assessment Surveys for onchocerciasis and Lymphatic filariasis are also ongoing

Nigeria has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs in children and continues to track progress as 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