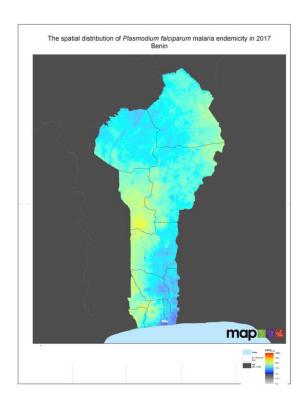
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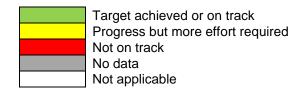
Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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 Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with 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 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) On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2021 (vs On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2021 (vs Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs and Covid 19 Scale of Implementation of iCCM Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical 72 Disease (NTD index, %)(2021) Estimated % of children (0-14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021) Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses) 80 DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month 76 % Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19

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Key



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Malaria

Global Fund Update

The Global Fund has announced that Benin will receive US\$102.7 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening as the country allocation for 2024-2026. The Global Fund has determined the total allocation amount based on Benin's disease burden and income level, as well as several other factors. The malaria component is also allocated a specific proportion of the total, according to a formula developed by the Global Fund that takes into account several factors, including disease burden and the importance of sustaining life-saving essential services. For Benin this is calculated at US\$56.5 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Benin is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to accelerate progress.

Progress

The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard Benin has distributed sufficient LLINs to achieve universal operational coverage of the targeted atrisk population. The country successfully raised resources for the financing of the required number of ACTs, RDTs and LLINs in 2022 and has good stocks of essential malaria commodities. Benin has scaled up implementation of iCCM. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Benin has successfully launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Benin has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Scorecard, but this is not yet shared on the ALMA Scorecard Knowledge Hub.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,163,648 with 2,956 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
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 concluded the 4th round of the SMC in September- October. The planning activities for the ITN mass campaign distribution in Q1 2023 are on-going. Additional resources have been secured for commodity procurement. Diagnosis, treatment, and ITN distribution to Pregnant women and children under one year of age at health facility were implemented. The country is planning to implement the Malaria Matchbox to identify and address Community, Rights and Gender issues. The country has sufficient stocks of ACTs and RDT at health facility and central levels

RMNCAH

Progress

Benin has made good progress in the tracer RMNCAH intervention, vitamin A coverage.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Benin is measured by using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for Lymphatic Filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and Trachoma. Lymphatic Filariasis and trachoma are currently under surveillance. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Benin is 48% for schistosomiasis, 59% for Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis, 68% for onchocerciasis and 100% for trachoma. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Benin in 2021 is 72 and shows a small decrease compared to 2020 index value (77).

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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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		No progress reported
NTDs	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 conducted NTD prevention and control interventions whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. In Q4 2022, the country worked on NTD surveillance. Benin has submitted the trachoma elimination dossier and is waiting for WHO feedback. The country carried out the MDA for onchocerciasis. Other routine activities were conducted as planned

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

Benin 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.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
NTDs	Work to increase the preventive chemotherapy coverage for schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis to reach WHO targets.	Q4 2023

