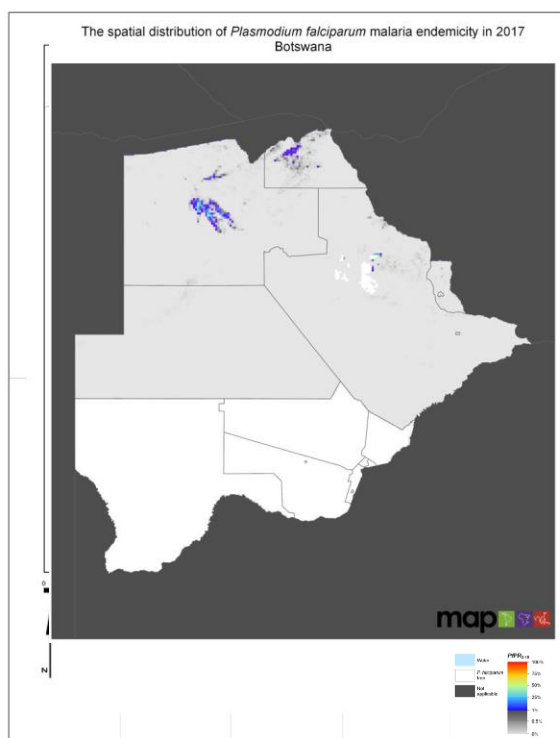


### Scorecard for Accountability and Action



#### Metrics

Commodities Financed	
IRS financing 2022 (% of at-risk population)	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	Not on track
Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Plan	No data
Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan	No data
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign	Not on track

Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact	
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO	Not on track
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010	1
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO	Target achieved or on track
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan	Target achieved or on track
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)	▲ Target achieved or on track
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)	▲ Progress but more effort required
LLIN/IRS campaign on track	Target achieved or on track
IRS Operational Coverage (%)	77
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)	Not on track
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2020 (vs 2015)	Not on track

Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs and Covid 19	
Scale of Implementation of ICCM	No data
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2020)	3
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)	69
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)	No data
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	95
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19	62

The annual reported number of confirmed malaria cases in 2020 was 953 with 11 deaths.

#### Key

Target achieved or on track	Target achieved or on track
Progress but more effort required	Progress but more effort required
Not on track	Not on track
No data	No data
Not applicable	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 but has been able to cover 62% of their population by October 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 country has finalised the insecticide resistance management and monitoring plan. Botswana has sufficient resources to fund the required ACTs and RDTs and IRS in 2022. WHO has identified Botswana as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria by 2025.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umamo Sissoco Embaló, Botswana has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Elimination Scorecard and this is shared publicly in-country, but not yet posted to the ALMA Scorecard Knowledge Hub. Discussions are ongoing for the creation of a malaria and NTD council.

### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 953 with 11 deaths.

### **Key Challenges**

- Achieving and maintaining IRS coverage above 80%.
- Need to further strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.
- Sustaining the delivery of essential life-saving interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic including for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child health, malaria and NTDs.

## 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		Malaria interventions were implemented as planned. Discussions are ongoing around the issue of staff retention. Preparations for the scheduled LLIN mass campaign in 2023 and those for the IRS campaign in October 2022 are proceeding well except for the delay in the arrival of the insecticide, however, all districts targeted for IRS are ready for the campaign in October. The postponed larviciding is now scheduled for the winter of 2022
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the increase in estimated malaria incidence and mortality between 2015 and 2020, which means that the country did not achieve the 2020 target of a 40% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2022		The two districts in the north that reported low IRS coverage due to community resistance (62.4% in Chobe and 56.8% in Ngami districts) in the last IRS campaigns has been addressed by conducting extensive community sensitizations and are now ready for IRS implementation now scheduled for October
Impact	Ensure that ACT stocks are replenished to avoid stock outs	Q4 2022		The country has addressed the low stocks of ACTs and now has five months of ACT stocks
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		Deliverable not yet due

Botswana has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the lack of data on iCCM and continues to strengthen access to treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea.

## RMNCAH and NTDs

### Progress

Botswana has achieved good coverage in tracer RMNCAH interventions, including DPT3 coverage and has recently increased coverage of ARTs in children. The country has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health Scorecard.





Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Botswana is illustrated using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage is good for soil-transmitted helminthiasis (63%) but preventive chemotherapy was not implemented for schistosomiasis (0%) and for trachoma (0%). The overall NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index in 2020 is 3 and slightly increased compared to the 2019 index value (0).

## 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 RMNCAH team was reassigned to the COVID-19 response at both the national and district level resulting in limited HR to implement RMNCAH activities including implementation of the newly developed RMNCAH Strategy. In 2021, the country recorded high maternal mortality of above 150 cases, attributed to COVID-19. COVID-19 has also affected delivery of RMNCAH services especially family planning and cervical cancer screening. Outreach was also halted due to lack of resources. To mitigate the effect on COVID-19 on RMNCAH, the programmes conducted media campaigns including using radio and billboards to encourage families to seek services such as ANC, PNC, immunization and FP. Guidelines on COVID-19 and maternal health have been developed and implemented
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		Botswana is conducting the NTD interventions whilst respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. In Q3 2022, the country has been working on the schistosomiasis MDA report and is finalizing the new NTD Master plan with the support of WHO. Other routine activities including establishing NTD surveillance system are under preparations.

Botswana has responded positively to the recommended action addressing the lack of data on vitamin A coverage.

### Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due

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