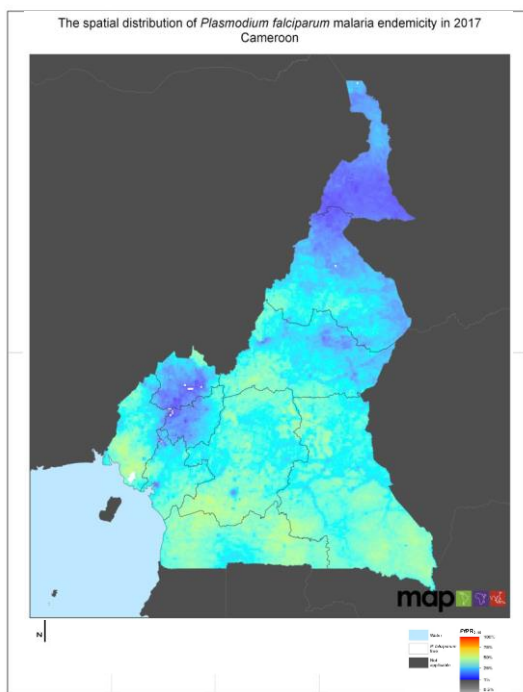


# Cameroon ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Four, 2022



## Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Malaria transmission occurs year-round in Cameroon and is most intense in the south of the country. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,420,788 with 3,782 deaths.

### Metrics

Commodities Financed		
LLIN financing 2022 projection (% of need)		96
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)		100
On track to reduce case incidence by ≥40% by 2021 (vs 2015)		
On track to reduce case mortality by ≥40% by 2021 (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, %)(2021)	▲	66
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		35
Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)	▲	85
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		69
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		5

### Key

	Target achieved or on track
	Progress but more effort required
	Not on track
	No data
	Not applicable

## **Malaria**

### **Global Fund Update**

The Global Fund has announced that Cameroon will receive US\$288 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 Cameroon'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 Cameroon this is calculated at US\$109.7 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Cameroon 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 Cameroon secured the resources to cover the costs of the LLINs, ACTs and RDTs needed in 2022. Cameroon has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has completed the 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. The country is also showing leadership in malaria control through its participation in the High Burden High Impact approach and has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Cameroon has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Control Scorecard. The country is also planning the launch of the End Malaria Council and Fund.

### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 3,420,788 with 3,782 deaths.

### **Key Challenges**

- Insecticide resistance.
- Delays in the completion of the universal coverage campaign.
- 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 completed the ITN mass distribution in the central region. The SMC campaign targeting children under five years was completed. The NMCP is implementing the MPR which will lead to the development of the new MSP. The NMCP is under finalization of the 2022 MIS data collection

## RMNCAH and NTDs

### Progress

Cameroon has achieved good coverage in the tracer RMNCAH intervention, Vitamin A.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Cameroon is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Cameroon is low for lymphatic filariasis (34%) and for trachoma (72%). It is good for onchocerciasis (70%), soil transmitted helminthiasis (75%) and high for schistosomiasis (97%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Cameroon in 2021 is 66 and this represents substantial increase compared with the 2020 index value (4).

### 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	Q4 2022		No progress reported
NTDs	Recognising the negative impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 MDA coverage, ensure that NTD interventions are implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic	Q4 2022		The country has been conducting NTD prevention and control activities whilst respecting COVID-19 measures. In Q4 2022, the country organized a Mass Deworming campaign in 8 regions (out of 10 targeted) and the country is working on the report. Other routine activities including guinea worm surveillance and coordination meetings were conducted
Optimise quality of care	Address falling coverage of vitamin A	Q4 2022		The country significantly increased the coverage of vitamin A in 2021 to 85%





The country has responded positively to previous recommended action on accelerating coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age, with a 2% increase reported in the last year.

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

## New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
NTDs	Work to increase the preventive chemotherapy coverage for lymphatic filariasis and trachoma and reach WHO targets. Ensure that NTD interventions are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritising key necessary catch-up activities as well as conducting stock reconciliation following a national and subnational physical inventory count tracking of leftover stocks at district level and retrieving all expired drugs after MDA for incineration and accountability	Q4 2023

### Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due