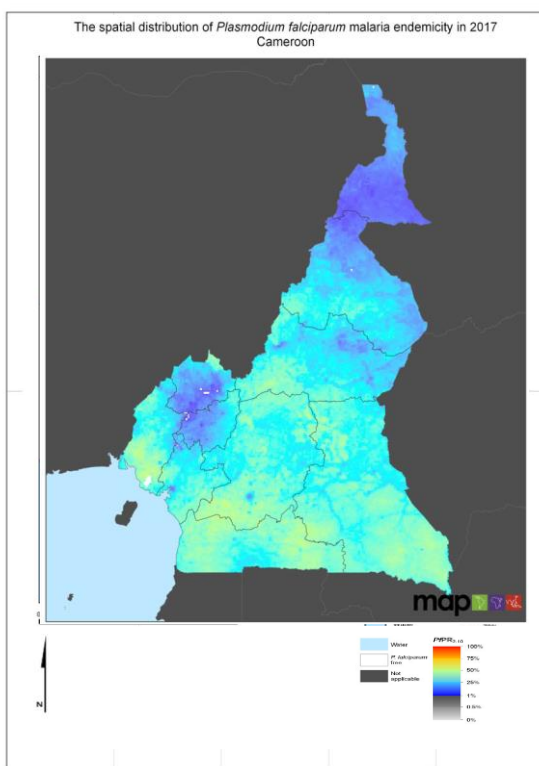


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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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 2023 projection (% of need)	Green	87
Public sector RDT financing 2023 projection (% of need)	Green	100
Public sector ACT financing 2023 projection (% of need)	Green	100
Policy		
Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC	Green	
Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Plan	Green	
Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan	Green	
Country Reporting Launch of Zero Malaria Starts with Me Campaign	Green	
End Malaria Council and Fund Launched	Yellow	
Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		
Drug Resistance Monitoring Conducted (2018-2020) and data reported to WHO	Red	
Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010	Red	4
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2015 and data reported to WHO	Green	
National Insecticide Resistance Monitoring and Management Plan	Green	
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)	Yellow	
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)	Red	
LLIN/IRS campaign on track	White	
Operational LLIN/IRS coverage (% of at risk population)	Green	100
On track to reduce case incidence by $\geq 40\%$ by 2021 (vs 2015)	Yellow	
On track to reduce case mortality by $\geq 40\%$ by 2021 (vs 2015)	Yellow	
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health, NTDs and Covid 19		
Scale of Implementation of ICCM	Green	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2021)	Yellow	66
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)	Red	35
Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)	Green	85
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)	Yellow	69

Key

Green	Target achieved or on track
Yellow	Progress but more effort required
Red	Not on track
Grey	No data
White	Not applicable

Malaria

Global Fund Allocation

The Global Fund 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 previous disbursements. 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. The Global Fund resources are especially important in the current resource constrained environment. The ongoing economic crisis, increased costs of doing business, and the need to introduce newer more expensive commodities to address insecticide and drug resistance mean that countries may experience shortfalls in sustaining their life-saving malaria essential services.

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 ACTs and RDTs needed in 2023. 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 their 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.

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
NTDs	Work to increase the preventive chemotherapy coverage for lymphatic filariasis and trachoma and reach WHO targets.	Q4 2023		In Q1 2023, the country conducted NTD surveillance activities. The country is also working on the MDA reports for the campaigns conducted at the end of 2022. Other routine activities are being conducted as planned

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.

Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due