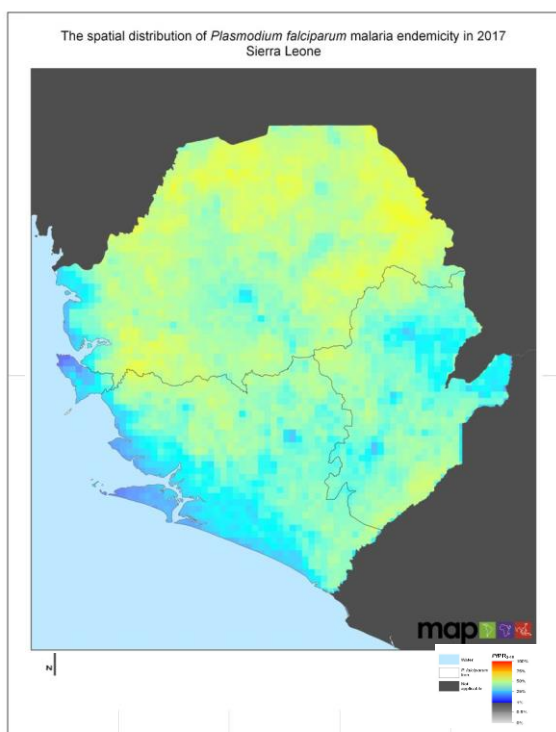


Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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
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 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)		59
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		13
Vitamin A Coverage 2020 (2 doses)		32
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		92
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19	▲	29

The entire population of Sierra Leone is at high risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 1,223,397 with 1,648 deaths.

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 congratulated for doing 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 29% 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

Sierra Leone secured sufficient resources to achieve universal coverage of LLINs, RDTs and ACTs in 2022, has good levels of commodity stocks and has distributed sufficient LLINs to achieve 100% operational coverage of the targeted at-risk population. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO and has finalised the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. Sierra Leone 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, Sierra Leone has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard, although the scorecard has not yet been posted to the ALMA Scorecard Hub.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2020 was 1,223,397 with 1,648 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 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 continued the preparation of the 2023 ITN mass distribution in collaboration with partners. Supply chain strengthening activities were implemented with the distribution of RDT and ACT from central to the decentralized levels. Key malaria interventions were implemented at health facility level such as the diagnosis, treatment, ITN distribution and IPTp. The country is developing a school-based distribution implementation and evaluation plan.

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Sierra Leone has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention of DPT3. The country enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Scorecard.

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Sierra Leone is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2020, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 75% for onchocerciasis, 70% for lymphatic filariasis, 52% for schistosomiasis, and 44% for soil transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Sierra Leone in 2020 was 59, which represents a decrease compared with the 2019 index value (73).

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		Rollout training of over 5,000 national CHWs in 8 districts was carried out with preparation to train the 3,700 CHW from the remaining 8 districts underway. The RMNCAHN interventions' package for CHWs includes iCCM, Home visits to counsel parents and young people on family planning, adolescent health, ANC, early PNC, ITN use, infant and young child feeding, immunization (counselling and tracing of zero dose and defaulters), sanitation and hygiene, IPC; Community based surveillance, Community mobilization during subnational and national Health, Nutrition and WASH campaigns. The MoHS with the support from partners developed an integrated MNH package and trained 14 national master trainers/mentors who are going to train health workers in primary health care facilities and hospitals to avoid a fragmented efforts to maternal and new-born health. The 2nd round of the national distribution of free health care and integrated malaria, TB and HIV drugs and supplies was completed during this reporting period. A national periodic intensification of vitamin A supplementation (outreach and routine) has been completed. The MoHS has conducted the National Health Summit and Recognition Award in April under a theme Transforming Health Care Delivery Towards Universal Health Coverage. The outcome of the Summit which was opened by the President of Sierra Leone, was agreed national priorities to be implemented in the year. The priorities were disseminated through the Ministry's communique to all stakeholders
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	Q4 2022		The country is conducting NTD prevention and control interventions by respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. In Q2 2022, the country conducted MDA for schistosomiasis and other MDAs started in September 2022. The Lymphatic Filariasis transmission assessment is ongoing. The country is working to mobilize more funds to cover all the NTD planned interventions.

¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

	<p>sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. This includes prioritizing key necessary catch up activities</p>			
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Sierra Leone has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended action addressing low coverage of ARTs in children and continues to track progress as this action is implemented, with increases in coverage recently observed.

Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due