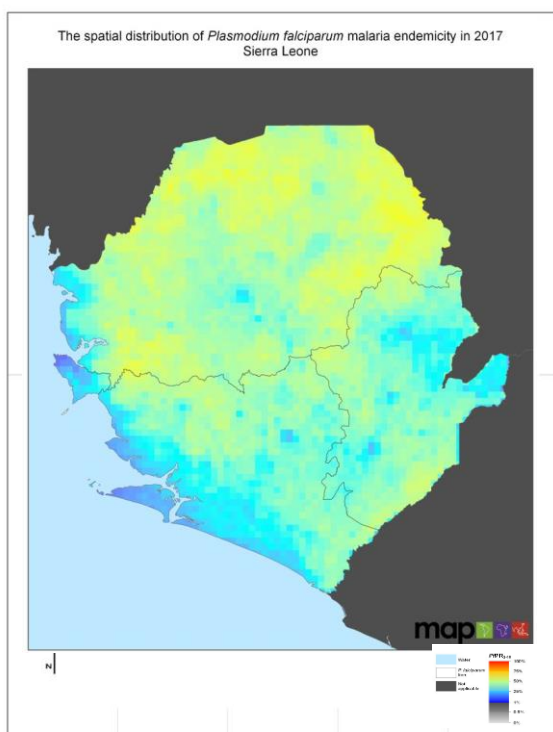


Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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 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)	▼	14
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		13
Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)	▲	66
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		92
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19	▲	35

The entire population of Sierra Leone is at high risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 2,043,818 with 2,107 deaths.

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 Sierra Leone will receive US\$126.4 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 Sierra Leone'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 Sierra Leone this is calculated at US\$73.2 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted according to decisions made at country level. Sierra Leone 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, 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 2021 was 2,043,818 with 2,107 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 has enough stock of RDTs and ACTs and diagnosis and treatment were implemented at health facility and community levels. The 2023 ITN distribution campaign planning is ongoing with the support of partners. The NMCP started the planning of the 2023 IRS campaign

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 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 78% for onchocerciasis, 74% for lymphatic filariasis, 67% for soil transmitted helminths and 0% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Sierra Leone in 2021 is 14, which represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2020 index value (59).

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		The country revised and extended the National RMNCHAHN Strategy. Sierra Leone has completed the training and deployment of national CHWs, out of the 8,622 recruited, 8,165 of them have completed training and qualified for the job. There will be mop-up recruitment and training in 2023 to reach the total number of 8,700 planned for Sierra Leone. All logistics needed for the training (printed and nonprinted) were made available at the training sites before the training. A 3 day National RMNCHN Quality of Care Conference was held attracting ministry of health directorates, programmes, national and district representatives as well as WHO, UNICEF, SAVE/MCGL, and other NGO and CSOs. A Primary Health Care District Summit for UHC was held in PHC optimisation model learning districts. The national CHW strategy has been costed and developed
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 is conducting NTD prevention and control interventions by respecting COVID-19 preventive measures. The country has put more efforts to work with the community especially the local leaders and traditional healers to get their support in the NTD community interventions including community mobilisation for patients with morbidities to consult the health facilities. From September to October 2022, the country conducted MDA for Onchocerciasis, Lymphatic Filariasis and Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis in the remaining districts. The Lymphatic Filariasis transmission assessment is ongoing. The country is working to mobilize more funds to cover all the NTD planned interventions especially Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention.





¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO

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.

New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
NTDs	Work to implement preventive chemotherapy for schistosomiasis and reach WHO targets	Q4 2023

Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due