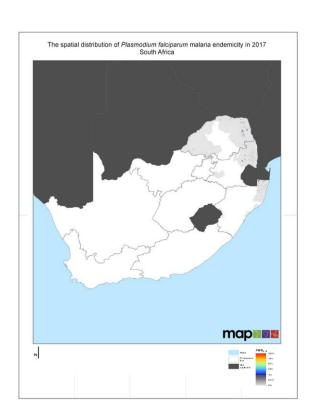
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Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Commodities Financed		
IRS financing 2022 (% of at-risk population)		10
Public sector RDT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		10
Public sector ACT financing 2022 projection (% of need)		10
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		
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		
IRS Operational Coverage (%)		7
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 an	d C	ovid 19
Scale of Implementation of ICCM		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2021)		1)
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2021)		4
Vitamin A Coverage 2021 (2 doses)		4
DPT3 coverage 2021 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		8
% Population Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19		3

Malaria is present in the three northern provinces of South Africa bordering Mozambique and Eswatini. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2021 was 5,812 with 56 deaths.

Key



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Malaria

The country continues to work on strengthening and maintaining health services following the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, South Africa has sufficient financing to cover the malaria commodity needs for 2022 and has good stocks of ACTs. The country has finalised the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has reported insecticide resistance data to WHO. WHO has identified South Africa 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 Umaro Sissoco Embaló, South Africa has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Elimination Scorecard, although it is not yet shared on the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country is also planning to launch and End Malaria and NTD Council and Fund.

Impact

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Key Challenges

- Risk of re-introduction of malaria from neighbouring countries.
- There is a need to 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 Neglected Tropical Diseases.

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 IRS are sustained and implemented whilst using COVID-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic	Q4 2022		South Africa has not reported stock outs of ACTs and RDTs and all these supplies have been delivered to the provinces. All provinces have sufficient insecticide stocks and have commenced the spraying campaign in October. The plan is to complete the IRS campaign in January 2023
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		Deliverable not yet due
Impact	Work to address the low stocks of RDTs	Q1 2023		4 months of RDT stocks are due for delivery in January 2023

RMNCAH and NTDs

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in South Africa is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminthiasis. In 2021, preventive chemotherapy coverage is 0 % for both soil transmitted helminths and for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for South Africa in 2021 is 0, which is the same as the 2020 index value (0).

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RMNCAH¹: Impact	Ensure that essential RMNCAH services are sustained and implemented whilst using Covid-19 sensitive guidelines during the pandemic. Address any stockouts of essential RMNCAH commodities	Q4 2022		RMNCAH services, especially preventive and promotive services which are provided at clinics and community health centres, were disrupted by the COVID-19. However, all Primary Health Care services are now providing all essential services, and each of the nine provinces has been requested to ensure that catch-up plans for RMNCAH as well as HIV/TB services are in place
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		The country is in the process of updating the NTD Master plan in line with the WHO Roadmap, in collaboration with the WHO Country Office
Optimise quality of care	Address the falling coverage of vitamin A	Q4 2022		The country increased vitamin A coverage in 2021 compared to 2020

New Key Recommended Action

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



¹ RMNCAH metrics, recommended actions and response tracked through WHO