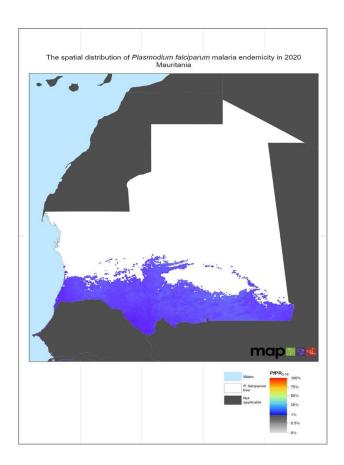
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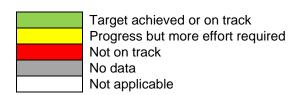
## **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Financing		
LLIN financing (2024-2026) projection (% of need)		
Public sector ACTs and RTDs financing (2024-2026) projection (% of need)		
% of National Malaria Strategic Plan Financed (2024- 2026)		
Policy		
Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC	е	
Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategio Plan	;	
Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan	I	
Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched		
End Malaria Council and Fund Launched		
Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact		
Drug efficacy studies conducted since 2019 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		
% of vector control in the last year with next generation materials		
On track to reduce malaria incidence by at least 75% by 2025 (vs 2015)		
On track to reduce malaria mortality by at least 75% by 2025 (vs 2015)		
Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and NTD	Os	
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2023)	<b>A</b>	6
% of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO Targets	i e	5
National Budget Allocated to NTDs		
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2023)	8	3
Vitamin A Coverage 2022 (2 doses)		
DPT3 coverage 2023 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		9

In Mauritania, almost 15% of the population is at high risk and 75% is at low risk of malaria. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 108,415 and 22 deaths.

### Key



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#### Malaria

Africa is at the centre of a perfect storm that threatens to disrupt malaria services and undo decades of progress. We must act urgently to both prevent and mitigate the adverse effects of the ongoing global financial crisis, increasing biological threats, climate change, and humanitarian crises. These threats represent the most serious emergency facing malaria in 20 years and will lead to malaria upsurges and epidemics if not addressed. AU Member States face a \$1.5 billion gap just to sustain existing, yet inadequate, levels of malaria-related services between now and 2026. To get back on track and eliminate malaria, we will need to mobilise another \$5.2 billion dollars annually to fully finance our national malaria plans. Climate change presents a significant threat to the progress that we have made. Africa is disproportionately exposed to the risks of climate change and by the 2030s, 150 million additional people will be at risk of malaria because of warmer temperatures and increased rainfall. Climate disasters displace millions and destroy roads and health facilities, reducing access to health services. There is urgency to decarbonise and reduce our carbon footprint. We must implement integrated and multisectoral solutions, and adapt our health systems to the threats of both climate change and pandemics. We must also take action to confront the threats of insecticide and drug resistance, reduced efficacy of rapid diagnostic tests, and the Anopheles stephensi mosquito which spreads malaria in both urban and rural areas. The good news is that the malaria toolkit continues to expand. WHO has approved the use of dual-insecticide mosquito nets that are 43% more effective than traditional mosquito nets and will address the impact of insecticide-resistance. New medicines for treating malaria and two malaria vaccines for children have also been approved with an increasing number of countries deploying these new tools. The scaling up of these interventions will help us achieve our goal of eliminating malaria. This will require integrated approaches with malaria as a pathfinder for pandemic preparedness, climate change and health, Primary Health Care and Universal Health Coverage. We must work to sustain and increase domestic resource commitments including through multisectoral End Malaria and NTD councils and Funds, which have raised over US\$125 million.

#### **Progress**

The country has submitted insecticide resistance data to WHO. Mauritania has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, His Excellency President Umaro Sissoco Embaló, Mauritania has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Scorecard, although the scorecard is not yet shared on the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country should consider establishing an End Malaria Council and Fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multisectoral action.

#### **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 108,415 and 22 deaths.

#### **Key Challenges**

- The country has a less than 20% malaria case reporting rate by surveillance systems.
- Insufficient resources to fully implement the malaria National Strategic Plan.

**Previous Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Policy	Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC	Q1 2023		No progress reported

## Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health

### **Progress**

The country has achieved high coverage of DPT3.

#### **Previous Key Recommended Actions**

Mauritania has responded positively to the RMNCAH recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs in children under 14 years of age, with a recent 4% increase in coverage and vitamin A coverage and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

## **Neglected Tropical Diseases Progress**

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Mauritania is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis, and trachoma. In 2023, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 100% for trachoma (under surveillance) and 40% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Mauritania in 2023 is 63, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2022 index value (3). The country did not reach schistosomiasis WHO MDA target in 2023.

**Previous Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Climate Change and health	Work to collate data on the impact of climate change on Vector Borne disease and incorporate into the next round on National Determined Contributions and National Climate Change Action Plans	Q4 2025		Deliverable not yet due

**New Key Recommended Action** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
NTDs	Submit data to the AUC on the national Budget Allocated to NTDs	Q4 2025

