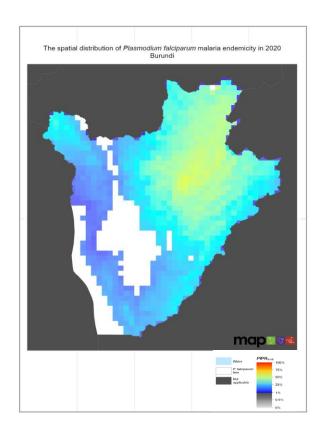
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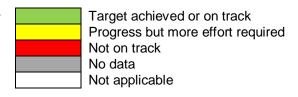
Scorecard for Accountability and Action





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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. 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, and urgently fill gaps created by the recent reductions in ODA. Extreme weather events and climate change present 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. We must also take action to confront the threats of insecticide and drug resistance, reduced efficacy of rapid diagnostic tests, and the invasive 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 primary health care strengthening, climate change and health, 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\$150 million.

Progress

Burundi has secured sufficient resources to procure the ACTs, RDTs and LLINs required in 2024-26. The country has carried out drug resistance and insecticide resistance monitoring and has reported the results to WHO. The national strategic plan includes activities targeting refugees and IDPs. 65% of the insecticides and LLINs distributed in the country are next generation commodities designed to combat insecticide resistance.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, Burundi has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control Scorecard. This scorecard tool has been updated and is being decentralized but has not yet been shared on the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The country RMNCAH scorecard has been shared through the Scorecard Hub. The country is working on establishing a Malaria and HIV fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multi-sectoral action.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 5,619,763 with 1,831 deaths.

Key Challenges

- The country has experienced a malaria upsurge from 2015.
- Gaps to further scale up IRS.
- Serious funding gaps to sustain essential life-saving malaria services including the impact of recent reductions in ODA

Previous Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Work to address the increase in malaria incidence since 2015, which means that the country is not on track to achieve the 2025 target of a 75% reduction in malaria incidence	Q4 2025		The country is concerned about the increase of malaria incidence and to respond, new strategies were initiated in 2025 including Malaria vaccine and Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC). Surveillance activities were intensified as were as increased community mobilization on malaria prevention and control.

New Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Impact	Track the implications of the US Government actions related to PMI support and work to mitigate the impact	Q4 2025
Impact	Work to address low stocks of ACTs and RDTs	Q3 2025

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health

Progress

Burundi has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention, DPT3. Burundi enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard.

Neglected Tropical Diseases Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Burundi is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. Preventive chemotherapy coverage in Burundi is 100% for trachoma as the disease is under surveillance only; high for onchocerciasis (83%) and for schistosomiasis (79%), but low for soil-transmitted helminths (55%). Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Burundi in 2023 is 77 and this represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2022 index value (17). Apart from soil transmitted helminthiasis, the country reached WHO MDA targets for other targeted diseases. Burundi has included Vector-borne diseases in the country Nationally Determined Contributions.

Previous Key Recommended Action

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NTDs	Submit data to the AUC on the national Budget Allocated to NTDs	Q4 2025		The country established a specific budget line for NTDs and information will be shared with AUC.

