

Eswatini ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Two, 2025



Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Malaria transmission is seasonal in Eswatini; the annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 845 and 7 deaths.

Metrics

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		
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		0
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2020 and data reported to WHO		
% of vector control in the last year with next generation materials		
ACTs in stock (>6 months stock)		
RDTs in stock (>6 months stock)		
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 NTDs		
Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2023)		3
% of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO Targets		0
National Budget Allocated to NTDs		
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2024)		87
DPT3 coverage 2024 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		84
Climate Change and VBDs in NDCs		

Key

	Target achieved or on track
	Progress but more effort required
	Not on track+
	No data
	Not applicable

Malaria

Africa is at the centre of a perfect storm that threatens to disrupt malaria services and undo decades of progress. Countries must act urgently to both prevent and mitigate the adverse effects of the ongoing global financial crisis, decreasing ODA, 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, US\$5.2 billion is needed annually to fully finance country national malaria plans, and urgently fill gaps created by the recent reductions in ODA. Extreme weather events and climate change present a significant threat. 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. Extreme weather events displace millions and destroy roads and health facilities, reducing access to health services. Countries 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. Malaria can serve as a pathfinder for primary health care strengthening, climate change and health, and Universal Health Coverage. Countries 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 to date.

Progress

Eswatini secured sufficient resources to fund the IRS, ACTs, and RDTs required for the period 2024-2026. Eswatini is a member of the Elimination 8 and MOSASWA initiatives, strengthening their cross-border collaboration with neighbouring countries. The country has finalised the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan and has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. WHO has identified Eswatini as being a country with the potential to eliminate local transmission of malaria.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, building of the agenda of His Majesty King Mswati III, in May 2019, the country launched an End Malaria Fund. Eswatini was the first country in Africa to introduce a malaria elimination scorecard to enhance tracking, accountability and action as the country moves towards malaria elimination and this has been publicly posted to the ALMA Scorecard hub. The country has launched their ALMA youth corps.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 845 and 7 deaths.

Key Challenges

- Maintaining malaria high on the political and funding agenda.
- Heavy rainfall in southern Africa may lead to malaria upsurges in 2025

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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	Policy		No Progress Reported
Impact	Ensure that there are sufficient supplies and resources to respond to any malaria upsurges during the Q1 2025 malaria season	Q1 2025		The country experienced some upsurges in Q1 2025. Emergency stocks were procured to avoid stock outs. IRS coverage was high. Malaria cases are currently low.

Eswatini has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing reporting insecticide resistance data to WHO and continues to track progress and actions are addressed.

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health

Progress

Good progress has been made on the tracer RMNCAH intervention ART coverage in children.

Neglected Tropical Diseases

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Eswatini is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. In 2023, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 0% for schistosomiasis and 71% for soil-transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Eswatini in 2023 is 3, which represents a slight increase compared with the 2021 index value (0). The country did not organize schistosomiasis MDA in 2023. Eswatini has included Vector-borne diseases in the country Nationally Determined Contribution.

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NTDs	Establish a Budget line for NTDs	Q4 2025		The country has no budget line for NTDs and is working to integrate all NTD interventions with malaria programme activities

The country has responded positively to the recommended action to implement preventive chemotherapy for schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminthiasis and reach WHO targets and is working to address these actions.

Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due