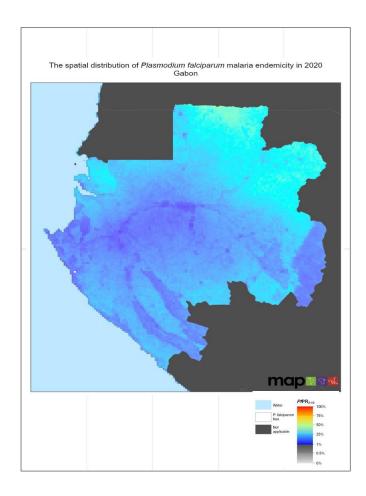
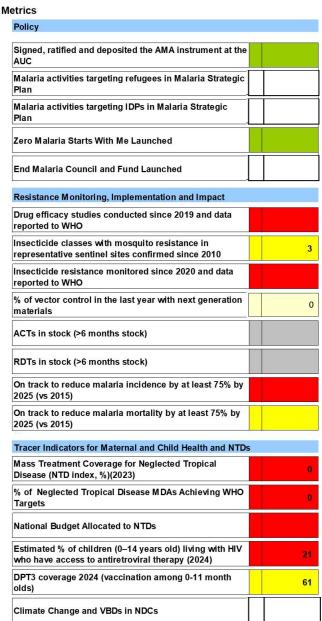
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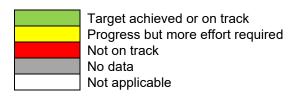
### **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**





The entire population of Gabon is at high risk for malaria. Transmission is intense throughout the year in the northern part of the country and more seasonal in the south. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 137,856 with 205 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. 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 dualinsecticide 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**

Gabon has recently submitted the results of insecticide resistance testing to WHO. The country has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, the country has planned for the launch of the Gabon health fund.

#### Impact

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#### Key Challenge

• Insufficient resources to achieve high coverage of essential malaria interventions.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions** 

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Investigate and address the reasons for the lack of progress in reducing 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		Insufficient resources to fully implement the NSP are a major factor in the lack of progress in reducing malaria incidence. In response, advocacy is underway with the new government to mobilize state resources. A network of Malaria Champions will be established to strengthen advocacy and resource mobilization across all sectors to support the implementation of the NSP

Gabon has responded to the recommended actions addressing drug and insecticide resistance testing and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

### **Neglected Tropical Diseases Progress**

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Gabon is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths. In 2023, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 0% for soil-transmitted helminths, 0% for schistosomiasis, and 0% for onchocerciasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Gabon in 2023 is 0, with a very substantial decrease compared with the 2022 index value of 24. The country did not reach any WHO MDA coverage target in 2023.

**Previous Key Recommended Actions** 

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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
NTDs	Work to implement preventive chemotherapy for onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, and soil transmitted helminths and reach WHO targets	Q4 2025		The country mobilized resources from WHO (financial) and the END fund (technical) to support Lymphatic Filariasis mapping which is planned to start in Q3 2025. The results will be used to guide on new strategies to be implemented in country. Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH) and Schistosomiasis Mass Drug Administration (MDA) are planned for 2026.
NTDs	Submit data to the AUC on the national Budget Allocated to NTDs	Q4 2025		The country has no budget line for NTDs and NTD financial resources are only from WHO. The country is working to mobilize government and other partners resources to be able implement all planned NTD interventions.

