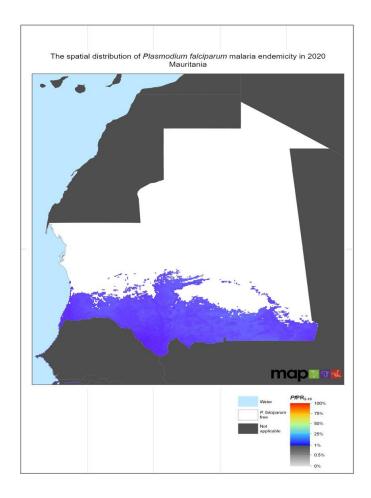
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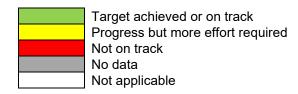
## **Scorecard for Accountability and Action**



Metrics Policy Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic 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 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 63 Disease (NTD index, %)(2023) % of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO 50 Targets National Budget Allocated to NTDs Estimated % of children (0-14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2024) DPT3 coverage 2024 (vaccination among 0-11 month 86 olds) Climate Change and VBDs in NDCs

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. 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**

Mauritania has launched its Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, 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 multi-sectoral 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 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	Q1 2023		No progress reported

The country has responded to the recommended actions linked to drug and insecticide resistance testing and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

## 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 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	Submit data to the AUC on the national Budget Allocated to NTDs	Q4 2025		The country has no specific budget line for NTDs and is working to establish it

