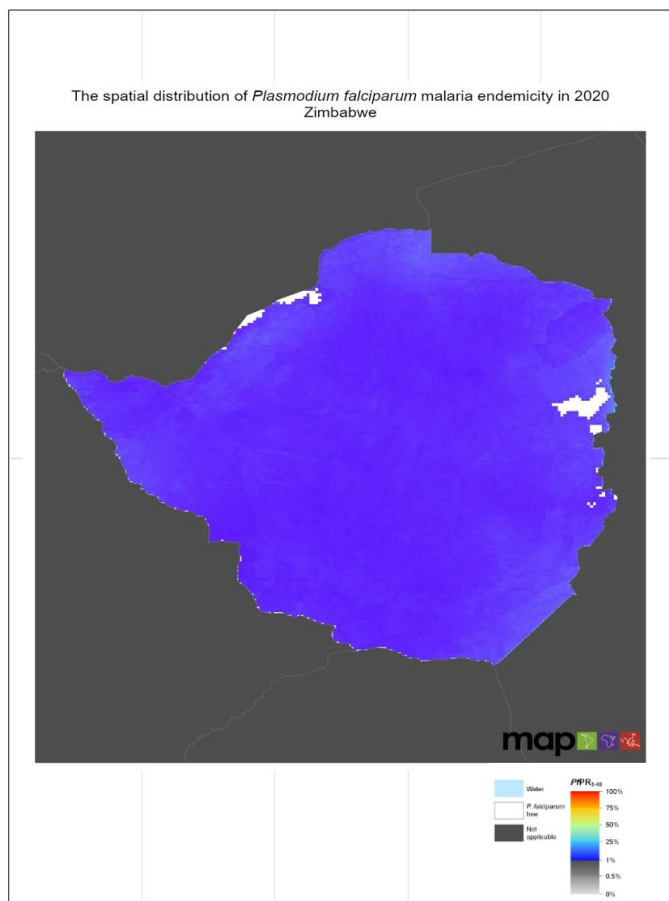


# Zimbabwe ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Two, 2025

## Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Malaria transmission is seasonal in Zimbabwe with about 60% of the population at risk. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 248,699 and 317 deaths.

### Metrics

#### Policy

|   |  |  |
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| 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

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|--|--|---|
| Drug efficacy studies conducted since 2019 and data reported to WHO                                |  |   |
| Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010 |  | 4 |
| 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

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|---|--|----|
| Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2023)                               |  | 0  |
| % 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) |  | 63 |
| DPT3 coverage 2024 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)  |  | 91 |
| 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**

Zimbabwe has secured the resources required for ACTs, RDTs, LLINs and IRS in 2024-26 but has significant shortfalls to fully implement the national strategic plan. The country has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO, and has finalised the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. The country has reduced malaria incidence and deaths by more than 40% since 2015 and is on track to achieve the 2025 targets.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, Zimbabwe has enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of the Malaria Scorecard, but this is not yet shared on the ALMA Scorecard Hub. Zimbabwe is exploring whether to establish an End Malaria Council and has recently launched Zero Malaria Starts with Me!. The Honourable Minister of Health has been appointed as an ALMA RBM Malaria champion.

## **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 248,699 and 317 deaths.

## **Key Challenges**

- There is a need to strengthen cross border collaboration with neighbouring countries.
- Insufficient resources to fully implement the national strategic plan.
- 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   |
|-----------|--|--------------------------------|----------|---|
| 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 has had sufficient stocks of ACT and RDTs. An increase in malaria cases was observed in some areas linked to increased rainfall but cases have since decreased  |
| Impact    | Track the implications of the US Government actions related to PMI support and work to mitigate the impact                   | Q4 2025                        |          | The LLINs arrived late and there were financial challenges for the distribution to the population. Vector surveillance and epidemic preparedness and response were also affected. While antimalaria drugs were available there were limited funds to support case management training. In response procurement and supply was shared with all other programmes and The Gates Foundation provided some support for the LLIN distribution. The Government of Zimbabwe is looking at filling some of the gaps. |

The country has responded positively to the recommended action addressing reporting drug resistance data to WHO and is working to implement this action.

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

### Progress

The country has achieved high coverage of DPT3. Zimbabwe has enhanced tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard. The country has achieved high coverage of DPT3.

## Neglected Tropical Diseases

### Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Zimbabwe is shown using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2023, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 41% for trachoma, 0% for schistosomiasis, 0% for soil-transmitted helminths and 0% lymphatic filariasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Zimbabwe in 2023 is 0 which represents a decrease compared with the 2022 index value (8). The country did not reach any WHO MDA coverage target. Zimbabwe has created a budget line for NTDs.

### Previous Key Recommended Actions

| 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   |

The country has responded positively to the recommended action addressing MDA coverage and is working to implement this action.

### Key

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|--|-------------------------|
|  | Action achieved         |
|  | Some progress           |
|  | No progress             |
|  | Deliverable not yet due |