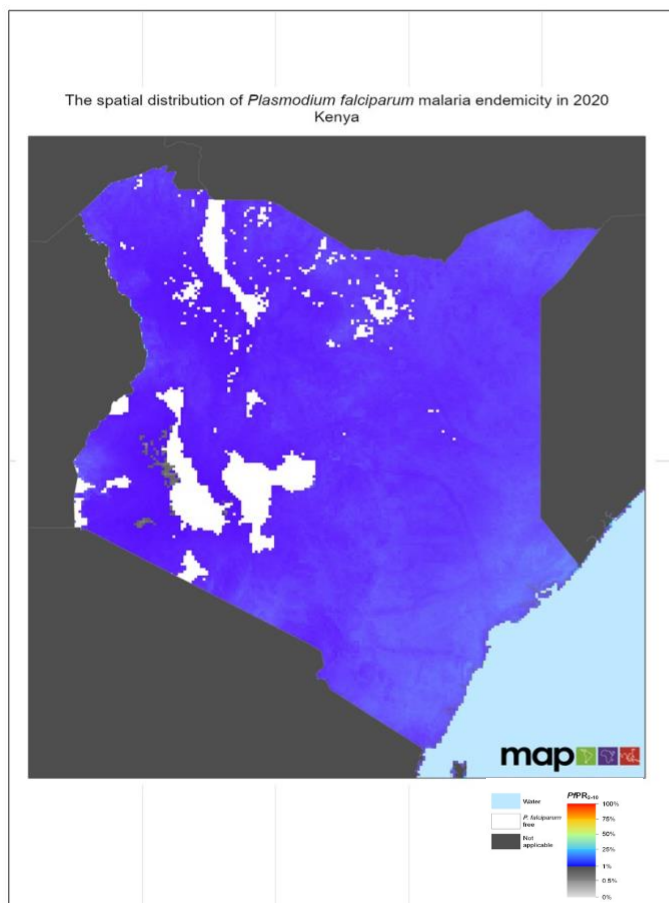


# Kenya ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter Three, 2025



## Scorecard for Accountability and Action



### 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		5
Insecticide resistance monitored since 2020 and data reported to WHO		
% of vector control in the last year with next generation materials		19
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)		44
% of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO Targets		25
National Budget Allocated to NTDs		
Estimated % of children (0–14 years old) living with HIV who have access to antiretroviral therapy (2024)		76
DPT3 coverage 2024 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds)		91
Climate Change and VBDs in NDCs		

Malaria transmission in Kenya ranges from intense in lowland areas to unstable epidemic-prone in the highlands. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 6,819,382 and 1,060 deaths.

### 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\$181 million to date.

A recent report by ALMA and MNM UK, “The Price of Retreat,” highlights the expected impact of malaria between 2025-2030 on GDP, trade and key sectors for development in Africa. If Kenya cannot sustain malaria prevention due to reductions in malaria financing, this would lead to an estimated 7,049,087 additional cases, 23,810 more deaths, and GDP loss of US\$4.8 billion between 2025 and 2030. However, if we mobilise the necessary resources and achieve a 90% reduction in malaria, in Kenya there will be a US\$15.6 billion increase in GDP.

## **Progress**

Kenya has carried out insecticide resistance monitoring since 2015 and has reported the results to WHO. Kenya has launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The country has good stocks of ACTs and RDTs.

In line with the priority agenda of the ALMA chair, President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko, Kenya has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms for malaria with the development of a Malaria Control and Elimination Scorecard and has posted the scorecard to the ALMA Scorecard Hub. The Kenya End Malaria Council is operational and the Kenya malaria youth army has also been launched. The Honourable Cabinet Secretary of Health has been appointed as an ALMA RBM Malaria champion.

## **Impact**

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2023 was 6,819,382 and 1,060 deaths.

- Funding gaps to fully deliver the malaria national strategic plan, including the recent reductions in ODAs

## Key Challenge

### Previous Key Recommended Actions

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe	Progress	Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report
Impact	Track the implications of the US Government actions related to PMI support and work to mitigate the impact	Q4 2025		In Q1 2025, the MoH conducted an extensive assessment of the impact of the US Government's stop-work order related to PMI-funded activities. Waivers for Life-Saving Interventions were granted for Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS), which enabled IRS activities in Busia and Migori counties. The Government has committed to sustaining IRS in Siaya, Busia, and Migori for 2026. However, the entomological surveillance component bundled with IRS was not covered. To address this, the MoH worked with KEMRI to realign entomological activities under Global Fund support. On malaria commodities, some PMI-committed antimalarials were delivered, though at reduced quantities. Many commodities are under delivery. The country has been able to procure larger volumes within the existing budget, cushioning the impact. Engagements with the Treasury for increased domestic funding are ongoing, with possible allocations from July 2026 onward. The Global Fund has notified of a reduction in its grant allocation by approximately USD 5 million (9% of the grant). AMREF also indicated a reduction of around USD 1 million

Kenya has responded positively to the recommended action addressing drug resistance monitoring and inclusion of refugees in the National Strategic Plan, and continues to track progress as actions are implemented.

### New Key Recommended Action

Objective	Action Item	Suggested completion timeframe
Policy	Work to ensure that malaria elimination is prioritised in the America First Global Health Strategy Country Memorandum of Understanding, and that costed prioritised plans are developed	Q4 2025

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

### Progress

Kenya has achieved high coverage of the tracer RMNCAH intervention DPT3. The country has significantly enhanced the tracking and accountability mechanisms with the development of a Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Scorecard and has published it on the scorecard hub.

# Neglected Tropical Diseases

## Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Kenya is measured 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 43% for schistosomiasis, 41% for trachoma, 22% for soil transmitted helminthiasis and 100% for lymphatic filariasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Kenya in 2023 is 44. The country reached WHO MDA coverage targets for lymphatic filariasis only. Kenya has created a budget line for NTDs.

## Previous Key Recommended Action

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		An estimated 30% of Kenyans are at risk of malaria, with a potential increase as climate change facilitates the spread of malaria into the highlands and increases the transmission in areas where malaria already occurs. Malaria cases in Kenya's northern region have risen. Altered rainfall patterns have created new mosquito breeding grounds. Warmer temperatures have also extended the mosquito breeding season. There is need to collate specific data to understand more on the climate change specific impacts on Malaria. The Kenya Malaria Strategy 2023-2027 outlines a strategy to strengthen resilience and climate change adaptability. The malaria programme will advocate for inclusion of climate data in the KHIS to enable integration of environmental factors into health planning and decision-making processes. Strengthening healthcare systems by increasing access to vector control interventions and effective and prompt treatment is crucial. Collaborative research on regional malaria dynamics, involving scientists, healthcare providers, and policymakers, can enhance resilience

## Key

	Action achieved
	Some progress
	No progress
	Deliverable not yet due