

Scorecard for Accountability and Action



Malaria transmission is seasonal in Eswatini; the annual reported number of malaria cases in 2024 was 362 and 0 deaths.

Metrics

| Policy | |
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| Signed, ratified and deposited the AMA instrument at the AUC | Not on track+ |
| Malaria activities targeting refugees in Malaria Strategic Plan | Not applicable |
| Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan | Not applicable |
| Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched | Target achieved or on track |
| End Malaria Council and Fund Launched | Target achieved or on track |
| Resistance Monitoring, Implementation and Impact | |
| Drug efficacy studies conducted since 2019 and data reported to WHO | Not on track+ |
| Insecticide classes with mosquito resistance in representative sentinel sites confirmed since 2010 | 0 |
| Insecticide resistance monitored since 2020 and data reported to WHO | Target achieved or on track |
| % of vector control in the last year with next generation materials | No data |
| ACTs in stock (>6 months stock) | ▲ Target achieved or on track |
| RDTs in stock (>6 months stock) | Target achieved or on track |
| On track to reduce malaria incidence by at least 75% by 2025 (vs 2015) | Progress but more effort required |
| On track to reduce malaria mortality by at least 75% by 2025 (vs 2015) | Target achieved or on track |
| Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and NTDs | |
| Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2024) | 65 |
| % of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO Targets | 50 |
| National Budget Allocated to NTDs | Not on track+ |
| 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 | Target achieved or on track |

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

Malaria - The Big Push towards 2030

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. By the 2030s, 150 million additional people will be at risk of malaria because of warmer temperatures and increased rainfall. 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 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. WHO have also recently approved the use of Spatial Repellents. 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\$218 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 Eswatini cannot sustain malaria prevention due to reductions in malaria financing, this would lead to an estimated 1,042 additional cases, 11 more deaths, and GDP loss of US\$27.2 million between 2025 and 2030. However, if we mobilise the necessary resources and achieve a 90% reduction in malaria, in Eswatini there will be a US\$1.1 million increase in GDP.

Global Fund Allocation

The Global Fund allocation for Eritrea for Grant Cycle 8 is US\$27.9 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening for 2027-2029. The malaria component has been allocated US\$1.7 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted at country level. Eritrea is urged to ensure that resources are allocated to malaria control from the overall Global Fund country allocation, as well as from domestic resources, to sustain coverage as much as possible.

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 2024 was 362 and 0 deaths.

Key Challenges

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

Previous Key Recommended Actions

| Objective | Action Item | Suggested completion timeframe | Progress | Comments - key activities/accomplishments since last quarterly report |
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| Policy | Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC | Policy | | No Progress Reported |

Eswatini has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing reporting insecticide resistance data to WHO and continues to track progress ad 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 2024, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 76% for schistosomiasis and 55% for soil-transmitted helminths. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for Eswatini in 2024 is 65, which represents a very substantial increase compared with the 2023 index value (3). The country did not reach WHO targets for Soil Transmitted Helminthiasis. 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 and to ensure fully NTD integration in primary health care. |

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