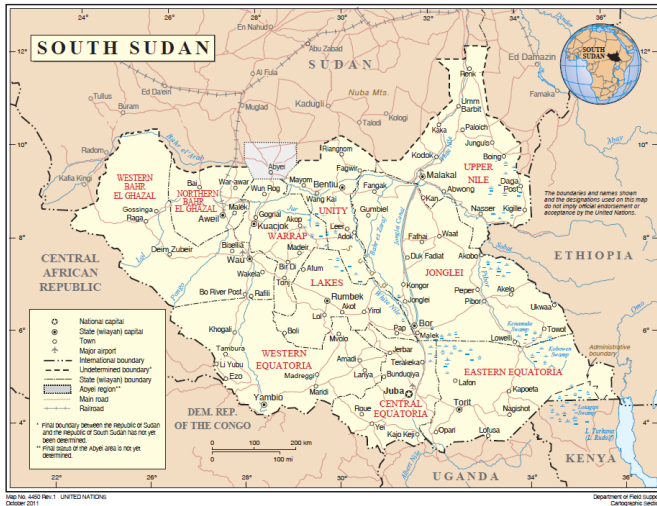


South Sudan ALMA Quarterly Report Quarter One, 2026



Scorecard for Accountability and Action



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 | Target achieved or on track |
| Malaria activities targeting IDPs in Malaria Strategic Plan | Target achieved or on track |
| Zero Malaria Starts With Me Launched | Target achieved or on track |
| End Malaria Council and Fund Launched | Progress but more effort required |
| 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 | Not on track |
| % of vector control in the last year with next generation materials | 99 |
| ACTs in stock (>6 months stock) | No data |
| RDTs in stock (>6 months stock) | No data |
| 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) | Progress but more effort required |
| Tracer Indicators for Maternal and Child Health and NTDs | |
| Mass Treatment Coverage for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD index, %)(2024) | 14 |
| % of Neglected Tropical Disease MDAs Achieving WHO Targets | 0 |
| 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) | 33 |
| DPT3 coverage 2024 (vaccination among 0-11 month olds) | 73 |
| 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 transmission in South Sudan is generally perennial, with moderate to high intensity. The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2024 was 5,939,591 and 3329 deaths

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 South Sudan cannot sustain malaria prevention due to reductions in malaria financing, this would lead to an estimated 105,468 additional cases, 255 more deaths, and GDP loss of US\$1.8 billion between 2025 and 2030. However, if we mobilise the necessary resources and achieve a 90% reduction in malaria, in South Sudan there will be a US\$1.4 billion increase in GDP.

Global Fund Allocation

The Global Fund allocation for South Sudan for Grant Cycle 8 is US\$129.4 million for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, and health systems strengthening for 2027-2029. The malaria component has been allocated US\$55.7 million. The allocations to the individual disease components are not fixed, and can be adjusted at country level. South Sudan 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

South Sudan has completed the insecticide resistance monitoring and management plan. The country has also recently launched the Zero Malaria Starts with Me campaign. The country is working on their End Malaria Council and Fund to enhance domestic resource mobilization and multi-sectoral action. South Sudan has launched their ALMA youth corps.

Impact

The annual reported number of malaria cases in 2024 was 5,939,591 and 3329 deaths.

Key Challenge

- 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 |
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| Policy | Sign, ratify and deposit the AMA instrument at the AUC | Q1 2023 | | No progress reported |

South Sudan has responded positively to the recommended action on drug and insecticide resistance monitoring and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent and Child Health

Previous Key Recommended Actions

South Sudan has responded positively to the recommended actions addressing low coverage of ARTs in children, with an increase in coverage recorded over the last year, and continues to track progress as these actions are implemented.

Neglected Tropical Diseases

Progress

Progress in addressing Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in South Sudan is measured using a composite index calculated from preventive chemotherapy coverage achieved for lymphatic filariasis, onchocerciasis, schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminths and trachoma. In 2024, preventive chemotherapy coverage was 55% for onchocerciasis, 56% for lymphatic filariasis, 65% for soil transmitted helminthiasis, 32% for trachoma and 0% for schistosomiasis. Overall, the NTD preventive chemotherapy coverage index for South Sudan in 2024 is 14 which represents a substantial decrease compared with the 2023 index value (38). The country did not reach any WHO MDA target in 2024. South Sudan has included Vector-borne diseases in the country Nationally Determined Contributions.

Previous Key Recommended Actions

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| NTDs | Submit data to the AUC on the national Budget Allocated to NTDs | Q4 2025 | | The country has no specific budget line for NTDs but case management for some NTDs integrated into primary health care |
| NTDs | Work to implement schistosomiasis preventive chemotherapy (PC) and reach WHO targets for all targeted PC. | Q4 2026 | | In Q4 2025, the country completed the targeted Mass Drug Administration (MDAs) and is working on the reports. 2026 MDAs will be also conducted as planned, in Q3 and Q4 2026. |

Key

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