

# Key Findings from the 2010 Nigeria Malaria Indicator Survey

The 2010 Nigeria Malaria Indicator Survey (NMIS) included interviews with almost 6,000 households, malaria testing of 5,211 children and anaemia testing of 5,146 children. According to microscopy testing, 42% of children age 6-59 months have malaria.

### **Malaria Prevalence in Children**



Malaria prevalence increases as children get older. Almost half of children 48-59 months tested positive for malaria compared to less than 30% of children 6-8 months old.



Malaria prevalence in children ranges from 28% in South East zone to 50% in South West zone.



Almost half of children age 6-59 months have moderate of severe anaemia. Anaemia prevalence is highest among children 9-23 months.



Forty-two percent of households in Nigeria own an ITN; 41% own an LLIN (not shown). ITN ownership is highest in North West and North East zones and lowest in South West zone.

More than half (56%) of nets were obtained through net distribution campaigns; 76% of nets were obtained for free.



ITN ownership has increased five-fold since 2008. The increase is most dramatic in rural areas.

## **Trends in Children's Use of Nets**

Percentage of children under age 5 who slept under a net the night before the survey

2003 NDHS 2008 NDHS 2010 NMIS



Almost 30% of children under age 5 slept under an ITN the night before the survey. This is almost a five-fold increase since 2008. Still, ownership of ITNs is higher than children's use.

Less than 1% of households had interior walls sprayed against mosquitoes (IRS) in the year before the survey.

### Intermittent Preventive Treatment of Pregnant Women

Percent of women pregnant in the two years before the survey, based on their last birth



Only 13% of pregnant women received the recommended preventive treatment—2 or more doses of SP/Fansidar during an ANC visit.

## Management of Childhood Fever

Among children under 5 with fever in the 2 weeks before the survey, percentage who:



While half of children with fever took antimalarials, only about one-quarter took antimalarials the same or next day and very few took ACT, the recommended drug.

**Response rates and methodology:** Malaria and anaemia testing were carried out on all children age 6-59 months living in selected households. Of the 5,612 eligible subjects, 91% were tested for anaemia using the HemoCue, 91% were tested for malaria using the rapid diagnostic test, and 91% were tested for malaria using blood smears collected for malaria microscopy. Coverage rates were uniformly high across the population.

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## Malaria Prevalence and Prevention

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