AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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Context:

- The new government is still in a transition mode and has yet to appoint the MOH Minister and Deputy Ministers.
- 2,615,371 LLINs were procured and will be distributed with the objective of achieving universal coverage.
- A new timeline established net distribution to April 13-17 for rural and April 13-19 for urban areas.

Consultants in country:

- NMCP, Plan, USAID/PMI coordination meeting on March 7, 9 and 13 to review HHA implementation, DATA transmission and consolidation, campaign timeline (distribution dates) and movement of nets;
- There was no weekly conference call on Friday, March 9;

Priorities of the TA mission is oversight of implementation of key activities during this period:

- Implementation of the Household Assessment (HHA) & Vouchers distribution,
- HHA data processing, consolidation and analysis, and
- LLINs movement from Counties to Districts and Districts to Health catchment areas.

Observations

- Due to the delays taken during the HHA, the Joint Technical Steering Committee (JTSC) reviewed the timeline and decided to delay net distribution to 06-12 April, 2018
- The SBCC component is behind schedule. During coordination meetings this component was seen as not providing much support to the campaign activities
- The coordination meeting asked the Communication Team to come up with a clear strategy to inform the population and explain fixed site vs expected previous campaign door to door distribution and address the issue of beneficiaries not being informed about the DPs.

HHA Data entry

- The HHA was extended four days for some Counties.
- As of March 12 100%, the HHA is reported complete in 13 Counties. The HHA in 2 remaining counties are Montserrado and Grand Bassa are not yet complete
- The flow of HHA data to national level continue to be slow
- Following the information that Montserrado HHA is still incomplete, the JTSC has made a decision in their March 13 meeting to halt all HHA activities in the country until all data is entered in the system and analysis is made of the data.
- This decision was supported by the fact that in Montserrado HHA is not complete but the Service Provider has
 distributed 100% of the voucher's assign to the county based on Micro plan population and 24% of the buffer
 stock of vouchers (27% of vouchers were printed in excess to prevent errors during the process of issuing)
- Plan expect to complete all data entry and clean up by March 15, 2018
- The table below provides indicative information on the HHA in the data base up to March 13. Particular note:
 - o Grand Bassa data is inaccurate for the time being
 - o Grand Kru data is reported to have double entries that are currently being corrected
 - Maryland completed HHA but facing problems in transmitting data due to poor network coverage.

| County | Population macro plan | Population micro plan | Population HHA | POP Micro vs HHA | HH micro plan | HH registered HHA | coverage against micro plan | nets per macro plan | nets required per HHA | Difference nets macro and HHA |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bomi | 103,550 | 125,785 | 129,398 | 3% | 25,157 | 33,077 | 131% | 57,528 | 69,631 | 21% |
| Bong | 410,515 | 477,946 | 413,910 | -13% | 95,589 | 107,977 | 113% | 228,064 | 225,633 | -1% |
| Gbarpolu | 102,650 | 120,059 | 88,270 | -26% | 24,012 | 27,739 | 116% | 57,028 | 48,661 | -15% |
| Grand Bassa | 272,904 | 290,639 | 121,864 | -58% | 58,128 | 31,081 | 53% | 151,613 | 65,529 | -57% |
| Cape Mount | 156,430 | 170,664 | 169,338 | -1% | 34,133 | 43,410 | 127% | 86,906 | 90,452 | 4% |
| Grand Gedeh | 154,192 | 161,354 | 113,425 | -30% | 32,271 | 27,699 | 86% | 85,662 | 59,905 | -30% |
| Grand Kru | 71,291 | 89,087 | 148,546 | 67% | 17,817 | 31,490 | 177% | 39,606 | 76,787 | 94% |
| Lofa | 340,818 | 379,366 | 279,682 | -26% | 75,873 | 72,361 | 95% | 189,343 | 155,581 | -18% |
| Margibi | 258,415 | 302,418 | 374,752 | 24% | 60,484 | 93,167 | 154% | 143,564 | 190,246 | 33% |
| Maryland | 167,339 | 154,640 | 12,360 | -92% | 30,928 | 2,545 | 8% | 92,966 | 6,506 | -93% |
| Montserrado | 1,376,553 | 1,290,294 | 1,076,705 | -17% | 258,059 | 243,456 | 94% | 764,752 | 486,136 | -36% |
| Nimba | 568,753 | 750,006 | 740,316 | -1% | 150,001 | 186,773 | 125% | 315,974 | 387,957 | 23% |
| River Cess | 88,027 | 97,117 | 71,668 | -26% | 19,423 | 19,008 | 98% | 48,904 | 37,814 | -23% |
| River Gee | 82,217 | 88,601 | 71,317 | -20% | 17,720 | 17,876 | 101% | 45,676 | 36,268 | -21% |
| Sinoe | 126,043 | 151,142 | 144,466 | -4% | 30,228 | 35,484 | 117% | 70,024 | 76,347 | 9% |
| Mar 13, 2018 | 4,279,697 | 4,649,118 | 3,956,017 | -15% | 929,824 | 973,143 | 105% | 2,377,610 | 2,013,453 | -15% |

Logistics:

- PCU/MOH still to provide final update on nets delivered to the Counties;
- Movement of nets from County to district has not started due to pending handover from MoH /NMCP to Plan;
- Plan has provided to transporters the list of warehouses by county and district with location and contact persons;
- Movement of nets will follow the original plan:
 - Phase I from county warehouses to district warehouse. During this phase there will be a parallel movement
 of buffer stock from central warehouse in Monrovia for stock adjustments at district warehouse
 - o Phase II from district warehouses to health catchment areas and distribution points based on HHA figures
- Consideration of moving nets directly from county to health catchment areas and DPs discarded due to transport contractual obligations that did not allow for such operation.
- Transporters require 15 days to move nets from county to districts and 7 days from districts to health catchment areas and DPs;

Issues:

- The flow of HHR data to national level continue to be slow.
- Handover of nets from MoH to Plan and SRs has not yet taken place.
- The communication strategy and SBCC component behind schedule.
- A proposal is currently under discussion/consideration to add 373 distribution points to current 1,286.
- The date of campaign launch has not yet been fixed.

The week ahead

- Final approval of HHA Data.
- Handover of nets from MoH/NMCP to Plan
- Review/verify LLINs allocation to Counties, and start moving nets from counties to districts
- Review and update prepositioning plans based on HHA figures,
- Work on dispatch plans, bales correction and start movement of nets from Counties to Districts and Health catchment areas
- Briefing sessions to transporters and convoys to be done prior to movement of nets from Counties to Districts (clarification of roles and responsibilities and tracking system)