Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

<u>Agenda</u>

- Introductions (34 participants)
- Country Updates
- AoB

Dear AMP Partners,

As discussed during the conference call you are kindly invited to participate in Survey on Continuous Distribution.org. Please use the following links:

English: https://www.survle.com/s/5f4fd5b8a1d97

French: https://www.survle.com/s/5f4fdbe1009dd

<u>Country Updates</u>

Updates provided during the call: Liberia, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Sudan, Zambia, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Tanzania

Liberia

- After slow start, due to country team being busy with new GF grant proposal, team Liberia has started to work on campaign strategy and planning
- Team has shared previous campaign documents; thematic calls has been organized
- The country has opted for D2D distribution method with specific options and defined approaches for rural and urban areas
- Team organized thematic virtual meetings, counterparts in Liberia team have been identified
- Possible adaptation to campaign preparation linking timeline and risk assessment
- First communication team meeting was organized, list of suggestion has been prepared and will be finalized and shared shortly together with communications plan of action
- Implementation / M&E thematic meeting was organized, discussions around D2D distribution adaptations, plans of action will be drafted

Madagascar

- Meetings with country team ongoing, discussing different possible options for campaign
- One of the major challenges foreseeable gap in funding, and the implications to the overall strategy and success of the campaign
- Country is leaning for classical distribution, but plan B will be needed due to pandemic
- One of the options for this campaign community health structure involvement and use. This option could help with costs and population data, team is exploring the option viability
- Discussing different distribution methods for different areas (rural vs urban). Madagascar team will map out different areas in relation to malaria burden, population and access

- This campaign aiming to cover 20 regions in country, mapping exercise will be significant work
- Resource mobilization issues in countries: AMP partnership needs to show solidarity in advocating efforts especially noting the importance of correctly approaching the countries.
- AMP guidance on M&E might reflect the issues. For some countries rigorous evaluation in such context might work, but some will get overwhelmed. We need to find a way to support both. We need to analyze campaigns with dramatic budgetary cuts and see if there is a correlation between challenges and strategies adapted

Ethiopia

- In Ethiopia, distribution 3 regions completed, 1 region, Afar, is currently distributing nets
- Challenging distribution as Afar region has been hit by flooding disaster, many people were displaced, and, in addition to natural disaster, some of the supervisors were affected by COVID-19
- Campaign should be finished end of September
- A lot of lessons learned will be captured due to such complicated campaign, team would be happy to share the experience with partnership
- Strategy of the distributions were adapted to the context: for displaced people, help of government was important, we were able to track displacements of people, access the campus to distribute nets
- Procedures around staff affected by COVID-19: surveillance and testing happening in different parts of the country, the staff was not affected by COVID-19 during campaign. As soon as they tested positive, they were isolated. New staff hired and trained at the regional level

Sudan

- Team is focusing on budget finalization, revision of budgets and submitting all to GF
- Declared flooding emergency in country, next week we will need to hear how that will affect timelines and strategies of the campaign

Zambia

- Country has organized training of trainers in August,
- District microplanning exercise has ended last week. Microplans were submitted. Team is consolidating microplans and concretize campaign budgets
- Country receiving 2mln PMI funded nets, distribution timelines are being developed, preparations for HH registration undergoing
- Main challenge is PPEs procurement: GF procured a part of face masks and sanitizers; team is reaching out to other partners for additional help
- Planning to start distribution in mid-October
- 2 provinces, receiving rains earlier, were prioritized for this campaign
- For one of the province PMI nets are expected in December only and delays may occur
- SBC microplanning template were used, feedback to Miko will be provided on template

- At the ITN and IRS campaigns were coordinated, but due to delays of nets delivery maintain roll out both campaigns at the same time was not possible, IRS will be done first.
- Initially ITN distribution was planned in August, but due to COVID-19 was postponed to October
- Channels of communications have been streamlined via HH registration, for the launch posters and other materials are being prepared
- First 3 provinces will receive standard nets, other will receive PBO

Pakistan

- Microplans have been shared, currently under review. Some of the villages are far from points of distribution, not clear how these villages will be reached during campaign
- Risk assessment and mitigation plans have been shared for review
- Changes in SBC activities and strategy initially planned, use of existing SBC agents advocates, it was decided to train them and recruit to implement SBC activities for mass distribution in mid-October
- Insufficient funding for radio activities, might be significantly reduced
- Budget cuts affecting the overall planning of the campaigns
- Logistics advancing as well, tender notice has been drafted

India

- Overall, we are now in critical period for Q3 / Q4 targets for campaigns
- India received 22mln nets, 11 mln already distributed, country estimates to finalize campaign this year
- India has procured nets for next year

Bangladesh

 1.2 mln has been distributed already, including Cox's Bazar, remaining nets arriving to country

Tanzania

- Continuous Distribution in school should be finished this year, 2 mln nets distributed, amounting to 50 %. Implementation ongoing in 4 regions at this time and should be finalized before elections in October
- Mass campaign in Tanzania is on track

<u>AOB</u>

- Next week we will discuss new format of the minutes
- We will add links in the conference call minutes to AMP recommendations on ITN distribution during COVID-19 pandemic

Do you have a topic / issue / country specific update to share with the AMP partnership? Send a summary of the topic you would like to discuss

to **Egle.ALEKNAITE@ifrc.org** or **jason.peat@ifrc.org** and AMP will schedule your update at the start of an upcoming AMP conference call