

**VectorWorks
3-6-2017****Background**

The first round of a mass ITN campaign is scheduled to begin on May 1st, 2017. The campaign will cover 5 provinces with 1.4 million nets provided by PMI/USAID arriving the first week of April and a verbal confirmation of 800,000 nets from Global Fund to be reallocated from ANC distributions. Two million more PMI/USAID nets are scheduled to arrive at the end of May for the second phase of distribution scheduled for September-November.

VectorWorks' local consultant was out of the country for the week of 2/27/2017 – 3/3/2017

Many of this week's updates come from a call between VW Baltimore staff and PMI Angola

Updates for the week of 3-6-2017

- Five provinces for the campaign have been decided – Malange, Kuanza Sul, Kuanza Norte, Zaire, and Uige (Uige will have a partial implementation, completing the distribution started 2016)
- VectorWorks had a meeting with PMI-Angola and PMI DC to further clarify the division of roles and responsibilities between VW and PSI. A follow-up meeting will take place on Thursday, March 6th between VectorWorks, PSI, and PMI Angola.
- Larger planning meetings for a process evaluation taking place during the first round of implementation in May – implemented by Tropical Health will start in late-March/early-April.
- Draft Plan of Action, Logistics Plan of Action, and Communication Plan developed. Will be updated with new provincial information
- PSI (implementing partner) has hired national level key personnel and are currently procuring provincial-level staff

Campaign challenges

- The many levels of approvals required from the government creates a bottleneck in approvals for various campaign components
- Government of Angola has not started the process for government funded net procurement
- PSI faces a challenging environment for implementation for the first phase of distribution
 - Only recently received funds for implementation
 - Campaign implementation districts have only recently been decided
 - A tight implementation period - start May 1st and wrap up by end of June

Next Steps

- International communication consultant – Greg Pirio – tentatively scheduled to return to Angola in March 20th - March 31st.
- International logistics consultant – Jerónimo Zandamela – tentatively scheduled to return to Angola March 27th – April 7th to coincide with the arrive of the first round of nets
- VectorWorks is in the search of a local logistics/technical consultant and a local communication consultant to support national level activities.

