

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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Context:

Burundi is implementing a LLIN mass distribution campaign to a registered population of 11,477,801. PNILP and CARITAS Burundi are co-PRs in management of the GF financed campaign.

Consultants in country:

- Arrived on Sep 11 for a second mission;

Priorities of the current mission:

- Accompany the preparation and **distribution implementation** on 18-22 September;
- Review and monitor the **Communication and Social Mobilisation** activities;
- Mission reporting.

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- Meetings with USAID to share campaign status and processes;
- Based on the Rapid survey final report, PNILP decided there was no need for redoing registration;
- Protocol of post distribution assessment prepared and sent to the GF for comments;
- National distribution started on September 18, 2017;

Initial observations after 2 distribution days;

- Difficult crowd control in most DPs, the urban ones in particular;
- No incident reported;
- Every DP has 2 police man/women presence that helped to control crowds;
- Some schools did not allow distribution on their ground which required last minute location change;
- Very few visibility materials used;
- Many people collecting nets on behalf of multiple households;
- Distribution teams are sufficient in numbers but roles/workload could be better shared in many cases;
- Distribution methodology and space organization differed from a place to another. It is a clever idea to have assigned one registration book to every registrator instead of sheets of paper.
- The serial number on coupon however is not taken as a main element in the registration book. The distribution teams are checking ID by name first instead of the coupon serial number that is secondary in registration book. This procedure creates a slow ID verification and distribution process;
- Net in ballots are not packaged in plastic bags. Therefore, no plastic bags given to beneficiaries and good waste management observed.

- **Issues:**

- transport of nets from fixed sites (health centers) to outreach sites is very slow due to few vehicles;
- Late net arrival at DPs and stock ruptures are creating inconvenient situation;
- Weak supervision of DPs; Supervision not seen in any outreach sites;
- Weak or no communication at distribution points; Only one site had a demonstration net installed; Use of megaphone would have been helpful to organize the crowd;
- Most distribution teams decided to collect the coupon and call people. This practice, particularly in crowded sites, has created delays of distribution and confusion.
- HHs that have lost coupon or unregistered were told to comeback on last day of distribution. Unclear for many teams yet, on how to proceed with these HHs;
- Discussion is going on that distribution might extend to 6 or 7 days.

The week ahead:

- Continue observing/monitor distribution;
- Collect and collate distribution data;
- Prepare mission report.