

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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Context:

- Liberia LLIN mass distribution campaign, which is supported by the Global Fund, is slated to take place between January and March 2018.
- The campaign has taken place up to now in an election and post-election (transition) context which slows down government functions and to certain extent creates a certain level of uncertainties among staff.
- The new government has yet to appoint/approve the MOH Minister and Deputy Ministers.
- Due to the elections and transition and absence of Deputy Ministers, there hasn't been sufficient Steering Committee meeting to follow up and adjust implementation and operations.
- Approximately 2.6 million LLINs will be distributed with the objective of achieving universal coverage of the entire population in the country's 15 counties.
- As of this date, 12 counties confirmed to have received their (macro) planned LLINs. Maryland has received partial while Grand Kru, Grand Gedeh and River Gee have not confirmed reception of nets. According to PCU at MoH, deliveries are delayed due to heavy rain in the region. It is planned to complete reception on Wednesday 28th February.

The table below shows the comparison between nets by macro plan and micro plan as well as the status of deliveries at county level/bales discrepancies to be corrected/adjusted

county	#LLINs required/ordered based on macroplan	Expected bales to delivered by IDA by county based on macroplan	Bales planned to be delivered by IDA according to their delivery schedule	Diff. In bales within macroplan and delivery schedule	Bales received at county warehouses up to date	Population based on microplan	#LLINs required per county based on microplan	#bales required based on microplan	Difference in bales within macroplan and microplan figures	LLINs Count
Bomi	57 528	1 151	1 100	(51)	1 070	125 785	69 881	1 398	(247)	BELOW
Bong	228 064	4 561	4 831	270	4 828	477 946	265 526	5 311	(749)	BELOW
Gbarpolu	57 028	1 141	1 100	(41)	1 101	120 059	66 699	1 334	(193)	BELOW
Grand Bassa	151 613	3 032	2 750	(282)	2 750	290 639	161 466	3 229	(197)	BELOW
Grand Cape Mount	86 906	1 738	1 650	(88)	1 649	170 664	94 813	1 896	(158)	BELOW
Grand Gedeh	85 662	1 713	1 650	(63)	Info not available/to be updated	161 354	89 641	1 793	(80)	BELOW
Grand Kru	39 606	792	1 002	210	Info not available/to be updated	89 087	49 493	990	(198)	BELOW
Lofa	189 343	3 787	3 787	0	3 787	379 366	210 759	4 215	(428)	BELOW
Margibi	143 564	2 871	2 750	(121)	2 750	302 418	168 010	3 360	(489)	BELOW
Maryland	92 966	1 859	1 650	(209)	800	154 640	85 911	1 718	141	ABOVE
Monsterrado	1 002 512	20 050	20 634	584	20 634	1 279 549	710 861	14 217	5 833	ABOVE
Nimba	315 974	6 319	6 050	(269)	6 049	744 669	413 705	8 274	(1 955)	BELOW
River Cess	48 904	978	979	1	979	97 117	53 954	1 079	(101)	BELOW
River Gee	45 676	914	977	63	Info not available/to be updated	88 601	49 223	984	(71)	BELOW
Sinoe	70 024	1 400	1 401	1	1 401	151 142	83 968	1 679	(279)	BELOW
GRAND TOTAL	2 615 371	52 307	52 311	4	47 798	4 633 036	2 573 909	51 478	829	

- NMCP/MOHSW ensures the normative guidance and is responsible for procurement of the LLINs, as well as coordination, supervision and monitoring of the campaign.
- PLAN International (PR) will work with seven (7) contracted Service Providers to implement the campaign.
- PLAN is supporting the TA providing vehicle and office space and PMI is funding the TA provided by AMP.

Consultants in country:

- Both consultants arrived on Feb 21, 2017;
- Dates of TA mission:
 - Implementation February 21 – March 9
 - Logistics February 21 – March 13
- Intro (on phone) with IFRC Liberia, February 22, 2018
- Intro/Coordination meeting on Thursday, February 22, at Plan office to review TORs and update the TA's TORs
- NMCP and Plan group coordination meeting and weekly conference call on Friday, February 23
- HHA observations – Montserrado County, Carrysburg District – Kingsville community
- Meeting Joachim Toh, National PSM, GFATM/PCU at MoH for LLINs delivery status on February 26, 2018
- Meeting USAID on Tuesday February 27, 2018
- HHA observations – Montserrado County, Bush rod district - Clara Town community
- Meeting Mr Gabriel, head of Starks Foundation the implementing partner (sub recipient) in Montserrado

The most recent campaign timeline is:

Household Assessment (HHA) Team Members & Supervisors' training	Feb 13 - 15, 2018
HHA & Voucher distribution	Feb 19 – 27, 2018
HHA data processing	Mach 28 – Mar 27, 2018
Net movement from County – District	1 st week March to 3 rd week-March 2018
Initial buffer net movement from Central – District	Mid-Feb to Mid-March 2018
Movement of nets from District to Health Facilities/Distribution Points	3 rd week March to 25 th March, 2018
Distribution team and supervisor training	March 22, 2018
Net distribution:	March 26th – April 1 st , 2018
Distribution Data compilation	April 2 – 4, 2018
Reverse Logistics	April 2 – 6, 2018
Campaign report writing	April 2 – 30, 2018

Priorities of the TA mission:

The TA mission is taking place from February 22 to March 13, 2018. It will therefore focus on **oversight of implementation** of key activities as identified in the timeline:

- Implementation of the Household Assessment (HHA) & Vouchers distribution - Feb 19 – 27, 2018,
- HHA data processing (consolidation and analysis) – Feb 28 – Mar 20, 2018, and
- LLINs movement from Counties to Districts and Districts to Health catchment areas

HHA Data entry achievement to date:

The flow of HHR data to national level is extremely slow. As of Feb 26, 2018, data has not been entered for all 15 counties and not all data for the following 7 counties has been entered: Margibi, Bomi, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Sinoe, River Gee, and Lofa. So far, the partial data result for the above 7 counties are:

- Counties for which data has been entered into the system = 7
- Population covered in the 7 counties = 392,279
- Nets (pcs) required = 200,249

Terrain/access is the key reason for data not been entered for some counties while others face network coverage or transmission of data from the HHA teams to the County Data Manager.

It is of interest to know that for those that have entered the data so far, they have indicated for which DP the data has been entered.

Three (3) major issues:

- Unclear how large is the problem but wrong printing resulted in **discrepancies in voucher numbering**: repetition of serial numbers in the same books, serial numbers not matching between the voucher and stub and vouchers without serial numbers
The information was passed on to all counties to check the vouchers books and make sure the serial number on the stub corresponds to the one on the voucher prior to handing over vouchers to beneficiaries.
- **The distribution dates and DPs location were not communicated to the beneficiaries at the visited communities.** If this non-communication is generalized throughout the country, there could be a serious risk of major confusion and crowd control during the distribution particularly in urban areas.
Since the DP is already indicated on the registration form, it was suggested to the HHA teams encountered by TAs during the visit in Mostserrado, to add (hand write) the DP on the voucher
- **Slow registration pace process especially in Montserrado** due to a combination of (one day) late start and late vouchers and registration forms printing and delivery.

Other observations:

- The "independent" monitoring is ongoing.
- NMCP is considering the extension of HHA especially in Montserrado. Unclear number of additional days needed.
- PMI intend to pledge up to 200,000 LLINs to cover for the potential gap.

The week ahead

- Observing HHA
- Start receiving and analysis of HHA Data
- Visit to central and county warehouses
- Handover of nets from MoH/NMCP to Plan
- Review/verify LLINs allocation to Counties, districts and DPs based on HHA
- Review and update the micro transport 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)