

# AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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## Annual report 2012

This report covers the period 01/Jan/2012 to 31/Dec/2012

### The Alliance for Malaria Prevention mission statement

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### Background

The Alliance for Malaria Prevention (AMP) is a global partnership of more than 40 organizations whose goal is to expand the ownership and use of LLINs, which have been shown to reduce malaria incidence by 50%. AMP coordinates the financial and technical resources of its members to support countries conducting mass distributions of millions of LLINs as part of integrated national health campaigns or as standalone distributions. AMP partners have developed core technical competencies – planning, logistics, communications and monitoring and evaluation – to support these mass scale-up efforts.

### Context

In 2012, the Alliance for Malaria Prevention welcomed the support of the United Nations Foundation to help meet our shared goal of ending malaria deaths in Africa. AMP sought to help equip countries with the technical capacity to deploy LLIN resources effectively and to sustain gains achieved. As partners who both uniquely understand and are affected by this challenge, AMP urged the malaria community to support strong capacity building efforts to support countries in the successful execution of NMCP LLIN strategies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

During the reporting period, AMP focused on building country capacity for LLIN scale-up by providing in country technical assistance, technical support by distance, developing specialised training curriculum and disseminating a comprehensive LLIN scale-up toolkit. AMP continued to monitor country progress and bottlenecks through ongoing weekly conference calls and the annual AMP Partners' meeting, allowing for advocacy, resource mobilization and technical exchange.

### Overview of activities

AMP implemented a set of activities in 2012 to support the successful rollout of LLIN campaigns and to facilitate knowledge and skills transfer at the local level. During the reporting period, AMP focused on 7 activities:

1. **Activity 1:** Translation, printing and dissemination of AMP toolkit version two: *A Toolkit for Mass Distribution Campaigns to Increase Coverage and Use of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets* (Budget USD 61,000) – second and third quarter 2012
2. **Activity 2:** LLIN international training workshops (Budget USD 397,200) – fourth quarter 2012
3. **Activity 3:** Annual partners meeting (Budget USD 45,000) – February 2012
4. **Activity 4:** Country support – Mapping, facilitating and providing technical assistance to countries (Budget USD 125,000) – through 2012
5. **Activity 5:** AMP core group meeting (Budget USD 1,500) – September 2012
6. **Activity 6:** AMP staffing (Budget USD 130,000) – through 2012



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7. **Activity 7:** AMP conference call line and website (Budget USD 12,500) – through 2012

*LLIN Scale-Up Toolkit Version 2: A Toolkit for Mass Distribution Campaigns to Increase Coverage and Use of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets*

Version one of the AMP toolkit focused on integrated LLIN distributions targeting children under five years old as a priority. In 2011, AMP developed and finalised a revised version of the toolkit to provide more examples and build on lessons learned from universal coverage distributions, aimed at the entire population at-risk for malaria. This updated toolkit provides a step-by-step guide for the planning and implementation of mass LLIN distributions. Chapters include coordination, planning (strategy, plan of action, budget, timelines), procurement, logistics, communication, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, report writing (narrative and financial) and sustaining gains – moving beyond scale-up. In addition, a supporting CD was produced containing sample country reference documents and various templates that can be modified for use in local contexts.

The English version of the AMP toolkit version 2.0 was launched and disseminated at the AMP 2012 Partners' meeting in February. A press release for the launch of the toolkit was also issued during the AMP partners' meeting in Geneva. The complete toolkit and all affiliated English language resources were made available for download on the AMP website. During the reporting period, the AMP toolkit version 2.0 was translated into French and also printed for distribution to partners and RBM sub-regional network focal points, and to NMCPs and partners organizations. Dissemination of the AMP toolkit version 2.0 in both English and French was completed in October 2012.

The AMP toolkit version 2.0 and all supporting documents developed during the reporting period are publically available through the AMP website at the following address:

<http://allianceformalariaprevention.com/resources-view.php?categoryID=29>

### LLIN International Training Workshops

Since 2009, AMP has conducted a series of trainings for National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) staff and partners to reinforce their leadership and capacity for planning, executing and evaluating mass LLIN distribution campaigns. More than 30 countries have participated in nine AMP trainings to date, conducted in both English and French. In 2012, AMP had planned to conduct two trainings on LLIN Scale-Up and Sustaining Gains and Logistics (French language).

Due to funding constraints during the reporting period, it was decided that the AMP training workshops would be cancelled. Active follow up was made with the Global Fund and the French Government 5% Initiative in order to identify funding channels to enable the workshops to be held. Resource mobilization efforts included regular meetings with the Global Fund FPMs for West and Central African countries, and the submission of a proposal to the 5% Initiative for CARN countries in September 2012. Since the proposal unfortunately did not align with the French Government requirements, the decision was taken to cancel the 2012 AMP training workshops.

However, AMP technical assistance providers and partners worked in 2012 to develop and finalise the Scale-Up and Sustaining Gains, and the Logistics training curricula so that they may be made available to countries interested in rolling out trainings at country level. Incorporating lessons learned in 2010 and 2011, notably around the shift to universal coverage, these training curricula provide an opportunity to continue to build NMCP and partner capacity to improve planning and implementation.

### Annual Partners Meeting

The Alliance for Malaria Prevention held its annual partners meeting on 9-10<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The meeting was hosted by the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva, Switzerland. 100 participants attended the annual AMP partners meeting in 2012, including National Malaria Control Program staff from Cameroun, Madagascar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Tanzania. The meeting served as a critical information sharing forum covering technical updates, challenges and lessons learned, LLIN scale-up progress and projected LLIN technical assistance needs, post-LLIN scale-up issues and opportunities, and other key topics related to LLIN distribution and utilization. National Malaria Control Program and in-country

partners staff presented on their strategies and lessons learned from LLIN scale-up activities. The meeting provided key opportunities for sharing experiences and mobilizing partnerships.

### Country support: mapping, facilitating and providing technical assistance to countries

In support of the universal coverage targets, AMP is building and strengthening the skills of National Malaria Control Programs and partner organizations through the deployment of experts to advise staff in countries on mass campaigns. In response to requests from National Malaria Control Programs, LLIN scale-up experts provided targeted technical assistance via distance support and in country missions. AMP technical assistance providers supported three broad areas: **Planning, Logistics, and Communications/BCC**. During the reporting period, AMP provided technical assistance to 11 countries

In 2012, AMP provided in country technical support to 8 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas, namely Angola, Cameroun, Chad, Guatemala, Malawi, Nigeria, Togo, and Uganda.

10 countries received support by distance, through regular email contact and conference calls, namely Angola, Cameroun, Guatemala, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Somalia, Swaziland, Togo and Uganda.

Although technical assistance support was tailored to each country's unique needs, support areas broadly included the following:

- campaign strategy definition: roles and responsibilities of actors involved, methods for allocating nets to households and household identification, methods for LLIN distribution
- development of plans of action, timelines of activities and budgets for mass distribution of LLINs
- identification of potential gaps in human and financial resources and recommendations regarding potential avenues to advocate for support
- logistics planning including: completion of detailed logistics plans and budgets, micro-planning to determine transport, storage and security needs, site visits to assess storage capacity assessment of supply chain management documents, development of key tools (LLIN master positioning plan, storage and security plan, preliminary transport plan, monitoring/tracking documents).
- comprehensive communications planning

All background information and documents for in country missions conducted by AMP, including terms of reference, final mission reports and country evaluations, are publically available through the AMP website at the following address:

<http://allianceformalariaprevention.com/technical-support.php>

### Country support provided in 2012



## AMP Core Group Meeting

The AMP Core Group meets on an annual basis for a two day planning meeting. In 2012, the United Nations Foundation (UNF) hosted the AMP Core Group meeting on September 6-7<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC.

The objectives of the 2012 core group meeting were:

- to review AMP activities since the February 2012 AMP partner's meeting
- to review the AMP work plan for the remainder of 2012 and start of 2013, and AMP's resource mobilization strategy
- to discuss where AMP is housed within the RBM partnership
- to discuss the AMP 2013 Partners' meeting (dates / location/linking to VCWG / meeting agenda and objectives)
- to review the AMP working groups and discuss any necessary changes for the remainder of 2012

In 2012, the AMP Core Group included USAID (President's Malaria Initiative [PMI] and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]), Johns Hopkins University Centre for Communication Programs (JHU-CCP), Malaria No More (MNM), Population Services International (PSI), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), FHI 360, Development Finance International (DFI), and the United Nations Foundation (UNF) / Nothing But Nets (NBN). UNICEF officially became a member of the AMP Core Group following the AMP core group meeting in September 2012.

During the AMP core group meeting, it was decided to include continuous distribution in AMP's country support work in order to start to improve linkages between mass distribution and continuous distribution mechanisms. This has been reflected in the revised version of AMP's mission statement:

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## AMP Staffing

The AMP Administrative Coordinator provided a vital role in 2012 in coordinating technical assistance deployments, AMP weekly calls and website maintenance, annual meetings, and tracking countries' LLIN distributions and progress against universal coverage targets for RBM.

## AMP Conference call line and website

To support activities and promote ongoing information exchange, AMP continued to facilitate a weekly call with updates on country progress and activities of its Working Groups throughout the reporting period. AMP also hosts a dedicated website: [www.allianceformalariaprevention.com](http://www.allianceformalariaprevention.com), also available in French.

## AMP Working Groups

A major component and strength of AMP is the dedication of individuals representing the various partner organizations, as illustrated by the activities of the AMP working groups. These working groups, which cover a range of relevant issues, hold regular conference calls and meet in planning sessions at the AMP Annual Meeting. In 2012, the working groups included: Behaviour Change Communication, Monitoring and Evaluation, Operations Research, Sustaining Gains, Net Mapping Project, and Emerging Issues.

Priority issues addressed by AMP's Emerging Issues working group in 2012:

- A new chair for the AMP Emerging Issues Working Group was identified: Megan Fotheringham – USAID-PMI
- Key priorities to be addressed by the working group are outlined in the final terms of reference developed in early 2012 and available on the AMP website: <http://allianceformalariaprevention.com/working-groups-view.php?id=9>

- These include:
  - Recommendations for ITN packaging during campaigns
  - Advising the partnership about repurposing ITNs once they are moves away from sleeping-spaces
  - Urban distribution of ITNs and AMP's position
- In 2012, discussions focused on:
  - LLIN quantification and gaps, and advice and guidance to countries facing LLIN gaps : discussions were initiated on how AMP can make strategic contributions to the discussion on 2013-2014 LLIN gap
  - Guidance on accounting for existing nets and input provided for HWG guidance note: the working group developed a final draft recommendation statement to change the policy on existing nets to a 40% threshold and coordinated with WHO GMP to gage GMP interest in making this policy change
  - LLIN bulk packaging: agreement was reached to contact WHOPES and GMP to see if they have any advice and can clarify the flexibility in the guidelines provided to date.
  - LLIN end of life

Priority issues addressed by AMP's Sustaining Gains working group in 2012:

- A new chair for the AMP Sustaining Gains Working Group was identified: Dr. Stefan Hoyer – WHO
- A protocol and budget was finalised for the Niger continuous LLIN distribution project
- As AMP will now include continuous distribution in its country support work area, the Sustaining Gains working group has been closed. Stefan Hoyer will stay on the AMP core group as liaison to WHO-GMP

Priority issues addressed by AMP's BCC working group in 2012:

- A new co-chair for the AMP BCC Working Group was identified: Thaddeus Pennas – FHI360
- In 2012, the BCC working group has focused on sharing information, preliminary results and processes from partners working on LLIN BCC and will continue to do so going forward.
- The working group contributed to the RBM Strategic Framework for Malaria Communication at Country Level launched in September 2012. It remains to be seen how the AMP BCC working group will work with/morph into a potential RBM Communications working group.
- Distance support was provided to Swaziland's NMCP on BCC advocacy pitch and strategy towards elimination
- The working group responds to field TA requests (e.g. Swaziland) and links up countries with appropriate technical assistance providers where possible.
- The AMP BCC Working Group initiated a series of BCC webinars in 2012.

Priority issues addressed by AMP's OR working group in 2012:

- The OR working group's role is that of a repository of information based on studies carried out by different partners and individuals concerning LLINs intervention. Currently the approach used is using the OR matrix which lists different studies and results which can be accessed through the AMP website.
- Operations Research hang-up studies in Uganda and Togo were supported by the AMP OR working group in 2012. A presentation of preliminary results was conducted in Washington DC, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- The paper "An Observational Study of Material Durability of Three World Health Organization–Recommended Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets in Eastern Chad" (Richard Allan, Laura O'Reilly, Valery Gilbos, and Albert Kilian) has been shared with the AMP core group for feedback as per requests received from organizations that have been raising funds to support LLIN scale up..
- Main areas of interest for future focus include:
  - LLIN distribution strategies
  - Optimizing net use
  - Accounting for and care and repair of nets

Priority issues addressed by AMP's M&E working group in 2012:

- Discussions were held on current ITN indicators, how they were derived for the World Malaria Report 2011 from available survey data, potential limitations of these measures, how they were

presented in the WMR, and how this information can be interpreted and used for programs and advocacy.

- M&E working group has agreed to set up focused technical conference calls on the following topics:
  - Review of the process of developing the World Malaria Report
  - Description of the Progress and Impact series
  - Process and outcome indicators in the AMP toolkit
  - Development and use of mobile technology for monitoring of LLIN distribution

Priority issues addressed by AMP's Net Mapping Project in 2012:

- Work has been expanded in 2012 to include net tracking by donor
- Funding from the manufacturers was in place to support this project through December, 2012. A budget summary was developed to help find funding to continue the project. This will be integrated into the AMP 2013 budget and proposal to request funding support.
- The working group is looking into mapping options and technologies for the net tracking project with support from UNF and WHO
- The working group has also worked with WHO-GMP in 2012 to estimate needs for the Global Fund for the next five years.

## Conclusions

AMP's focus in 2012 has been on building country capacity for LLIN scale-up by mentoring National Malaria Control Programmes (NMCP) and in-country partners' staff, developing workshop curricula for specialized trainings, disseminating the second edition of a comprehensive LLIN-scale-up toolkit, and providing both in-country and remote (distance) technical assistance to countries upon request. AMP has continued to monitor country progress and bottlenecks through weekly conference calls and an annual AMP meeting that brought together partners to promote advocacy, resource mobilization and technical exchange. During the reporting period, AMP provided technical assistance to 11 countries undertaking mass distribution campaigns through in-country and distance support. This assistance contributed directly to the successful distribution of over 33 million LLINs to scale up malaria prevention and protect millions of people who would otherwise be at high risk of being infected with malaria. AMP is focused on operational support around scaling-up malaria prevention. With ever-growing financial constraints and the need to maximize every single available dollar, countries are seeking support from AMP to help them identify new sources of funding, advocate with partners to fill gaps in LLINs and operational costs, and assist them to find technical and logistical guidance in the face of LLIN and funding shortfalls. During 2012, AMP implemented a robust set of activities to support the successful roll-out of LLIN campaigns and to facilitate knowledge and skills transfer at the local level.