

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Summary of activities 2014

1. AMP 2014 work plan, budget and positioning

- AMP 2014 proposal, work plan and budget were disseminated at the AMP Partners' meeting in February, through the AMP list serve, and was made accessible through the AMP website.
- In terms of resource mobilization activities, in 2014 AMP has focused on existing donors but also made contact with potential new donors including the Global Fund, Bayer Environmental Science and BASF.
- The United National Foundation / Nothing But Nets project contributed in 2014 to all AMP coordination activities and USAID-PMI funded the most part of AMP's technical assistance to countries' activities through its OGAC contribution, as well as country specific contributions to the Angola and Kenya national LIIN mass campaigns.
- Partners that contributed to AMP technical assistance support to countries included Africare, IFRC, Johns Hopkins University – NetWorks project, MCDI, PLAN Togo, and the United Nations Foundation / Nothing But Nets project.
- In 2014 AMP reconfirmed its positioning within the RBM in sitting as its own working group with close operational ties to both the Vector Control Working Group and the Harmonization Working Group.
- In an effort to continue to coordinate with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) on the work AMP is conducting in terms of supporting ongoing Global Fund malaria country grants, AMP has met on several occasions with the Global Fund and its newly formed TA hub to continue discussions on the best way forward to ensure Global Fund grants can fund in-country and distance TA related to LLIN distributions. AMP communicated to the TA Hub on anticipated country TA and training needs in 2015 in the hope that the Global Fund will see the benefits of matching the current funding that is received from USAID OGAC for support to countries planning and implementing mass LLIN distribution campaigns and continuous distribution. A formal proposal will be submitted to the GFATM in the next quarter as TA needs for 2015 are finalised and mapped out.

2. Country support – Mapping, facilitating and providing technical assistance to countries

Summary of technical assistance provided by AMP in 2014:

- Total number of AMP TA missions in 2014 - **43**

Country	Type of technical support requested from AMP	Partners	Mission dates
Angola	Micro planning BCC/Communications Logistics x3 Long-term campaign support (x 7 TA providers)	AMP/PMI	Distance support May-June 2014 July-August 2014 September-December 2014
Benin	Logistics Logistics Logistics Implementation/Logistics Implementation/Logistics	AMP/OGAC Africare NetWorks NetWorks NetWorks/AMP	April - May 2014 May – June 2014 July 2014 August 2014 October 2014



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Burundi	Implementation/Logistics Logistics Implementation/Logistics Post-campaign evaluation	NetWorks AMP/OGAC NetWorks AMP/OGAC	January 2014 Feb-March 2014 April-June 2014 December 7-28 th 2014
Cameroun	Logistics Implementation	AMP/OGAC AMP/OGAC	February 2014
CAR	Logistics	AMP/OGAC	January – February 2014
Côte d'Ivoire	Implementation	Distance support	Q1 2014
Equatorial Guinea	Implementation, Logistics, BCC	Distance support	October/November 2014
Guinea Bissau	M&E	Distance support (MORE working group)	October/November 2014
Indonesia	Implementation (micro planning)	UNICEF	March – May 2014
Kenya	Implementation BCC/Communications Logistics Implementation Logistics Process evaluation results	AMP/IFRC AMP/PMI AMP/PMI AMP/PMI AMP/PMI AMP/PMI	Distance support July 2014 July 2014 September 2014 September 2014 November 2014
Liberia	Logistics and Implementation Logistics Logistics Lon term distance support	Distance support Networks Networks Distance support	Distance support May-June 2014 June 2014 July-December 2014
Malawi	Implementation	AMP/OGAC	September 2014
Niger	Implementation and Logistics	AMP/OGAC	March-April 2014
Nigeria	Logistics Implementation Logistics CMA	AMP/OGAC IFRC AMP/OGAC AMP	January 2014 January 2014 March 2014 Distance support
Pakistan	Implementation	AMP	Distance support
Sierra Leone	Logistics	AMP/OGAC	February – March 2014
Swaziland	BCC/Communications in elimination context	AMP	September 2014
Tanzania	Implementation	AMP	Distance support
Tchad	Logistics Implementation	AMP/OGAC AMP/OGAC	February-March 2014
Togo	Logistics Implementation/Budget Logistics Implementation/Coordination Logistics	AMP/OGAC AMP/OGAC PLAN Togo AMP/OGAC PLAN Togo	January 2014 March 2014 April 2014 July 2014 August-September 2014
Total # of countries supported by AMP in 2014 (distance and in-county) :		20	

**Terms of reference and mission reports for all the above-mentioned technical assistance missions should be available on the AMP website at the following address: <http://allianceformalariaprevention.com/technical-support.php>. However the AMP website is currently under revision so recent reports and supporting documents may not be available at this time.*

- In 2014, AMP continued to provide high level technical assistance to countries planning LLIN distribution campaigns which proved to be a determining factor in keeping LLIN distributions on track and supporting countries to achieve their universal coverage targets. AMP supported 20 countries through 43 in-country missions and distance support. This contributed to ensuring that over 53 million nets were successfully distributed to the targeted recipients. This accounts for over 1'353'726 lives saved.¹
- Partners that contributed to technical assistance support to countries included Africare, IFRC, Johns Hopkins University – NetWorks project, PLAN Togo, the United Nations Foundation and USAID-PMI.
- Planning for technical assistance needs and movement for 2015 has commenced in late 2014 and a proposal was submitted for USAID OGAC funding to the amount of 500,000 USD for 2015 which can be programmed for technical assistance to countries and training to build in-country capacity
- In 2014, AMP successfully made an effort to recruit a number of Africa based TA providers on the AMP TA roster in an effort to resurrect the AMP mentoring initiative
- During the course of the reporting period, AMP has also increased its capacity to respond to country requested for technical assistance with a focus on BCC and communications. BCC TA providers were identified and selected for in-country missions and are now available through the AMP roster of consultants for future support on communications activities. Countries that received AMP BCC support in 2014 included Swaziland, Angola, Kenya, and Equatorial Guinea
- As an example of the way AMP can successfully work on providing valuable support at a distance on campaign planning, in Liberia, AMP has provided input into the WHO guidance on how LLINs can be distributed in emergency context situations like the Ebola crisis in Liberia, when health systems have failed. Two technical assistance missions were planned in August 2014 but were put on hold due to the Ebola crisis. AMP has providing technical support at a distance on micro-planning and modification of tools in light of the change of strategy following the Ebola situation. AMP participates on the Liberia LLIN campaign planning conference call which is held weekly. In-country deployment of AMP TA providers will take place in Q1 2015 in preparation of the mass campaign planned Q2 2015.
- In 2014, while most countries were supported through short term punctual in country missions, longer term technical assistance was provided on the planning and roll out of LLIN mass distribution campaigns in Angola and Kenya as agreed with the USAID country missions in both countries.

3. Priority issues addressed by AMP's Emerging Issues working group in 2014:

On behalf of AMP, the Emerging Issues Working Group provides support to AMP by identifying and addressing emergent issues related to scaling up ITN ownership and use before, during, and after mass distribution campaigns. During the reporting period, the AMP EIWG has moved forward with concrete actions on LLIN Packaging, End of Life, and Access and Use of ITNs among Pregnant women.

- **ITN Packaging**

- The DELIVER Project Report, "Long-Lasting Insecticide-Treated Bed Net Packaging Considerations" has been finalised:
http://deliver.jsi.com/dlvr_content/resources/allpubs/logisticsbriefs/LLINPackCons.pdf
- The packaging information is being added to the AMP Toolkit Update scheduled in early 2015
- Ultimately the role AMP can play will be to advocate with donors to help countries make informed packaging decisions at the time of tender
- AMP will draft a preliminary advocacy statement of findings/recommendations to help focus conversations and advocacy with donor organizations.

- **End of Life**

¹ Figure based on the (Lengeler Study) Cochrane Review that states for every 1000 people sleeping under an ITN, 5.5 lives will be saved each year at 70% net usage

- The WHO/GMP statement on “Sound Management of old Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets” has been released (<http://www.who.int/malaria/publications/atoz/who-recommendation-managing-old-llins-mar2014.pdf>). This provides key information and guidance on how to manage old LLINs.
- EIWG issued a call for interested parties to join a sub-group to identify ways to help disseminate information about GMP’s statement to countries. JHU CCP has volunteered to help lead this sub-group.
- Areas identified for AMP to take action include:
 - Create a user-friendly version of the statement to help countries consider their options
 - Identify ways to disseminate the statement to countries/partners
 - Contribute to updating the Toolkit’s Communication Chapter
 - Update trainings for AMP consultants, NMCPs, partners, etc.
- **Care and Repair**
 - Final data from studies is still forthcoming, but once they are issued, EIWG has identified the following actions:
 - Work to brief the AMP partnership and disseminate results
 - Include the results in the AMP training materials, and update the relevant sections of the AMP toolkit which is currently under revision
 - Prepare a summary document of the types of messages that seemed effective to promote care and repair actions
- **Access and Use of ITNs among Pregnant Women**
 - It is uncertain how much ITN access pregnant women have through ANC distribution: there is a paucity of data on whether or not ANC distribution is really working. This issue was discussed at the MIP Working Group meeting in July 2014
 - MPAC issued a statement of support for continuing ANC distribution before, during and after national campaigns, which encourages countries to not suspend ANC distribution. Countries are either not following this guidance or aren’t aware of it.
 - The MIP and VCWG prepared a draft letter requesting that countries prioritize pregnant women and access to ITNs through routine distribution during campaigns. The main objective for this letter is to get a strong statement in support of prioritizing ANC distribution of LLINs for pregnant women at country level.
 - At the August Core Group Meeting, AMP agreed to partner up with MIP WG and VCWG to support a consensus letter addressing the importance of ANC/EPI distributions. AMP revised the draft of the consensus letter. The document highlights attention to the WHO position to not compromise routine, facility-based distribution in light of mass distribution campaigns.
- **ITN Misuse**
 - There is much confusion about what misuse actually is as opposed to repurposing. It may be possible for EIWG to work on developing in the near future definitions to help researchers, programs, and implementers consistently differentiate between the two.
- **Logistic Implications for Addressing Insecticide Resistance**
 - This is an issue that has been identified for EIWG to monitor over the next year to see how global policy evolves before identifying how AMP can play a relevant role.
- **Complex Emergencies**
 - There is a lot of work already underway under the umbrella of AMP to distribute nets within the context of the Ebola crisis in Liberia. AMP should be able to use that experience to develop guidance for future emergencies. The EIWG has been identified to monitor this process so that AMP can continue to play a relevant role in complex emergencies.
- **Household Registration**
 - There is a paper currently being developed which is looking at this issue. EIWG will respond to that paper and identify if there is any guidance that can be prepared for countries based on the analysis that is made.
- **Transitioning to Continuous Distribution**
 - This issue is still at the policy development stage, with data just coming in now about its effectiveness at maintaining universal coverage. EIWG will monitor the situation over the coming year to see how global policy evolves before identifying how AMP can play a role in supporting countries who choose to adopt this expanded distribution program.

4. Priority issues addressed by AMP's MORE working group in 2014:

The AMP MORE working group has conducted technical assistance in the reporting period to a number of countries planning post LLIN campaign assessments and surveys:

- Guinea Bissau: UNDP approached the MORE working group to provide support with the identification of TA for the planning and quality assurance of the assessment of outcomes of the LLIN mass distribution campaign conducted in early summer of 2014. The Global Fund has requested international TA to ensure the quality of the survey findings. MORE identified the TA provider and is supporting the survey protocol and planning at a distance.
- Burundi: the MORE working group has worked on a review of the survey protocol for the post-campaign evaluation, especially given the large sample proposed in what was supposed to be a "rapid" survey.
- Direct technical support to countries by the working group will be continued in early 2015 in Sudan and Liberia

Development of the revisions to the M&E section of the AMP toolkit is being worked on by the working group chairs for inclusion in version 3.0 of the AMP toolkit.

With two co-chair positions in the AMP MORE working group left vacant at the start of the reporting period, Elizabeth Ivanovich (UNF) and Mame Birame (PMI Senegal) have agreed to take on a new co-chair roles within the AMP MORE working group

5. Priority issues addressed by AMP's Net Mapping Project in 2014:

The AMP Net Mapping Project continued to map net delivery data by country and each quarter the AMP Net Mapping data was disseminated to the AMP partnership during the reporting period.

AMP is hoping to track deliveries of LLINs to countries to look at levels of coverage over time. The project is now aiming to try to get lower level data at the province / district level, starting with Angola, the Gambia, Kenya and Pakistan, which will provide examples of more in-depth mapping. A consultant contracted for this purpose is working on the expanded net mapping project with the following objectives:

- Produce standard maps for Africa by country with just deliveries
- Produce a country mapping example of net distributions which will subsequently be adjusted for net deterioration, storage times, and continuous distribution

Country examples of the mapping should be completed in advance of the AMP 2015 Partners meeting to make a case for additional funding in 2015 to support the expansion of the net mapping project.

In 2014 the AMP Net Mapping Project has been funded entirely through the contribution of the United Nations Foundation/Nothing But Nets project.

6. The AMP core group in 2014:

- Early in 2014, the AMP core group was expanded to include representatives from the private sector: Mark Birchmore (Syngenta) and Helen Pates Jamet (Vestergaard Frandsen) who joined the AMP core group appointed by the Crop Life Group. By then end of the reporting period, Syngenta finally pulled out of the AMP core group.
- In an effort to coordinate the activities and priorities of the AMP partnership for the remainder of 2014, AMP held its core group meeting on the 4th and 5th September 2014 in Washington DC at the UN Foundation headquarters bringing together partners from CDC-PMI, CropLife, IFRC, International Public Health Advisors, JHU NetWorks project, Malaria Consortium, Malaria No More, Milliner Global Associates, Office of the UN Special Envoy for financing the MDGs and Malaria, PSI, UN Foundation, UNICEF, USAID-PMI, and WHO. The meeting set the way forward for each of the AMP working groups and the planning of country support to the end of 2014. The group also agreed on the dates of the next AMP annual partners meeting, to be hosted in Geneva by IFRC on 26-27th January 2015.

7. AMP Toolkit, Flyer and Website revision

- Planning for revisions to the AMP toolkit has been undertaken during the course of the year and the AMP toolkit working group was revived to bring this work forward. Toolkit 3.0 will be released in the second quarter of 2015 with updated guidance to countries. An editor has been identified to lead the process of revising the AMP Toolkit and ensuring layout which will allow easy download by chapter for people connecting to the AMP website. In the reporting period chapter 4 has been nearly completed and is currently in the stage of final review. Chapters 6 and 10 have been edited and have been disseminated for review.
- The AMP flyer has been revised and printed in English and is available for dissemination. Version 2.0 has been translated into French and will be available in print in the first quarter of 2015.
- The decision was taken by the AMP core group for the AMP website to be revised and updated to include new pages for the Net Mapping Project and to improve accessibility to the AMP toolkit version 3.0. The AMP web designer has been contacted and is available for this work in the second quarter of 2015.

8. New partners joining AMP in 2014:

- International Consulting Aid Network (ICAN)
- E3 partners

9. AMP presentations / attendance at meetings in 2014

- AMP core group meeting, 16th February 2014, IFRC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
- AMP 2014 Partners' meeting, 17-18th February 2014, IFRC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
- VCWG annual meeting, 19-21st February 2014, IFRC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
- AMP working group meetings held on 19th February, IFRC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland (MORE and Emerging Issues working group)
- AMP core group meeting, 21st February 2014, IFRC Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
- Ninth MAWG Meeting, 24 to 25 February 2014, Geneva, Switzerland
- Meeting with Kenya PMI team to discuss set up of intensive AMP TA for campaign planning – 19th May 2014, Nairobi, Kenya
- Meeting with the Global Fund (Scott Filler, Senior Malaria Technical Advisor), Geneva – 28th August 2014
 - Discussion on the best way forward to ensure Global Fund grants can fund in-country and distance TA related to LLIN distribution
 - Update on earlier approaches the AMP core group has made to the Global Fund on this issue
 - Summary of countries, person time and money AMP has invested providing TA to Global Fund malaria grants over the last years
- Meetings with Canadian Red Cross and DFATD (former Canadian CIDA) – Ottawa, 2nd September 2014
 - Discussion on DFATD / Canadian RC co-hosting the 2015 AMP Core Group meeting and ways to re-engage DFATD and CRC in AMP as both partners and donors
 - DFATD and Canadian RC were very interested to co-host the 2014 AMP core group meeting but need a much longer timeframe to get the required approvals in place to do this
 - They are interested to host the AMP core group meeting in 2015 and the expansion of AMP's mandate beyond mass scale up of LLINs to include all delivery channels.
- AMP core group meeting: 4-5th September 2014 - Washington DC - UN Foundation HQ.
- Follow up meeting with the Global Fund - Head of TA hub (Lee Abdelfadil), Head of Partnerships (Akram Ali Eltom), and Senior Malaria Technical Advisor (Scott Filler) - Geneva, 17th September 2014
 - Discussion on the work of the Global Fund TA Hub and areas of collaboration with AMP

- The TA Hub started work on September 1st 2014 and cover all technical requests. The working modalities of the GF TA Hub are still being defined.
- AMP communicated to the TA Hub that anticipated TA and training needs in 2015 will be USD 1 million and has asked the Global Fund for an allocation of USD 500,000 in 2015 in flexible funds to be spent down on in a manner similar to the spend down on USAID OGAC funds. The TA Hub team was not receptive to AMP's request for flexible funds.
- AMP core group agreed to share with the Global Fund TA Hub the draft of planned TA needs in 2015 and to write a letter to the Global Fund at a higher level to explain pitch a matching of funds available from USAID OGAC for TA in 2015.