

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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Context: Burundi is preparing a LLIN mass distribution campaign to an estimated population of 11,649,050 scheduled at this time for mid-July 2017. After quantification for a universal coverage campaign, 6,471,692 LLINs were ordered in mid-October 2016. PNILP (National malaria control Program) and CARITAS Burundi are co-PRs in the management of the Global Fund financed Burundi campaign.

Direct delivery to all 18 provinces should finish in late June 2017. LLINs will then be positioned in 129 warehouses at Commune level till the week before distribution where they will be shipped to an estimated 1,849 Distribution Points.

The macro-positioning plan established the delivery strategy whereby 75 % of the nets are to be delivered from Tanzania directly to the provincial warehouses and 25% to a central storage facility in Bujumbura. Population numbers from the micro-planning exercise with a variance in provincial numbers from 12 to 52 % have justified this approach. All 18 provinces will receive nets from central stock to adjust their supply according to micro-plan population numbers.

The national population total according to the recent micro-planning exercise is estimated at 11,658,400. There are enough nets in country from other sources to cover the needs of this increased planning population estimate.

Consultants in country: Jean Marc Grégoire from May 18th to 30th, 2017

- Arrival in country was planned for May 16 but was delayed by procedure to get visa on arrival at airport.
- Arrived in Burundi May 18th in the afternoon.
- Meeting with NMCP and Caritas May 19th to receive campaign work documents, review TA needs, and challenges created by the fuel shortages due to importing restraints.

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- Final validation of Micro- plans and their data was completed on May 16th
- Due to shortages and uncertainty as to fuel supply, long line-ups at few outlets NGO's and government have had to re-assess priorities for which activities can be implemented.
- Caritas administrative support and project follow-up vehicles are parked. Min of Health vehicles are at office. Provincial level training of facilitators for HH registration and distribution may be in jeopardy, Facilitators from capital might not find fuel for return trip.
- Household registration activates planned for June 5th to 16th.

Logistics/supply chain:

- Direct delivery of LLINs from the supplier has started in 3 provinces.
- Bale size (Volume= Length x width x height) on packing list is twice that used for budget calculation.
- Warehouse visit and bale measurement establish volume (m3) at 0,165 and not 0,205 as in pack list.
- Budget calculated on m3 of 0,104. Recent deliveries to other countries have been 0,090 to 0.110 m3.
- Storage capacity plan for central, provincial and Commune facilities re-calculated to identify if identified central and provincial storage capacity is sufficient.
- Macro Transport plans has also been re-calculated to Commune level.
- Fuel needs for LLIN transport to commune level estimated for contract discussion with transporters. Contracts may be negotiated with LLIN program supplying fuel through government quotas.

The week ahead:

- Solicit intervention of Health Minister for advocacy at Ministry of Energy to resolve fuel supply situation..
- Meeting with partners on May 26th to review and update campaign activities timeline.
- The 129 micro transport plans to the distribution points and storage need to be re-assessed.
- Delivery dates to provinces from supplier estimated at end of June may cause re-assessment and postponement of Distribution dates.