

# AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

## **Situation report: AMP TA to NMCP Ethiopia, March 16 to April 7, 2018**

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**Subject:** Process Evaluation of 2018 Ethiopia LLIN Mass Campaign Distribution

**Context:** Ethiopia completed a mass campaign distribution of 5.3 million PMI financed LLINs at the end of November 2017. Since early January the NMCP has been implementing a mass distribution campaign of 6 million (PMI financed) LLINs to 105 Woredas (Districts) in the 4 regions of Afar, Amara, Oromia, and Tigray. Further mass distribution campaigns are planned for 2019 and 2020.

**AMP consultant in country:** Jean Marc Grégoire from March 16 to April 1, 2018

### **Mission objectives:**

The aim of the process evaluation is to gain insights into the roll out of the campaign in the selected areas to ensure the quality of the activities related to activity implementation against the developed timeline. The process evaluation also seeks to understand what phases of activity could be reinforced and/or improved upon to ensure high coverage and utilization of LLINs in all households targeted.

### **Mission preparation and methodology**

The Ethiopia NMCP provided documents used during planning and implementation of the campaign. They were reviewed before arrival in Ethiopia to prepare for 2 weeks of field visits organised to look at the different aspects of the campaign planning and implementation and interview key actors involved. After the field visits (April 1 to April 8<sup>th</sup>) a process evaluation report is to be developed and shared with the NMCP for initial review and feedback prior to finalization. This report should identify challenges, and lessons learned as well as recommendations for future campaign planning.

### **Situation upon arrival in country**

- The USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program (GHSC-PSM) is providing support to this 2018 mass distribution campaign of 6 million LLINs.
- In Ethiopia purchasing of products for malaria interventions is managed primarily by the Pharmaceutical Fund and Supply Agency (PFSA).
- GHSC-PSM has contracted PFSA to manage LLINs in country reception and positioning to Woreda level.
- Amhara region is finalising the distribution the 24 Woredas planned for the present campaign phase
- Tigray region has finalized both rounds of LLIN distribution and held a post-campaign LLIN distribution review meeting on March 26, to evaluate the overall performance of each Woreda and share lessons learned and best practices from the campaign.
- Oromia region has yet to finish their campaign due to security difficulties in certain Woredas
- The Afar region has finished the distribution to the population and will hold a post-campaign LLIN distribution review meeting in the next few weeks.

## Ethiopia Process Evaluation Agenda

Date	Activity
March 16-17	Arrive in Addis Ababa in-country desk review of documents
March 18	Addis Ababa Desk review of documents. Travel by road to Adama, Oromia
March 19	Visit PFSA central level warehouse in Adama. Interviews with PFSA national level supply chain managers. Return to Addis Ababa
March 20	Visit NMCP national office. Leave Addis in the afternoon. Travel by air to Bahir Dar, Amhara
March 21	Contact information visit at Amhara Region Health Bureau in Bahir Dar, Interviews with Amhara region Supply Chain managers
March 22	Fogera Amhara interviews Technical and Logistics at Woreda-district level with Malaria Focal Point and Logistician
March 23	Fogera Amhara Interviews at the implementation level, HP/HEWs, Kebele managers, HDAs, Regional malaria Control program
March 24-25	Travel back to Addis Ababa and Travel to Mekele, Tigray
March 26	Observe post campaign LLINs distribution review meeting of Tigray regional health bureau with Woreda level Malaria Focal persons. Visit Tigray region PFSA office and warehouse
March 27	Wukro, Tigray Interviews with key malaria campaign actors at Woreda level
March 28	Ethiopia Sitrep - Wednesday March 28 2018 circulated for AMP weekly conference call
March 28	Wukro, Tigray Interviews with Health Centre Director and Kebele level HEW
March 29	Travel back to Addis Ababa. Meetings with PMI and interviews and central level PFSA
March 30	Debriefing with NMCP in Addis Ababa, of process evaluation preliminary observations activities
March 31	Addis Ababa, compilation of lessons learned, reports
April 1st	Departure from Addis Ababa
April 2-8	Compilation of information obtained during interviews with campaign actors during field visits. Development of the recommendations and report

### Preliminary observations Ethiopia 2018 process evaluation

- There is a high level of community volunteer involvement and support in the LLIN distribution campaigns;
- LLIN Allocation at Distribution Point follows the 2017 Guideline document is the process of rounding down when there is an unequal number of people in the family which equals population divided by 2,2. This compared to the allocation policy to round up when there is an unequal number of people in the family which equals to population divided by 1,8 the universal coverage objective
- There is a need for a daily reconciliation document/tally sheet at distribution point level. Also lacking at DP level is a stock transfer document for movement of LLINs between Kebeles and for return logistics of LLINs to Woreda storage facilities;
- No advice as to storage capacity in cubic metres or sq metres needed was communicated to districts before shipping from central level to districts;
- At the central level storage facility there has been no physical count inventory carried out since first arrival of LLINs in November 2017. Due to lack of space to allow for physical counting many woredas also did not carry out regular reconciliation of data with real stock on hand.
- All data from Distribution Registration pads were being entered at Woreda level. In a district with 6,430 Households it took 10 days for 2 people to enter the data in an excel file