

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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Context: Guinea-Bissau is implementing a Universal Coverage LLIN distribution campaign planned for an estimated population of 1 821 040. In compliance with the three-year replacement cycle to maintain universal coverage the 2017 campaign is a follow up to the 2014 LLIN universal distribution campaign.

After quantification for a universal coverage campaign (population/1,8) based on giving 1 net per 2 people, a purchase of 1,112,858 LLINs was processed. The nets arrived in country, and the containers have been in secured storage awaiting shipment from Bissau to regions, health areas and eventually Distribution Points for a distribution planned at end of May.

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Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- After the micro-planning exercise population has been projected at 2 128 864 with a corresponding need of 1 182 702 LLINs. If Household registration confirms this increase LLINs will be taken from routine reserve stock and used in the 2017 campaign;
- Household registration visits to an estimated 464 028 households planned from April 24 to 30th were delayed due to late delivery of materials (principally coupons). As of May 2nd, 5 of 11 regions have finished household registration. It is estimated that another 4 days are needed to complete the exercise in the other regions ;
- Ongoing monitoring of household registration by independent monitors started April 27th and will be carried out till May 4th;

Logistics/supply chain:

- The procurement process to select transport providers for shipment of 24 LLIN containers to Health Centre areas has encountered delays due to difficulties finding portable cranes to offload containers at destination.
- Transport of LLINs from Bissau is now programmed from May 8th to 22nd ;
- The positioning strategy will have the LLINs in 117 Health Centre storage facilities till the week before distribution. They then will be delivered to the estimated 1 463 Distribution Points at the end of May.
- Storage space assessment results have been reviewed to identify of those areas needing administrative actions before shipment can be initiated from Bissau. Of the 117 spaces required, 30 need rental agreements and another 8, repairs to meet security standards;

The week ahead

- Review transport planning and provide assistance in organising the necessary transport coordination;
- Participate in review of household registration monitoring results and provide assistance in validation of results.