Situation Report for Madagascar Mission

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Context:

- Madagascar is planning a National campaign, 13,129,000 nets in 106 of the 114 districts of the country.
- Two donors: PMI (6 M nets) and GF (7.1 M Nets)
  - **PMI nets:** one contractor (PSM) and one sub-contractor (PSI)
  - **GF nets:** two PRs – PSI and UCP
- For both distributions, DLP is lead organization and face of the campaign
- Distribution planned for July/August (GF-PMI nets) and September (PMI-GF nets)
- The major priority of the current mission is:
  - Promote and support the development of macro planning documents (campaign PoA, logistics PoA, chronogram, budget and risk and mitigation plan)
  - Support the review/up-date/development of campaign management tools (technical, logistics, BCC, M&E)

Consultants in country:

- Marcy Erskine – January 7 to 13
- Alain Daudrumez – January 7 to 29

Activities:

- The workshop in Antsirabe was concluded on January 11 at noon and all participants returned to Antananarivo in the afternoon.
- Significant progress was achieved on all fronts during the workshop with active involvement of all participants.
- A consensus was quickly reached for the need to develop macro planning documents before proceeding to the review of campaign management tools. AMP consultants worked within the sub-committees to provide guidelines in developing the campaign PoA and logistics PoA, and agreed to provide by the end of the month the write-up of these two documents with the input from the country team.
- By the second day of the workshop it was clear that there was a lack of common understanding of the campaign strategy among the participants. During a brainstorming session involving key members of each
sub-committee, a PPT presentation was developed to clearly and concisely present the strategy to the entire group. On the following day, with everyone on the same page, sub-committees group work resumed.

A lot of discussions took place around two major activities of the campaign: HHR (called here “authentification”) and micro-planning. In the current country’s approach, the manner as well as the sequence in which they will be carried out (HHR first, then MP) are not in line with our recommendations and what is being done in the majority of other countries. However, at this point in time, it does not appear to be possible to re-align these activities for lack of time and budget provisions.

For the “authentification” exercise, there are still a lot of questions to be asked and answered, including whether or not the census lists can be available on time and what to do with new / under / over estimated households, families that have moved, etc. The planning around special groups as included in the GF grant submission requires more thought.

By the end of the workshop there was a general realization that still a whole lot of work lies ahead, within a rather tight calendar.

A CNC meeting took place at the DLP on Tuesday 16 Jan to review the next steps in the campaign planning. Following the meeting, Alain gave a presentation on key points of macro logistics, and a very animated discussion on LLIN tracking and accountability, and the use of well-designed tracking tools. This was due to some serious concerns about the new set of (many) tracking tools that Madagascar is planning to use in the coming campaign...

DLP has planned another workshop in Antsirabe to finalize the macro documents and develop training manuals.

The week ahead:

Continue working on the macro documents, specifically (for Alain) completing the logistics PoA, developing the logistics timeline, and reviewing the LLIN tracking tools.

Marcy to provide a draft of the PoA and work via distance support on the PoA, to finalize the document and assist on and overall campaign issues.