

# AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

## Situation Report for Madagascar Mission

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### **Context:**

- Madagascar is mid-way into the planning and implementation of 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)
- Three funding sources: PMI, GF NFM1 (until June 30) and GF NFM2 (from July 1 onwards)
- 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 still planned for August (PMI nets) and September (GF nets)
- The closure of NFM1 and the start of NFM2 taking place in the middle of campaign planning is a number of challenges with the continuation of activities that are currently under review by the GF to find a solution
- Results of “authentication” (HHR) showing a population increase of 18% over macro-planning figures creates a gap of over 1.7 M nets. DLP and partners decide to adjust the distribution strategy: ratio of 1net/2.1 person instead of 1/1.8, and maximum 3 nets per HH instead of 4/HH.
- Critical campaign activities under NFM1 funding currently behind schedule due to the unforeseen activities linked to the increased population and decisions to be taken on the macro strategy
- Activities planned for July and August under NFM2 at high risk if funds are not readily available in early July, a situation that is under review at the GF
- National elections are planned to take place before the end of the year. The possibility that it would happen during the campaign period seems remote, but still needs to be taken into account given the impact it would have on campaign activities (prolonged storage period increasing risks for security of the nets, likely need for re-training, etc.). In addition, communication needs to focus on the potential for rumours and hijacking of the campaign for political purposes
- 100,000 nets donated to the Malagasy Red Cross (MRC) 18 months ago for a CD pilot project are still in containers for lack of operational funds for implementation and will be donated to the campaign if possible

### The major priorities of the current mission are:

- Resolve the issue of 100,000 nets in possession of the MRC (suggest the best use of the nets in the context of the mass campaign)
- Support the DLP and partners with an analysis of the current situation in terms of the planning and implementation of campaign activities vis-à-vis the financing plan and provide recommendations for the best ways to address the challenges arising
- Support the DLP and partners in the review of the campaign timeline, including risk analysis and mitigation measures, especially in view of activities affected by the closure of NFM1 and the start of NMF2 grant.
- Support the DLP and partners in the review of the micro-planning process for the pre-positioning of the nets, and make recommendations
- Review the reporting and evaluation documents for different campaign actors, as well as the planning for the LLIN security, and develop draft documents to address these issues

### **Activities:**

- Meeting on Monday morning June 11 at the MRC with the IFRC rep and the MRC deputy secretary general/head of programmes
- In-briefing with PMI at the US embassy on same morning to get an overview of the current situation and set the priorities for the TA mission and draft a workplan
- Meeting Monday afternoon with head of DLP and DLP team, as well as PMI to discuss and agree on the mission workplan
- CNC meeting at DLP on Tuesday morning June 12 followed by a work session with GHSC team (PSM and M&E personnel) to look into the micro-planning process and the pre-positioning of the nets. Given the results of the HHR showing a large increase of population, the country team needed to adjust both the central macro-plan and the districts micro-plans
- A work session took place all day Wednesday June 13 with the PSM team for the organization of the CNC meeting to address the timeline and risk assessment and mitigation planning
- Meeting on Thursday 14 June at DLP with the CNC group, after which the TA was responsible for the development of documents for review and submission to GF; meeting with the CRM to discuss the next steps for the 100k nets
- Meeting at DLP on Monday to prepare for the CNC meeting, as well as finalize the documents for submission to GF related to the NMF1 – NMF2 transition
- Meeting at UCP on Tuesday to finalize and submit documents to GF in advance of GAC + review the document on the security for the nets at the commune level, particularly in case of campaign delays related to the election
- Finalized the timeline, risk assessment and mitigation plan and the accompanying narrative for submission to the GF with the CNC

### **The week ahead:**

- Work with the MRC and the country team to develop a plan to integrate the MRC nets into the campaign
- Finalize the net security plan for the pre-positioning sites
- Finalize the templates for the evaluation of different campaign actors
- Finalize the waste management plan
- Provide recommendations for open bales of nets not individually packaged