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 (PMI nets) and September (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 CNC meeting on Tuesday 16 January in Tana was the last opportunity to work as a group (until the second workshop in Antsirabe). During the 5 remaining days in Tana, work was done on an individual basis with the members of the logistics sub-committee. The focus was mostly on the issue of the logistics tracking tools and how they could be reduced and streamlined to provide full accountability for the nets, while not requiring excessive training for logistics personnel to ensure that they would be used properly.
- By the end of the week the development of the Logistics PoA had reached a stall point, as many issues needed to be discussed and clarified with the larger group.
- The consultant had a meeting on 17 January at the US embassy to brief Daniele Nyirandutiye (Director Office of Health) on campaign planning progress and specifically on AMP’s technical assistance. Laurent Kapesa (PMI) and Catherine Dentinger (CDC) were also present at the meeting.
During the first 2 days of the workshop in Antsirabe, the group (2 or 3 members of each sub-committee) reviewed and up-dated all campaign tools, produced a first draft of (1) campaign and logistics chronograms, (2) overall training plan, and (3) supervision plan.

The long list of logistics tools that were initially proposed to keep track of the nets through the supply chain was finally toned down by the logistics sub-committee (after much debate, and as recommended by the consultant). The resulting set of 6 tracking tools (3 for transport and 3 for reception/storage) is still excessive in our opinion, but is an improvement on the initial proposal.

No progress so far in coming up with a consolidated budget. There are some complexities in planning major activities (transport of PMI nets all the way to distribution points, among others) since GF NFM1 budget must be spent by June 30th, but is only partially validated to this date.

The week ahead:

- Alain: During the second workshop in Antsirabe (22 to 27 Jan) continue working on the macro documents, specifically completing the logistics PoA, finalising the logistics timeline, and supporting the country team in developing a logistics training plan and logistics training materials.
- Return to Antananarivo on 27 Jan and leave Madagascar for Geneva on 29 Jan.
- Marcy to provide a draft of the PoA and work via distance support to finalize the document and assist on overall campaign issues.