

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Alliance for Malaria Prevention: Situation Report for Nigeria Mission

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Context:

- September 2016, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Nigeria responded to a solicitation released by the Global Fund to serve as PR for malaria. CRS received its award notification from the Global Fund in November, followed by a period of negotiations and preparations for start-up, commencing January 2, 2017. The main thrust of this program involves the distribution of over 16 million LLINs across six states – Kwara, Edo, Osun and Adamawa, Imo and Ondo.
- The CRS Cash and Asset Transfer (CAT) platform operating on the RedRose ONE system and Android phones will be used in some states during the campaigns while the paper-based system will be used in other states and strengthened with ICT4D.
- A pilot phase of the CRS CAT was deployed in Oyun LGA of Kwara State between April 2nd and May 12th 2017, which allowed CRS to learn lessons and replicate to other CAT States during the campaign. During the Oyun LGA pilot, AMP was in-country to provide Technical Assistance in monitoring and evaluation of the pilot.
- CRS is currently implementing the LLIN Campaigns in the various states, including Adamawa State which is a complex operating environment (COE). CRS will leverage AMP's vast experience and expertise in achieving higher success during the 2017 LLIN Campaign implementation. This in country support will be from September 29th to November 16th 2017.
- As part of the current LLIN Campaigns, Commodity Management Audit (CMA), on the entire supply chain has been planned for improving efficiency in the system. CMA is planned to take place in three out of the above six states (Edo, Kwara, and Osun). The CMA report will be used as a tool to assess and document the level of accountability in the campaign process for the three states. It will also guide partners to improve on strategies that could be used in strengthening systems and processes that guarantee commodity security, accountability and ultimately, transparency in future campaign states. CMA is planned to take place in three out of the above six states (Edo, Kwara, and Osun).
- CRS and NMEP are also working towards addressing the issue of low net utilization in the communities through a post campaign Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) activities in 3 states (Kwara, Osun and Imo states).

Consultants in country:

- Alain Daudrumez – October 4-Nov 10

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- COE Guidelines document –
 - There were no activities carried out during the past week in relation to the COE document
- Visit to Ondo State
 - The consultant spent most of last week traveling to Ondo State, reviewing supply chain activities and monitoring LLIN distribution.

- Ondo State warehouse was split in three locations which, together, held over 2 M nets. At the time of visit, all 18 LGAs had received their nets and some 185,000 nets were remaining in the State warehouse (150,000 of these will be sent to Adamawa State to cover their gap). Shipments out to LGAs were recorded properly in the stocksheets. However, in-coming consignments to the State warehouse had not been recorded in the stocksheets since this tracking tool was not available at the time when LLINs were received. State logistician and warehouse manager used SMOH stock cards to record the in-coming consignments and later transferred the total quantity received into the stocksheets as one single entry.
- At Akure South LGA warehouse, it was noted that the stocksheets were used and filled out correctly. There was however an issue with the waybills that had been issued for the transport of nets to the 76 DPs (this LGA alone holds 25% of the State population, thus the large number of DPs). The yellow copies of the waybills (which must remain with the sender) were all signed “for reception”, indicating that all 4 copies of waybills had been sent to the DPs, with no copy remaining with the sender (as proof that the nets had been sent out). Fortunately, all yellow and green copies had been sent back to the LGA warehouse.
- Monitoring LLIN distribution: With some limitations due to available time in the field as well as security concerns, the consultant visited 4 urban and 4 rural distribution points. In all locations the distribution process was being carried out very efficiently, without major incidents, and with proper recording of DP store and distribution team transactions, as well as net tallying and net cards collection. The work of distribution teams, supervisors and monitors is commendable given that urban DPs were visited on the first day of distribution, where a certain level of chaos is too often observed.
- Consultant participated in the first-day review meeting where a few incidents of crowd control challenges were reported. Recommendations were given during the meeting in order to avoid such incidents during the following days.
- CAT strategy –
 - The DP teams training (for which the CAT technology was to be used) was already over by the time the consultant arrived in Ondo.
- CMA –
 - Consultant continued developing the CMA “light” tools to be used in the next round of audits. Tools will be finalized, and SOPs and training material will be developed during the current week. Training of a core group of CRS, NMEP, partners, as well as selected audit firms staff will take place during the second week of November (7 to 9 Nov).

The week ahead

- Finalize CMA tools, training materials and SOPs
- Travel to Adamawa State from 4 to 6 November to monitor LLIN distribution
- Start CMA training on Tuesday 7 November.