

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:

- Gregory Alonso Pirio – October 1-20
- Alain Daudrumez – October 4-Nov 10

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- Communication –
 - Message guides for different phases of campaign are in place
 - Radio and TV spots have been developed, airing depending on states
 - IPC and engagement training has taken place in specific states

- Consultant is reviewing communication materials, available SBCC research and interviewing key communication partners including NMEP’s ASCM unity with aim of strengthening the “demand creation” strategy for campaign and post-campaign phases
- Consultant travelled to Imo State to observe household registration and daily state-level monitoring, a meetings, as well as meetings of Ward supervisors at the Local Government Area level and with state-level officials including the Permanent Minister of Health and State Health Educator.
- Consultant worked with the CRS team, state health officials and others to develop strategies to counter rumours about the Nigerian military administering Monkey Pox vaccines, which were leading some household heads to refuse registration.
- Consultant also discussed with CRS team the adoption of a policy on the repurposing of old nets.
- COE Strategy document –
 - Campaign implementation is under way in Adamawa, following guidelines from AMP’s draft “LLINs in COE” document. Consultant participated in a campaign coordination meeting in Abuja on Monday 16 October with NMEP, CRS, SFH and Chemonix during which the COE document was briefly discussed. It was concluded that a detailed review would take place in Adamawa with the SFH implementing team in order to gather inputs from the current on-going activities in the field. The consultant travelled to Yola (capital of Adamawa State) on Tuesday 17 October.
- CAT strategy –
 - Currently the CAT strategy is being implemented on a limited scale (to monitor attendance to trainings in Ondo State) using the phones that were made available for the pilot project. The phones that were to be deployed on a large scale for HHR and distribution have just been released from customs last Friday. No additional activities took place during this past week regarding the CAT strategy.
- CMA –
 - Consultant continued developing the CMA “light” tools to be used in the next round of audits. SOPs and training material will also be developed during the next two weeks, and training of a core group of CRS, NMEP and partners staff will take place during the first week of November.

The week ahead

- Overview of week’s activities – Pirió
 - Returns to Abuja from Owerri
 - Meet with communication partners, including HC3 and Africare.
 - Debrief CRS on mission and deliverables.
- Overview of week’s activities – Daudrumez
 - Carry out meetings on COE with SFH in Yola (Adamawa State) with SFH, CRS implementing partner.
 - Carry out field monitoring in Yola North and Yola South LGAs
 - Continue developing CMA tools and materials
 - Return to Abuja on Saturday 21st October.