

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report – Pakistan

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Background:

Directorate of Malaria Control (DMC), Pakistan has been distributing LLINs to achieve universal coverage in highest endemic districts (API>10) through the support of The Global Fund. Since 2015, Pakistan has been distributing nets through periodic mass campaigns, while there has been simultaneous continuous distribution of LLINs through antenatal services (ANC), which aims to promote antenatal visits in targeted districts. As per Pakistan's National Malaria Strategy 2015-2020, DMC seeks to increase access to LLINs to 80% among people living in high-risk malaria areas. In 2018, The Global Fund NFR (Malaria) Grant, Pakistan, will distribute approximately 3.1 million LLINs in 12 high malaria burden districts through a mass LLINs distribution Campaign.

Priorities of the TA mission: Work with DMC and Indus Health Network (IHN) on:

- Revising Distribution Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020;
- Develop macro-plans for 2018 distribution;
- Develop micro-plans for 2018 distribution; and
- Discuss and review feasibility of introducing IT technology in the distribution.

Meetings:

- Meeting was held with Director of DMC and WFP regarding availability of population figures at the village level.
- Meeting was held with PRCS regarding the utilisation of ICT for the HH registration. PRCS will be sending a communique detailing their assessment of the use of ICT for the campaign.

Activities accomplished:

- Macro-planning working sessions have been held with DMC, IHN, WFP and PRCS.
 - Tasks were assigned to different parties for the completion of the Action Plan;
 - First draft of detailed timeline completed: Further input is required (especially for Communication and M&E activities) before finalisation.

- Template for global campaign budget has been developed and needs to be shared with DMC.
- Development of micro-planning templates.
- Preparation for and development of Agenda and tools for micro-planning workshop to be held on 23 and 24 May.

Challenges / Issues identified and communicated

- Planned micro-planning sessions do not follow AMP recommendations, and thus may not have been budgeted sufficiently for detailed micro-planning workshops;
- 550 fixed distributions points may mean that large segments of the population will not have access to DPs. Redemption rate of vouchers could be very low.
- Training days for HH Registration and Distribution has been planned for 1 day. This is insufficient, especially given that this is the first mass distribution campaign to be held in Pakistan.
- Target of 70HH / day / volunteer for the HH registration may result in volunteer fatigue & poor quality of registration.

Recommendations

- Training of volunteers should be split between Registration and Distribution. i.e. 2 separate trainings.
- Micro-planning templates are being developed to meet the reality of what is being carried out by implementing partners.

Week ahead

- Micro-planning workshops will be held on 23/24 May. This will include participants from Federal and Regional DMC, IHN and implementing partners.
- Review of Action plan and detailed timeline;
- Completion of Global Campaign budget.