

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

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Subject of report: Commodity Management Assessment (CMA) in Pakistan

Context:

Pakistan has been distributing long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) since 2009 through continuous distribution (facility-based distribution using Lady Health Workers). Since last quarter of 2015 and 2016 LLINs are being distributed both through mass distribution and continuous distribution (community-based distribution using Lady Health Workers (LHWs), community representatives and volunteers and ANC through MCH centers). Since the beginning of the LLIN distributions, the Directorate of Malaria Control (DoMC) has put in place standard operating procedures (SOPs) including for the management of the LLINs throughout the supply chain to ensure accountability through the use of standardized tracking tools.

In 2016 LLINs were found for sale on Quetta Market in Baluchistan, Pakistan. Preliminary investigations found approximately 1,000 LLINs for sale, which were funded by the Global Fund and purchased by DoMC via the Global Fund PPM. In total, 2,013,700 LLINs were purchased at a cost of US\$5,247,433 and delivered to Pakistan between April 2014 and January 2015. Other markets were surveyed where LLINs from the same identified batches were distributed and none were found for sale in Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, or in Hyderabad in Sindh province. LLINs purchased at Quetta Market were confirmed for authenticity with the manufacturers (Yorkool and DCT Royal Sentry).

The DoMC and partners have deemed it necessary to undertake an assessment of the overall functionality of the supply chain to reinforce systems in place for accountability of LLINs as well as assess vulnerability of the distribution system and identify potential points of leakages. A commodity management assessment (CMA) will be rolled out to evaluate the strengths and challenges of the logistics system and tracking tools in use. CMA is primarily an “audit” in the sense that it will verify (within the sample) whether all LLINs are accounted for. Given concerns that accountability is not 100%, the CMA will be able to determine the actual percentage in terms of accountability based on the supply chain tracking tools. The CMA will provide data to illustrate problems and will provide recommendations on how these gaps can be filled.

Consultant in country:

- Hamisu Hassan

Planning and implementation:

As a follow up to last week's preliminary planning, the following accomplishments were made;

- The mission has been able to train data collectors from the World Food Program (WFP) and other partners. A total of 14 personnel were trained, 6 from WFP, 2 from UNOPS and 6 from DMC.
- The following monitoring plan was developed and the exercise is being monitored by the LFA (UNOPS), WFP and the DMC.

S/No.	Schedule	Timeline
1	Travel by Air to Quetta	October 10th, 2017
2	Work in Quetta for 2 days	October 11th-12th, 2017
3	Travel by Air to Karachi from Quetta	October 14th, 2017
4	Travel from Karachi to Hyderabad	October 15th, 2017
5	Work in Hyderabad for one and half day	October 16th-17th, 2017
6	Travel back to Islamabad en route Karachi	October 17th, 2017
7	Travel to Peshawar and work for one and half day	October 18th-19th, 2017
8	Travel back to Islamabad	October 19th, 2017

However the AMP consultant had to monitor remotely due to late submission of No Objection Certificate (NOC) expected to be secured before in-country movement is allowed.

- Data collection exercise is currently on going and so far the following levels have been assessed
 - Central Level DMC virtual warehouse
 - Hyderabad Regional warehouse
 - Peshawar Regional warehouse.
- The results of the assessments are being processed on the CMA data tool for further analysis.

The week ahead

- CMA exercise at Regional Levels/District Levels and warehouse assessments at regional warehouses to assess warehouse capacity, storage conditions and security
- Processing of data collected so far on the CMA tool for further analysis
- DMC document reviews and development of Draft report