

AMP - T.A. Mission Sitrep

Sierra Leone – Week #1

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Mission Dates: February 24 – March 12, 2017 (inclusive of travel)

Background

Sierra Leone will be conducting an integrated 2017 campaign tied to the biannual mother-child health weeks. The interventions, vitamin A and albendazole targeting children under five years of age, will be integrated with the universal coverage LLIN distribution. The strategy for LLINs is 1 net for 2 people, with a maximum of 3 nets per household.

Mission Support

AMP logistics TA support for this mission focused on two main elements:

- Prepare for and support NMCP team to deliver logistics training workshop in Bo Town Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2017; and
- Prepare for and support NMCP in micro planning data validation, scheduled for Mar 6-10, 2017.

Key Meetings / Visit Contacts (Formal and informal)

February 25 – March 7, 2017

Feb 27: Discussion with NMCP re: Mission Support

Feb 27: Travel to Bo Town

Feb 28 - Mar 1: District Level Logistics Workshop in Bo Town

Mar 2: Travel back to Freetown

Mar 3: Logistics sub-committee meeting

Mar 6-7: Microplanning Data Validation (first two days with central teams)

Logistics Training

AMP logistics support continued with NMCP during this first week focused on the preparations for and conducting the campaign logistics workshop. The logistics training was conducted in Bo Town, Bo District for all 14 districts with the following four representatives attending from each district: District Logistics Officer, District Pharmacist, District Malaria Focal person, and District Stores person. As well, 3 Regional warehouse managers participated. In total, there were 60 participants with facilitators.

This facilitated training with simulated logistics group/ district exercises focused on ensuring district teams were knowledgeable in logistics for the upcoming cascade training of trainers (ToT) for campaign implementation. One area that was highlighted by all participants was the district DLO access to the campaign LPoA. NMCP agreed to individually resend this campaign LPoA to all DLOs, to ensure they were aware of the campaign supply chain processes and rollout procedures.

The logistics workshop was completed successfully, with positive involvement by all participants. District experiences added value to the group activities and enhanced the workshop learning environment. During this logistics training of trainers, all participants were trained and encouraged to be prepared to cascade these logistics supply chain procedures down to all PHU personnel during campaign implementation training tentatively scheduled for April 2017.

Logistics Sub-committee

NMCP convened a logistics sub-committee (LSC) meeting on 3 March 2017 to detail, review and update the LLIN Macro plans for LLIN movement with UNICEF and Scanlog/OBT agents in-country. Attendees for this weekly LSC meeting, hosted by NMCP were:

- Thomas Ansumana – NMCP/MoHS M&E / Logistics Officer
- Brenda Stafford – Pharmacist / NMCP/MoHS
- Thomas Musa Turay – NMCP/MoHS
- Victor Sule – UNICEF
- Foday Kamara - UNICEF
- Abdul Karim Bangura – UNICEF
- Darly Smith – Scanlog/OBT
- Doug Mole – AMP Logistics TA

NMCP will be circulating points from the meeting.

Microplanning Data Validation

The data validation process began on Monday March 6th. The schedule for the week was established as:

- ✦ Mar 6-7 – central NMCP teams compile data and review Marco budget planning figures.
- ✦ Mar 8-10 – arrival of DMO teams, where final discussion and data details will be adjusted and confirmed for all districts.

(Note: March 8th was declared a holiday for International Women's Day and the arrival of the DMOs teams will be delayed by one day. The validation workshop with DMO teams will commence from Mar 9-11 now.)

Upcoming Activities for Week #2

- Continue supporting the validation processes for all campaign data from the micro planning gathering exercise.
- Conduct AMP TA support debrief with Programme Manager, Dr. Smith hopefully on March 10, 2017 in Freetown.