

AMP - T.A. Mission Sitrep
Sierra Leone – Week #2

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References: AMP Terms of Reference (ToRs) Draft dated February 21, 2017
AMP Terms of Reference (ToRs) dated August 2016
AMP TA Mission Week #1 Sitrep dated March 7, 2017

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)

March 8-10, 2017

- * Mar 9-11 - Microplanning Data Validation (three days with central and district teams)
- * Mar 10: - Logistics sub-committee weekly meeting
- * Mar 10: - NMCP Debrief

Logistics Sub-committee

NMCP convened a logistics sub-committee (LSC) meeting on 10 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 indicated they will be circulating points from the LSC meeting discussions.

Some Key Updates

After discussions held on March 9, 2017 with Dr. Smith and the NMCP team and the above LSC meeting, one major adjustment was to eliminate the 10% LLIN holdback for certain areas. Due to population figures being challenging for WA, planned 10% holdback quantities will still be maintained for LLINs designated for WA as a result of the large variance in population figures. UNICEF will deliver 100% of

their LLINs with no “holdback” to their designated districts. NMCP and LSC also agreed that movement of the “holdback” of LLIN quantities that Scanlog is moving down to regional warehouses will continue due to shipments being containerized. However, once received by regional warehouses, it was decided that these nets should be moved swiftly out of the regional warehouses and delivered to DMS locations, as per the 10% holdback amounts.

During this week, the weekly shipping status reports showed the possibility of a delay of the last few shipments. With this information, NMCP and the LSC held discussions to consider the campaign implications and decide on how to handle LLIN shipments that may be delayed. The confirmed campaign launch date of May 18, 2017 may be too tight to meet delivery timings to 2 to 3 districts. It was decided to explore whether pushing the launch date to June 1st, 2017 was possible. It was recognized that this point is urgent and needs resolution as soon as possible.

As well, NMCP LSC decided to develop delivery details for “drop off” points for UNICEF deliveries to their predetermined allocated districts. NMCP committed to providing these details as soon as possible.

Microplanning Data Validation

The data validation process began on Monday March 6th with two-days for central staff to correlate the data collected. Due to a national holiday on March 8th, this week’s microplanning session was re-arranged to March 9 – 11, (as TA mission dates were set, TA only attended two of the three planned days).

The schedule for this week was established with the arrival of DMO, DHMT teams and Regional Councillors for March 9, 2017. This 3-day final portion of the validation data process involved final discussions, cleansing of all district microplanning data, and having the details adjusted and confirmed for all districts. This MoHS/NMCP workshop was attended by 150 participants from all 14 districts within Sierra Leone.

Debrief

An AMP TA support debrief was conducted with the Programme Manager, Dr. Smith, and his team on March 10, 2017 in Freetown to discuss recommendations and suggested next steps. AMP logistics TA support departed Freetown on March 11, 2017.

Proviso

The information and data included in the sitrep has been gathered from a variety of sources and through collaborative meetings, but are subject to change as Sierra Leone program decisions are made at various levels. This sitrep represents a summary of the collaborative processes / discussions engaged in between February 27th to March 10th, 2017.