

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

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Background:

Sierra Leone will be conducting 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.

Meetings / Visit Contacts: (Formal and informal)

January 18 - 24, 2017

- Dr. Jambai – Deputy Chief Medical Officer (CMO), MoHS
- Dr. S.J. Smith - PM NMCP/MoHS
- Dr. Adikali A. Kamara – Deputy PM NMCP/MoHS
- Dr. Lua Saganda – WHO, NPO
- Dr. Nuizhat Rafique – UNICEF
- F. Kamara – UNICEF
- Michael A. Ndolie – WHO
- Fodany Kamara – UNICEF
- Musa Sillah-Kanu – NMCP/MoHS Snr M&E Officer
- Ngadi Lombi – NMCP/MoHS Admin Focal Point
- Nelson Fofana – NMCP / MoHS
- Anitta Kumara – NMCP/MoHS SNR Case Management Officer
- Thomas Ansumana – NMCP/MoHS M&E / Logistics Officer
- Olivier Byicaza NK – MSH Representative, Sierra Leone
- Gandi Kallon – District Social Mobilization Coordinator, DHMT Western Area
- Ebrima Juaju – CRS PM
- Nancy Mansaray – CRS, Freetown

AMP technical support continued with NMCP during this past week, specifically in finalizing the campaign plan of action (PoA) and the campaign budget with supporting assumptions. As well, further preparation focused on the upcoming training of trainers (ToT) microplanning workshop.

One AMP support staff (Marcy Erskine) departed mission area on January 21, 2017. Both AMP consultants received an updated country security briefing from IFRC mission office in Freetown on January 19, 2017.

AMP technical support for this mission focused on two elements:

1. Detailed discussions to finalize and align the campaign PoA, campaign budget, communication plan, logistics PoA and timelines
2. Prepare for the microplanning TOT and up-country missions to facilitate the development of the district level microplans and budgets.

Implementation / Technical / Logistics

2. Campaign Activity Timeline

Campaign dates for the MCHW in Sierra Leone have yet to be confirmed by MoHS. Presently two dates have been suggested for the Sierra Leone MCHW being late May or first week of June, 2017.

3. Campaign PoA (Guidelines)

Final draft of the PoA was shared with NMCP and partners for their final review and finalization. PoA is now aligned with the campaign budget, logistic plan and communication plan.

4. Microplanning ToT Workshop (Agendas / Tools)

Tools and agenda were developed for the microplanning ToT workshop. The Deputy Chief Medical Officer of MoHS, Dr. Jambai, opened the workshop in Freetown on January 23, 2017 with 56 participants, i.e. 4 national supervisors per district.

5. Micro Planning ToT Workshop

AMP continues to provide technical assistance to the NMCP ToT workshop. The Freetown venue was identified and prepared for the workshop. There are 56 national supervisors attending training plus national facilitators and malaria partners (from UNICEF, WHO, CRS). This workshop is scheduled to run from January 23, 2017 for 4 days, and 1 day (January 27, 2017) focused on the national supervisors who will cascade the micro planning in western area urban and rural for their micro planning at zonal level. The national ToT will be followed by data collection field trips to all districts for a 10-day period, starting January 31, 2017.

6. Communication

Communication PoA and budget final drafted shared with NMCP and partners for final review. These are now aligned with the integrated campaign PoA. The communication activities need to move forward rapidly in terms of development of key messages and materials to allow for timely production for the campaign. Social mobilization and community engagement micro data gathering tools were further modified and presented at the NMCP micro planning workshop. These tools have been shared with the districts to facilitate data collection.

7. Logistics

Logistics micro data gathering information were presented at the NMCP microplanning workshop ran during January 23-26, 2017. This campaign workshop utilized presentations and detail group work with mapping exercises and simulated data gathering activities. During this training of trainers, all participants were crossed trained in all areas of the data collection process, thus ensuring a complete picture of facts get gathered from each district.

NMCP standalone logistics training is tentatively schedule for the third week of February 2017. It will take place in the district town of Bo for a 2-day period. Four district personnel will attend this training to include the district logistics officer (DLO), malaria focal person (MFP), district pharmacist, and the district store person. This training must be completed prior to delivery of LLIN from central level. Presently the first 22 containers are schedule to arrive in selected districts around the first week of March 2017.

NMCP must convene the logistics sub-committee (LSC) to detail LLIN strategic plan for LLIN movement within urban/rural Freetown with UNICEF and the IDA contracted agent in-country.

Upcoming Activities for Week #3

- Continue conducting scheduled ToT microplanning workshop in Freetown.
- Conduct a 1-day workshop with Freetown DHMT supervisors on both urban/rural arrangements for LLIN distribution strategy on January 27, 2017.
- NMCP to review completed campaign PoA, communication plan, logistics POA and timeline and NMCP to submit to Global Fund.
- Complete the review of the campaign budget, with associated aligned activities and supporting assumptions and NMCP to submit to Global Fund.
- NMCP and Freetown DMHT to discuss effective urban distribution scenarios of LLINs.
- Confirm funding for campaign planned microplanning field trip (scheduled for January 31 to February 9, 2017), microplanning data reconciliation and 2-day logistics training activities.