

AMP - T.A. Mission Sitrep **Sierra Leone – Week #3**

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References: AMP Terms of Reference (ToRs) dated August 2016
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Mission Dates: January 10 - 31, 2017

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 25 - 31, 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. Nuizhat Rafique – 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
- Alexander Taylor – 177 Call Center Manager

AMP technical support continued with NMCP during this past week, specifically in supporting the national level training of trainers/national campaign supervisors on microplanning plan for the campaign (including social mobilization and logistic microplanning) and fine-tuning the microplan tools and assisting in determining a clear understanding of the microplanning process for Western Area Urban.

AMP technical support for this mission focused on three elements:

1. Providing technical support to the core master trainers during the training of national campaign supervisors during the national level ToT in Freetown (including adjusting the microplanning tools).
2. Planning for and agreeing to the strategy being deployed in Western Area Urban and Rural.
3. Prepare for the microplanning in the districts (generation of district micro plans 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. NMCP will need to review and adjust the final few areas both in the budget and PoA that need clarification prior to accepting as a final document.

4. *Micro Planning ToT Workshop*

AMP continues to provide technical assistance to the NMCP ToT workshop. Fifty-six national supervisors plus national facilitators and malaria partners (from UNICEF, WHO, CRS) attended a 4 days participatory training from January 23 – 26. The participants undertook hands on practise in drawing community maps, data entry into the microplanning template, completion of logistics tools and social mobilization microplanning tools. In order to test the understanding of national supervisors of the integrated campaign in general and specifically microplanning process, a post test was designed and undertaken by all the supervisors with an average score of 64 (range 54 – 94 percent). This allowed the facilitators to emphasize some of the points that appeared unclear to some supervisors. One day (January 27) further discussions were held with the Western Area Urban DHMT, NMCP, malaria partners and AMP consultants to determine a clear schedule of activities developed to fast track implementation of quality microplanning in these densely populated urban communities. Field trips to all the districts are scheduled to commence on 31 January 2017 pending funding.

5. *Communication*

The SocMob timeline was reviewed and shared with NMCP, HED and partners for finalization as well. In addition, the hang-up write and budget were finalized for review by NMCP and HED. 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.

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 last week in February 2017. It will take place in the district town of Bo for a 2-day period. Four district personnel from the 14 districts 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. NMCP has asked IDA for their selected in-country freight forwarder and are awaiting confirmation as to company name and location. Once provided, NMCP logistics and the LSC will need to commence detailed planning of the macro delivery system for the district LLINs.

Upcoming Activities for Week #4

- NMCP to review completed campaign PoA, communication plan, logistics POA and timeline and NMCP must adjust and complete documents prior to submitting to Global Fund.
- NMCP must complete the review of the campaign budget, with associated aligned activities and supporting assumptions, adjust and complete final document prior and to submit to Global Fund.

- NMCP and Freetown DMHT to continue discusses for 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.
- AMP support departed mission as follows:
 - James Ssekitooleko departed mission area on January 28th ,
 - Debriefed NMCP on January 30th and
 - Doug Mole departed mission area on January 31st.