

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report: AMP TA to NMCP Togo, September 12, 2017

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Context: Togo's last mass distribution campaign was in 2014. To sustain the gains achieved in the past, the Ministry of Health is implementing a mass LLIN replacement campaign to distribute LLINs nationwide to beneficiaries in 2017. The allocation strategy proposed during macro-planning was to provide one LLIN per sleeping space.

The Togo population estimated for the campaign at 7 531 928 is a projection derived from the 2010 census adjusted by a 2,84% annual increase. The GF accepted adding a 14% buffer in the LLIN needs quantification exercise based on the 2014 household registration experience. Thus the result of dividing the population by 1,8 to provide 1 net for every 2 people (rounded up) and adding 14 % led to **4 770 250** LLINs being procured for the 2017 campaign.

Consultant in country: Jean Marc Grégoire from August 20th, 2017 to September 14th, 2017

Mission Objectives: Provide Technical Assistance and support to the Togo NMCP in preparing the final phase of operations leading to the 2017 universal coverage LLIN distribution campaign

The priorities of the current mission are:

- Advise the National Coordination Committee on solutions to resolve issues delaying campaign implementation
- Support the review and update according to validated LLIN allocation numbers LLIN positioning plans
- Advise the Campaign communication committee in reviewing campaign messages to prepare for the distribution
- Support the organisation, training and supervision process to prepare for the LLIN distribution

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

See previous Sitreps for information re situation prior to August 25th .

- The campaign supply chain and management structure breakdown divides the country into 6 regions, 40 districts, 719 Health Centres and 2,491 Distribution points.
- Distribution of LLINs to the population originally planned for end of June was reprogrammed to end of July, early August and finally September 20 to 24th due to delays in:
 - LLINs arriving in country,
 - procurement of materials for household registration delayed,
 - awarding of contract for transport from District to Distribution Points (Estimated August 25th)
 - re-programming quantification strategy for distribution due to deficit for sleeping spaces.
- After analysis of possible quantification scenarios for LLIN distribution, distributing nationwide according one LLIN per 2 people was proposed to the CNO August 25th and to the Minister of health on August 28th
- At a meeting with the Minister of Health August 31th to further review options the possibility was proposed of splitting the distribution into 2 phases. If nets are distributed according to what is written on

coupons ie 1 per sleeping space part of the country has to wait for a 2nd phase distribution in 6 to 8 months while the 825 000 gap is procured.

- The option chosen is distributing in September according to sleeping spaces in all districts other than the Lome Urban area was chosen. A second distribution for the Lome urban area will be programmed in 2018 when the LLINs will be available.
- The 350 contracted personnel for data entry of all the vouchers as agreed to by AMF and the Togo government has been encountering organisational problems and delays. All data for the 105 % of the AMF supplied distribution areas is done. The raw data still has to be cleansed and integrated into one package before sending to AMF.
- Togo internet providers have not been able to provide a high speed fibre optic internet connection to the data entry local to permit using the AMF data management program. The PR had data operators use their individual computers and a NMCP data entry program. Assembling data from the different sources has been a major headache and reason for the delays.
- **Information received at end of day announces protest marches by opposition parties on March 19th and 20th. If this were to be confirmed it is very probable that the distribution planned for September 20-24 be postponed.**

Logistics/supply chain:

- All LLINs were stored in central warehouses in the Lomé area awaiting shipment to District level which started June 15th.
- The Togo armed forces has completed the pre-positioning 85% of LLINs according to micro-planning needs to District level . Wary of using military vehicles during the recent civil disturbances they have been unable to finish positioning the last 15% to the District warehouses.
- All but 3 District have finished positioning of district stocks to Health Centres. Final shipments of the 85 % should be done by September 16th.
- NMCP has mobilised alternate government vehicles to send the final 15 % to the Districts for those health centres close to the district warehouses.
- Positioning only the nets needed for Distribution in all but the 5 districts of Lome Commune and Golfe will leave a balance of 778 096 LLINs to be stored at a government warehouse in Lome till the 825,000 net gap is procured for the second distribution in 2018.

Upcoming events (Planned pending confirmation re political protests

- September 13th to 19th positioning of LLINs from the 719 Health centres to the 2,491 Distribution Points
- Official launch of the distribution is planned for September 19th Notsé, in Plateau region
- Distribution to population September 20th to 24th
- National and regional supervisors are to carry out a physical inventory of District and Health Centre warehouses to validate stock positions before distribution.
- Physical inventories at HC level are also to be verified after the distribution by supervisors as part of the end process survey.
- A 3 day rapid end process survey after the distribution
- A MIS survey which will identify coverage and usage is being programmed. (in October?)