

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report: AMP TA to NMCP Congo, November 13 to 21, 2017

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Context: Congo's last mass distribution campaign was in 2012. 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 2019. The allocation strategy to provide 1 LLIN per 2 people requires quantification of LLIN needs according to population divided by 1,8 which allows to round up LLIN allocation when households have uneven population. (1,3,5..)

The Congo population estimated for the 2019 campaign at 5 031 24 2 is a projection derived from the 2007 census adjusted by a 2,6% annual increase. The GF accepted adding a 10% buffer in the LLIN needs quantification to compensate for possible projection uncertainties due to the time since the last census. Thus the result of dividing the population by 1,8 to provide 1 net for every 2 people (rounded up) and adding 10 % establishes a procurement need of 3 074 649 LLINs for the 2019 campaign which the Global Fund has agreed to finance.

AMP Consultant in country: Jean Marc Grégoire from November 13, to December 2nd 2017

Mission Objectives: Following a request for support to RBM from the Congo malaria control programme NMCP with questions related to mass campaign implementation and logistics in preparing their GF funding application for malaria, due for submission in December 2017 for a universal coverage LLIN distribution campaign to be implemented in 2019.

The priorities are Advise the National Coordination Committee in the preparation of the following documents during a 2 week workshop:

- chronogramme of all campaign activities;
- detailed campaign budget;
- LLINs procurement plan;
- List of discussion and decision points on the proposed strategy of the campaign, logistics strategy, strategy for monitoring and evaluation based on the macro plans and other relevant documents

RBM Consultant Hilaire Zon is also in country to support the questions concerning Global Fund template requirements related to GF grants and Funding Request.

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- The campaign supply chain and management structure breakdown divides the country into 12 departments, 52 districts, 348 Health Centres and an estimated 1,600 Distribution points.
- Distribution of LLINs to the population is planned for July 2019 before the rainy season.
- An option of the distribution into 2 phases according to regional rainy season, supply chain and management capacity being considered.

Logistics/supply chain:

- To respond to transport problems from Pointe Noire to Brazzaville and storage capacity, delivery strategy proposed is for reception at a northern region warehouse in Brazzaville (8 departements) and a southern region warehouse in Pointe Noire (4 departements)
- The in country positioning strategy is to have LLINs transported from the 2 regional warehouses to the 52 Health Districts where they will transit 2-4 weeks before being positioned at the 348 Health Centres for transport to the Distribution Points in the week before distribution.

Upcoming events: Congo NMCP submits all required grant making process documents on November 30th 2017