

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report: AMP TA to NMCP Congo, November 21 to 28, 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 5 031 242 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: Provide technical advice to the Congo national malaria control programme (NMCP) and partners related to mass campaign implementation and logistics and support in preparing of the GF malaria grant funding application due for submission in December 2017 for a universal coverage LLIN distribution campaign to be implemented in 2019.

The priorities are to advise in the preparation of the following documents during a 2 week workshop:

- chronogram of all campaign activities (GATT chart);
- detailed campaign budget;
- LLINs procurement and positioning 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

Situation upon arrival in country

- RBM Consultant Hilaire Zon is also in country to support the questions concerning Global Fund template requirements related to GF grants and Funding Request.
- The Global Fund has requested that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) act as the principal recipient (PR) for the 2019 LLIN distribution campaign. A team of CRS staff (Baltimore, Kinshasa) and external resources has been in country since early November the support the GF grant application process.

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- The campaign supply chain and health system management structure breakdown divides the country into 12 departments, 52 districts, 350 Health Centres.

- Distribution of LLINs to the population through an estimated 1,170 Distribution points is planned for July 2019 before the rainy season.
- As in the past the main grouping of activities leading to a distribution of LLINs will be macro-planning and budget review, micro planning workshops, budget review, training of trainers for household registration and distribution, training of registration workers, household registration, delivery to distribution points, training of distribution workers and a 5 day distribution of LLINs to household representatives
- Independent monitoring during household registration to validate geographical coverage and data quality has been accepted by Congo NMCP and will be budgeted in the GF grant application

Logistics/supply chain:

- Specifications call for the purchase of rectangular nets to be supplied in bulk packaging conditioned in bales of 50 LLINs.
- To diminish the risk of transport problems from Pointe Noire to Brazzaville and the possible shortage of storage capacity at one delivery location, the strategy proposed for Congo is delivery to a northern region warehouse in Brazzaville and a southern region warehouse in Pointe Noire .

Warehouse	Départements
Zone sud Pointe Noire	Pointe Noire, Kouilou, Niari, Lekoumou, Bouenza
Zone nord Brazzaville	Brazzaville, Pool, Cuvette, Cuvette-Ouest, Plateaux, Likouala, Sangha

- Taking into account the estimated needs for the 12 departments and the 10% buffer of LLINS, Pointe Noire would receive 25,392 bales of 50 nets (51 containers) and Brazzaville, 36,101 bales (66 containers).

Destination	MILDA	Ballots
MILDA zone sud Pointe Noire	1 154 500	23 090
Réserve Pointe Noire	115 100	2 302
MILDA zone nord Brazzaville	1 640 950	32 819
Réserve Brazzaville	164 100	3 282
CONGO Total achat MILDA	3 074 650	61 493

- 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 350 Health Centres for transport to the estimated 1,170 Distribution Points in the week before distribution.

Upcoming events:

- The National Coordination Commission will meet on November 30th 2017, to review plans and documents. The NCC needs to approve these before they are submitted to the GF.
- Having received a 2 day extension, Congo NMCP will submit all required grant making process documents to the GF before December 4th.