

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Alliance for Malaria Prevention: Nigeria situation report (sitrep)

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Context:

Nigeria implemented a first round of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN) mass campaigns between 2009 and 2013 where over 57 million LLINs were distributed in the 36 States of the country and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The LLIN distribution strategy for the initial campaigns was to distribute two nets for every household in the country, with households receiving net cards during the household mobilization phase of activities that were exchanged for LLINs at fixed distribution points.

To sustain the gains achieved in the past, and to further contribute to effective malaria vector control in the country, replacement campaigns were commenced using a universal coverage strategy of one LLIN for every two people in a household, with a maximum of 4 nets per household. Between December 2013 and November 2016, more than 58 million LLINs in 22 States. Currently, there are 15 States remaining that have not had replacement campaigns and it is urgent that the population of these States is covered with new LLINs to sustain gains achieved through the initial mass campaigns. Of these 15 State, the 6 States of Edo, Kwara, Imo, Ondo, Osun and Adamawa have been earmarked for 2017 campaigns with funding from Global Fund through CRS. An additional 2 States (Sokoto and Nasarawa) are targeted for campaigns with USAID/PMI funding. The strategy for the implementation of the replacement campaigns in 2017 in the six GF-funded States is building on the achievements and lessons learned from past campaigns, while introducing new technologies to improve efficiency and transparency.

The CRS Cash and Asset Transfer (CAT) platform¹ and Android phones are being tested in Oyun LGA, Kwara state (in place of paper-based system) during mobilization, distribution and monitoring/end use surveys to register and track beneficiaries, as well as monitor LLIN stock levels and distributions. The platform is also being used to track attendees at various training events and facilitate electronic money payments.

This pilot phase is to allow CRS replicate lessons learned in the other ICT4D States during the campaigns.

Consultant in country:

- James Ssekitooleko
- Dates for missions – April 12 to May 17, 2017

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- Technical aspects (development of guides, tools, data collection forms, training agendas, micro planning templates, etc.)

¹ Operating on the RedRose ONE system

- Process evaluation tools for the 2017 mass campaign pilot with use of information communication technology for development (ICT4D) were developed and currently being used for the pilot evaluation.
- Finalization of the facilitators' manual for the household mobilizers and distribution point personnel for the campaign.
- Training (planned trainings, quality of trainings, etc.)
 - Cascade training for Oyun LGA pilot campaign was undertaken with a total 213 personnel trained. Below is the breakdown: 4 state team, 4 independent monitors, 4 LGA team, 1 state supervisor, 22 ward supervisors, and 178 household mobilizers. Adult learning methodologies were used for these trainings with hands-on and practical sessions.
 - Ward supervisors and household mobilizers were trained on the use of technology to conduct household mobilization in all the 11 wards in Oyun local government area.
- Household registration (process, quality, data collection and management, etc.)
 - Eighty nine teams of household mobilizers were deployed to cover 11 wards for the 9 days household registration and mobilization using devices. Real time data were relayed to the data collection centre with automatic aggregation.
 - On day 1, a total of 5067 were mobilized by 89 teams with an average of 7 minutes spent on mobilization per household. In addition, 13645 nets were distributed to the household with an average of 2.6 net card per household.
 - Conducted key informant interviews and observations of the household mobilization process
 - Monitoring of the HH mobilization is being conducted by the ward supervisors, LGA supervisors, ICT4D master trainers and State team using forms i9a and i94D. Similarly, 4 independent monitors are also conducting monitoring using form i9a.
- Logistics
 - A total of 962 bales (73100 nets) were delivered to Oyun LGA stores on 17 April 2017 and handed over to NMEP and the State. Logistic micro positioning plan of the nets has been developed.
- Demand creation
 - Twenty-two town announcers (2 per ward) were trained and deployed in the communities to mobilize the communities for the household mobilization. Being a pilot in one LGA, radio spots were not aired to minimize confusion from the neighbouring local governments.

The week ahead

- Overview of week's activities (April 20 – 26, 2017)
 - Continue process evaluation of the pilot in Oyun LGA. Below is the breakdown of the upcoming campaign activities as per the pilot timelines.

	Activity	Dates
1	Completion of household mobilization	April 19 - 21
2	Consolidation of household mobilization data	April 22-25
3	Syncing and mop up	April 23 - 25
4	Orientation of DP conveyors	April 24
5	Transport of LLINs to distribution points	April 25 - 28
6	Training of distribution point teams	April 26 - 27
7	Radio jingles and messages on LLIN distribution	April 23 - May 2