

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #24 – Liberia

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Campaign summary table

Target population (2021)	4,931,090 (2018 campaign microplan population projected to 2021 at a growth rate of 2.1 %.)
Scale of campaign	National, covering all 15 counties in Liberia
Total number of ITNs required.	2,739,494
Number of IG2 (quantity by funder)	All IG 2 nets procured by Global Fund.
Date planned for distribution	May - Jun 2021

Context:

Liberia National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) is planning to organize an insecticide treated net (ITN) mass distribution campaign in 2021. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic resulting in national restrictions being put in place to prevent its transmission, the NMCP is obliged to align the planning for the campaign with the new context and design adapted, safe and innovative approaches to deliver the nets to the end users. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, Liberia also will be distributing a new net type, Interceptor G2, and it is critical that high quality implementation is assured for maximum coverage with the ITNs.

There have been a series of challenges and delays for completing the documents in the first quarter of 2021 during the TA initial support over the period including

- Lack of final decisions for the in-country supply chain
- Lack of information for effective planning for waste management
- Lack of detailed planning for monitoring and evaluation
- Adjustment to the communication plan to better align to the context of COVID-19

Objectives for the mission:

This is a follow-up from the first quarter where work continued to finalize the macroplanning package submitted to GF in late February and comments received in early March 2021 which required to be addressed quickly towards implementation of activities.

The coming three months will be intensive in order to finalize the data collection materials, logistics supply chain plans, training material, etc. After the initial phase the support will be punctual with the TA providers giving support for key activities such as cleaning and validation of the microplans, participating in the training of trainers, supporting on data management and any decisions required after the household registration has been completed and developing the final campaign reports.

TA update:

- Liberia team is currently completing the microplanning in Nimba and Grand Kru counties.
- Final draft of registration and ITN distribution data tools completed. A zoom call meeting was organized for the fine tuning and discussions with the participation of the service providers. The tools are ready for sign off for production.
- The campaign tracker has undergone a minor revision to account for the week lost due to the prolonged microplanning in Nimba and Grand Kru counties. Campaign training activities will now commence on the week of 26th April 2021.
- Consolidation of microplanning data will commence from 17th to 19th April 2021. TAs have developed appropriate templates to facilitate easy and rapid data cleaning, validation and consolidation.
- AMP TA currently working on the finalization of SOPs, training manuals and agendas for the campaign training activities.
- The eighteen (18) 40ft containers that arrived in country on 26th March, are already cleared from customs, out of the port and in custody of General Service Agency (GSA).
- Currently the containers are being transported from Monrovia to the FLBs giving priority to the FLBs that are going to supply the districts located in the most hard to reach areas.
- SOPs and rapid training material developed for the training of the GSA personnel
- The other consignment is expected to arrive at the port of Monrovia on 13 April 2021

Challenges:

- Delays in signing the service agreement within MOH and GSA is putting GSA in an uncomfortable position as they are already implementing the assignment of moving and storing the ITNs.
- Inability to meet up with assigned /agreed task and subsequent disruption of timelines.

Week ahead:

- Finalize SOPs, agendas and other training materials

- Microplanning data consolidation
- Training plans and finalization of training logistics(personnel deployment, emergency tools for training, etc.)
- Finalize the planning for the management of ITNs plastic bags after distribution at the distribution points and during D2D distribution