AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #25 - 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 consolidating the district microplanning figures after completing microplanning that was pending in Nimba and Grand Kru counties.
 The consolidated data will be used to update the campaign budgets and required resources.
- Data collection tools and SOPs are being finalized. The procurement of campaign tools and materials is ongoing. Selection of suppliers for campaign tools to be contracted this week and printing of the tools to commence immediately. Plan has taken delivery of some logistics tools. The full compliment of tools and materials is expected to be delivered by the first week of May 2021.
- The delivery of the eighteen (18)40ft containers that arrived in country on 26th to the FLBs is not yet completed.
- The final batch of 69 containers is expected to arrive in the free port of Monrovia on 21 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.
- The entire Liberia NMCP is focused on the consolidation of the microplanning and not reacting or paying attention to other very critical aspects and important needs/requirements for the implementation of the campaign activities.
- NMCP not attending the logistics emergency meeting on regular basis.
- The M&E plan of action is yet to be finalized despite GF deadline which has since passed

Week ahead:

- Finalize SOPs, agendas and other training materials
- Completion of microplanning data consolidation
- Finalize training plans. National ToT is slated to commence next week.
- Draft the country policy for the nets type transition