# **AMP** The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

## <u>Situation report #26 – Liberia</u>

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# Campaign summary table

Target population (2021)	<b>4,931,090 (2018 campaign microplan population projected to 2021</b> 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:

- There has been no progress with resolving the issues with the microplan consolidation. due to a lot of errors of the microplanning from the districts
- It has been agreed that facilitators will meet with their district teams during the cascade training sessions next week and resolve the issues. That appeared to be the only available remediation
- Final draft of the M&E PoA was shared earlier today. Comments and inputs were provide to the NMCP M&E team by the AMP TA regarding the need for clarity on the use of KoBo as well as the new strategy to use 25 independent for the campaign end process.
- All the 18 containers that arrived in country on 26 April have already been sent to the FLB and bales unloaded at the FLB storage facilities.
- The second and final batch of 69 containers arrived at the free port of Monrovia on 21 April and GSA have already started moving them from the free port of Monrovia to the storage facilities FLBs.
- Plan Liberia have already started sending campaign tools and materials to the counties and hand them over to the selected services providers.

### **Challenges:**

- GSA is not yet comfortable with the fact that the service level agreement that was already signed by them is still to be signed by MOH, Ministry of Finance and Justice and they are continuing working without a contract.
- Delays in paying the outstanding bill for demurrage and storage costs may delay the process of the movement of containers from the port to the FLB storage facilities as the shipping line advised that will not release the documentation for the 2/3 of the containers that arrived if the bill is not paid on time.
- 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