AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #23 - 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 %.) |
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| 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:

- Microplanning workshops and completion of microplanning templates completed in 13 counties. Nimba and Grand Kru to complete their next week.
- Revised household registration and ITN distribution data tools aligned with the hybrid strategy of the campaign have been shared with NMCP/Plan international for their adaptation and sign off for production.
- AMP TA currently working on development of SOPs, training manuals and agendas for the campaign training activities.
- MOH and GF have reach the agreement of using the GSA facilities to store nets though there are still details to be clarified in terms of roles and responsibilities.
- Eighteen (18)40ft containers arrived in country on 26th March, almost 10 days earlier than expected and before MOH and GF reached consensus on country delivery mechanism, storage and in-country supply chain.
- The clearing process is ongoing and there are also ongoing discussions on where to deliver the containers after clearance following the above agreement.

Challenges:

- Delay in the completion of microplanning in Nimba and Grand Kru has delayed the commencement of data consolidation which would have commenced this week.
- Roles and responsibilities along the in-country supply chain for the different actors involved in the logistics operations is still unclear.
- Lack of regular updates on timelines for the printing of campaign materials and tools including PPEs.

Week ahead:

- Finalize SOPs, agendas and other training materials
- Planning for the 18 containers that are already in country giving priority to the most hard to reach areas.
- Define the roles and responsibilities for transportation and management of PPFs
- Planning for trainings of logistics personnel