

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #18 – 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 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.

Objectives for the mission:

This is a follow-on mission to 2 earlier missions in 2020. At the end of 2020, information was received regarding the ITN delivery that requires that the logistics plan is completely revised. The communication plan has elements that require further reflection and updating in line with recommendations from financial and technical partners. The budget has not yet been updated with these changes and aligned to the plan, which is creating a delay in submitting the final documents for approval by the Global Fund. Additionally, the new microplanning packages have not yet been reviewed with the in-country partners in Liberia and will need to be adjusted and finalized following a virtual orientation to the entire microplanning package. Finally, with the changes that have come in late 2020, the training packages will need to also

be updated prior to their use. The objective is to complete the development of the campaign macro plans and set the stage for microplanning and implementation activities.

TA update:

- Final draft of key campaign macro documents has been shared with NMCP/Plan. This includes the campaign plan of action, the communication plan of action, the logistics plan of action and the campaign budget. Discussions are ongoing to finalize the M&E plan.
- The campaign tracker has been reset and it is being updated. If approval is received from GF, microplanning should commence on the 14th of March to kick-start implementation activities.
- MOH procurement unit has been working on the cost benefit analysis of the 2 options for the in-country supply chain on the table, to determine the one that is most cost-efficient. The final report of this exercise is to be shared with GF by MOH/NMCP.
- It appears the NMCP have taken a preliminary decision in selecting the option of warehousing the ITNs centrally in Monrovia and transporting the nets directly from the central warehouse, to the district warehouses as opposed to the use of the 5 existing Government of Liberia/General Service Agency (GOL/GSA) warehouses located in 5 regions made available by USAID/PMI.
- There are ongoing communication by NMCP with the districts, to identify districts that may not have warehouses with enough capacity to receive all ITNs allocated to them. For these ones, ITNs will be moved from central warehouse to counties and from there to districts.
- For door to door distribution in Montserrado, NMCP have also indicated that they will not be using mobile warehouses to supply the distribution teams. The plan is to provide wheelbarrows for the teams to pick the ITNs/bales, from the prepositioning sites.
- A run through of the communication microplanning package have been done for the communication team. All communication microplanning data tools have been agreed and are ready for use for the campaign..

Challenges:

- Even with the completion of the development of the key macro documents, submission of the documents to GF is being delayed. NMCP and Plan have not reached agreement on when to submit the documents.
- Not using mobile warehouse to supply door to door teams in Montserrado, will bring a lot of pressure to the supply chain and D2D teams and will require a very solid transportation plan.

Week ahead:

- Review of technical/implementation and logistics microplanning and implementation tools
- Working out details for the macro and micro transport plans.