

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #15 – 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

- AMP TA commenced the 3rd mission to complete the development of macro documents for the Liberia campaign and set the stage for microplanning and other implementation activities. The TA workplan is undergoing internal AMP review.
- Continued with the line -by-line walk through of the draft campaign budget. The objective to have a final draft of the budget within the week under review
- Participated in the weekly communication thematic group call. Some key decisions reached included eliminating the use of district community communicators and substituting the use of town criers in rural areas. The use of leaflets has also been discarded as it is out of tune with COVID-19 IPC.
- TAs are also reviewing and updating campaign draft macro documents in readiness for their subsequent realignment with the emerging issues across logistics, communications, and technical/implementation lines.
- In-person campaign launches in county seats will likely be eliminated and substituted with broadcast launches as a COVID prevention measure

Challenges:

- Poor internet connectivity have resulted in poor quality of calls and have negatively affected deliberations.

Week ahead:

- Continue updating of the plans of action to reflect changes in strategy.
- Complete the budget walk through process and present draft budget at the Liberia general call.
- Align LPoA and Communication PoA with the campaign POA and budget
- Participate at the Technical/M&E and Logistics calls as well as the Liberia general call on Friday.
- Begin revising microplanning templates to account in changes to Communication POA