

# AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

## Situation report #20 – Liberia

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### Campaign summary table

Target population (2021)	<b>4,931,090 (2018 campaign microplan population projected to 2021 at a growth rate of 2.1 %.)</b>
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.

### 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:**

- TA team continued support for the review of the campaign implementation tools. The current plan is to adopt the most recent tools used for the Sierra Leone campaign with SOPs already developed.
- TA team supported NMCP and Plan Liberia in addressing comments from GF on the campaign budget as follows:
  - Alignment of DSA and other rates across the implementers budget lines.
  - Addressing issues relating to the use of the word ‘contingency’ and using “buffer” instead. Actual removal of non-essential buffers.
  - NMCP and Plan are to work together to address DSA rates, document and justify all increased amounts in the budget
  - NMCP and Plan are also working together to come up with an reasonable explanation on number of vehicles to rent as compared to number of existing available program vehicles that can be used for the campaign activities
  - Continued work on the review and finalization of the M&E plan of action which was submitted to the GF as “work in progress”
- Feedback is still being awaited from the GF on the logistics component of the budget including procurement for central level warehousing and transportation of ITNs from central level to districts.

**Challenges:**

- Lack of consensus between plan and NMCP on rates and DSA leading to different rates for transport, DSA, hall rentals within the same budget.

**Week ahead:**

- Finalize review of data collection tools and SOPs
- Define the urban strategy for microplanning and implementation in Montserrado.
- Conduct virtual orientation for NMCP and partners on the microplanning package and process.