

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #19 – 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:

- The campaign macroplanning documents were submitted to the Global Fund on 26th February 2021. The documents submitted include the campaign plan of action, the logistics plan of action, the communications plan of action, the campaign budget, campaign tracker and draft of M&E plan.
- TA team continued support for the review of the campaign implementation tools. The exercise is to be completed within the week to enable commencement of production activities
- TA team accompanied Marcy to participated in a catch-up meeting with GF Liberia country team. TA team provided update on the status of plans for the campaign and responded to specific questions. We discussed potential risks to the campaign and proffered advice to mitigate the campaign risk. In this regard, we also made a case for expedited approval or “no objection” for certain campaign activities that were time bound especially in the context of the tight campaign timeline.
- GF as of today have given approval for NMCP and Plan international to commence with implementing key activities as follows:
 - Printing of logistics tools, vouchers, communication and M&E materials as well as PPEs in accordance with the PR’s Procurement Policy & Regulations and Global Fund Grant Agreements
 - Procurement of district warehouses and transportation of ITNs from district level.
- The GF country team is also reviewing the request made by NMCP for permission to commence micro planning activities from central to county level; conduct county entry meetings; and procurement of vehicle hiring and fuel for the monitoring of the assessment and distribution. The CT have assured they would provide feedback on this within the week.
- For the non-objection request to proceed and finalize the arrangement for central level warehousing and transportation of ITNs from central level to districts, the GF – with support from the LFA- is currently reviewing the procurement document that was submitted to the Global Fund last week and will provide feedback to the MoH at the end of the review process (within the week)

Challenges:

- The ongoing calls to review campaign tools and materials as well as planning activities across the campaign thematic areas is currently threatened by absence of support for internet data for NMCP personnel.

Week ahead:

- Finalize review of tools and commence plan for production following GF grant of approval for procurement to Plan International
- Conduct virtual orientation for NMCP and partners on the microplanning package and process.