

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #28 – 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.	2,783,264
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:

- GSA has not received yet delivery orders for 43 out of 69 containers of the last batch already at the port of Monrovia since 21 of April.
- MOH has settled the bill with GSA following the already signed service level agreement.
- MOH has also finally settled the outstanding bill for the storage costs for previous 18 containers that arrived in country.
- 2 days training for district logistics teams, including logisticians from the service providers started on 11/05/2021, covering districts from the southeast counties, considered hard to reach locations, especially during the rainy season.
- The cascade training of county and district health teams have been concluded. This is the second level of implementation training activities to build personnel capacity for campaign implementation activities.
- The three-day training of team supervisors and household registration teams is ongoing. Up to six thousand campaign personnel are expected to be trained across the 93 districts of Liberia. There are 2 training days for both the HHR teams and their supervisors and an added day the team supervisors.
- The delivery of campaign tools and materials to districts in readiness for implementation activities is ongoing. As a marked departure from the last campaign, the campaign vouchers have since reached the district offices in readiness for household registration commencing hopefully this Saturday.
- The campaign orientation for the media (media parley), orientation of national monitors as well as the training of data managers are all slated to be held within the week.

Challenges:

- Protocol for independent monitoring yet to be finalized.
- Un-resolved issues with microplan consolidation.
- Delays in providing to GSA with the final number of nets to transport to the district warehouses from the FLB felicities.
- Late training of national monitors and administrative bottlenecks may lead to delayed deployment of monitors to the field to monitor implementation activities.

- Delays in realising the last batch of containers from the port, due to MAERSK long time outstanding bills supposed to be paid by MOH.

Next steps:

- Completion of outstanding trainings
- Planning for the commencement of household registration
- Planning for monitoring and supervision activities
- Align the strategy for D2D distribution in Montserrado following the service provider proposal of engaging the community and bloc leaders in the management of PPS close to the HH.