

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #30 – 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 nets required	2,739,494
Total number of ITNs ordered.	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:

- The household registration exercise which commenced on 15th May is now in the final stages of completion. The exercise is officially closed in the 14 rural counties, while the exercise is expected to end on the 25th in Montserrado. Voucher mop up and redistribution is ongoing across the rural counties to reach uncovered communities. Despite the challenges, the exercise has been peaceful and well received by households.
- Daily central level review meetings are ongoing to respond to field challenges and strategize on how to improve implementation activities. Implementation challenges are being addressed following reports from regional coordinators who are part of the daily review meetings.
- Household registration data is being stored on the KoBo toolbox database managed by Plan international. Daily data analysis showing coverage and completeness of data is being provided by the central data manager. Daily updates of HHR data are shared with the JTSC member for their review while feedback is provided to field team through their regional co-coordinators.
- There are 28 containers at the port for which the paperwork is still to be handed over to GSA.
- MOH is following up with the Liberia port authorities for the release of these containers, based on the waiver provided for the storage and demurrage costs.
- The logistics training is completed in all 93 districts.
- Delivery of ITNs to the district warehouses have started.
- 5 out of 7 districts warehouses in Montserrado County have already received their allocated ITNs. By 26 May 2021 the ITNs would have been delivered to the remaining 2 districts.
- Transportation of ITNs from the FLBs to other districts started on 25 May 2021.
- Efforts are being made by GSA in coordination with NMCP, Plan Liberia and service providers to speed up the process in order to deliver the ITNs to all 93 districts by the 4 of Jun 2021.

Challenges:

- Delays in getting data into the KoBo toolbox due to challenges moving data up from field teams in some districts.

- Delays in releasing the containers from the port may compromise the deadline of delivering the ITNs to the district warehouses.

Next steps:

- Analysis of household registration data to inform finalization of capping decisions and development of final micro transport plans
- Plans for end process assessments
- Plans for training of distribution teams
- Complete the micro transport plans for DPs and PPS