

# AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

## Situation report # 12: Malawi

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### Campaign summary table

Target population	16,665,561
Scale of campaign	25 districts out of 29 Malawi districts (4 IRS districts excluded)
Total number of ITNs	9,258,645
Breakdown of nets	3,749,406 IG2 nets
	516,677 Royal Guard nets
	4,992,562 PBO nets
Date planned for microplanning	Likely May 2021
Date planned for HHR	Likely July given the planned end of MIS activities
Date planned for ITN distribution	Starting September 2021

### Context

Malawi National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) is planning an insecticide treated net (ITN) mass distribution campaign in 2021. It will be a multiproduct campaign where PBOs and two types of dual-AI (Interceptor G2 and Royal Guard) nets will be distributed. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in restrictions being put in place to prevent its transmission. It is within this context that the NMCP is working towards a quality implementation with the goal of achieving universal coverage with ITNs while adopting COVID-19 risk mitigation strategies.

MoH is the principal recipient PR of the GF grant with its Programme Implementation Unit (PIU) managing the funds. NMCP will implement the campaign activities including distribution of ITNs using the MoH structures.

### Implementation Model for the 2021 Mass ITNs Distribution Campaign

The 2021 mass ITNs distribution campaign will target 25 districts in Malawi. Excluded from the campaign are Mangochi, Balaka, Nkhatakota and Nkhata Bay districts that will benefit from the indoor residual spraying (IRS) program.

The total quantity of ITNs to be procured for distributed in the 25 targeted districts as (estimated using projected census data) is 9,258,645. There is no buffer that has been procured since the last census is less than 10 years old.

During the campaign, the cities of Lilongwe, Blantyre, Zomba and Mzuzu will be considered as urban areas while the rest will be considered as rural areas.

The 2021 campaign will employ a **two-phased fixed-site distribution strategy** with a door-to-door household registration to determine the numbers of households in every community and the number of people in each of those households followed by fixed site distribution in both rural and urban areas

The distribution in Malawi urban is planned for 2 days and for the rest of the districts it will be one day of distribution.

A mop-up distribution is planned for two communities of Chauma and Lupachi in Nkhatakota district. These are hard-to-reach communities in an IRS district that were not reached during the IRS activity.

After training and registration has taken place in all the districts, the distribution day(s) will be staggered in three phases, starting with the southern region, followed by central region and finally the northern region. (There will be a week break between each phase).

### **Overall mission objectives**

The TA support requested is a continuation of previously provided TA from 13 January to 04 March 2021 and aims to support the NMCP to finalise macroplans and develop microplanning packages, as well as data collection and training and implementation materials for all technical areas. AMP TA providers will work with the NMCP and its partners on:

- Finalizing macro documents from the previous TA support (macro budget/macro quantification, risk assessment and mitigation plan, rumour management plan, timeline)
- Developing microplanning packages, including agendas, templates and supporting materials such as PowerPoint presentations
- Developing tools and materials required for training and implementation of activities
- Develop plans and tools to cover the Lupachi and Chauma Island mop-up activity

### **Status update**

- Malawi national task force team members are currently conducting a campaign national briefing at regional level, involving district government and health from all the districts targeted for the 2021 ITN campaign.

- The teams will be presenting the campaign implementation guides as well as the road map and they will hand over to the district health officers, the list of information to be collected ahead of microplanning.
- The draft strategy for the distribution at Chauma and Lupachi communities in Nkhotakota district is completed and is to be shared and discussed with the Malawi team
- The Program Implementation unit (PIU) has already sent out the call for tender for the selection of the logistics service provider for the campaign
- Review of the logistics tracking tools is in progress
- Mapping of existing incinerators for waste management at district level as well as the capacity in terms of volume and temperature is in progress.
- There was an SBC microplanning orientation for the SBC subcommittee to bring the team up to speed on the upcoming microplanning process.
- Reviewing of the SBC microplanning template is ongoing.

#### **Week ahead**

- Finalize the macro budget.
- Continuous Follow up on the status of nets- production and delivery.
- Start working/reviewing on the data collection tools and microplanning template
- Continuous follow on the procurement for the logistics service provider and
- Continuous work on reviewing the logistics tools and waste management plan.
- Finalize on the SBC microplanning template
- Reviewing of SBC tools