

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report # 13: 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	Last week of May 2021
Date planned for HHR	August 2021
Date planned for ITN distribution	October/ November 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

- The national briefings meetings took place last week on Tuesday conducted by the Malawi national task force with the participation of all districts entities involved in the preparation of the campaign.
- The technical subcommittee is in the process of reviewing the campaign macro quantifications and working on the macro budget.

- There was a meeting by the technical subcommittee to review the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan (RAMP) and the reviewed version will be shared in the coming days after all the subcommittees have reviewed their sections.
- Campaign dates have been pushed forward as follows;
 - Microplanning workshop will take place the last week of May
 - Household registration has been moved from June/July to August
 - Distribution of nets will take place in Oct/November
- The districts have already embarked on collecting the information required for the microplanning workshop.
- There was a logistics meeting to discuss the outcomes of the national briefing that took place last week. The key concern was on how reverse logistics and waste management will be done by the Logistics Service Provider (LSP). These two components have been incorporated in the LSP contract.
- The review of the logistics tracking tools is in progress. There are ongoing discussion in terms the type of tracking tools to be used in order to reduce the to the essential required without compromising the accountability and tracking of the nets.
- The AMP TAs have begun the review of the microplanning templates and these will be shared with the country by mid next week.
- Review of campaign tools is also ongoing and should be finalized in the next two weeks.
- There was a meeting last week between the AMP SBC TA, SBC subcommittee chair and the NMCP SBC where discussions were around the delayed timelines for the SBC activities.
- The team was informed that the message development meeting scheduled for April 26-30th was postponed for the second time because the venue for the meeting had not yet been sourced.
- The SBC subcommittee chair and the NCMP SBCC person will be organizing a subcommittee meeting to discuss the timelines for the activities namely message development, creative design and pretesting,
- The continued delay is concerning and scheduling of new dates for these activities flagged as urgent. The SBC subcommittee chair is taking this up with the NMCP to see how best to fast track these activities. Internal approvals are ongoing at the Program Implementation Unit (PIU).

Week ahead

- Finalize the macro budget.
- Continuous follow up on the status of nets- production and delivery.
- Continue with the work of reviewing 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
- Finalize review of the SBC tools