

# AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

## Situation report # 15: Malawi

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**Period report is covering:** 04 to 11 May 2021

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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 mission report of the 2 TAs that reached their end of mission dates is currently under review by Marcy and is to be shared with the Malawi NMCP for further actions.
- AMP has reviewed and sent to Malawi team the draft of the microplanning template. The Malawi team is currently going through it.

- AMP has also provided feedback to the Malawi team on the proposed distribution strategy for the 2 communities (Lupachi and Chauma) in Nkhotakota district.
- The campaign budget is currently under review by AMP and feedback is to be provided to the Malawi team by Thursday this week.
- The procurement process for the selection of the logistics service provider is still ongoing.
- There are ongoing discussions with the ITNs supplier regarding the in country delivery mechanism.
- The supplier has indicated the intention to load the containers not considering the positioning plan by cluster warehouse and by type of nets as provided to them by NMCP. They want to transfer that responsibilities to NMCP, after the nets are already in country. There are ongoing discussions with NMCP and the supplier on this regards as NMCP doesn't have provision in the budget to cover the transport costs for that movement.
- The SBC workshop supposed to have happen last week was postponed again.
- The workshop is to review existing messages and develop new ones in line with the current country context.
- The post campaign SBC activities are not budgeted for the current campaign.
- The Malawi team is to plan for the SBC post distribution campaign activities and come up with budget to be shared with potential donors willing to fund.

#### **Week ahead**

- Continuous discussion on the microplanning template
- Start working on the logistics training materials and microtransport plan template
- Continuous follow up on the status of nets- production, packaging and delivery of ITNs