

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report # 17: 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

- A total of 18 bidders have presented their proposals and the bidding process for the selection of the logistics service providers will be concluded on Friday 28 Jun.
- MOH/NMCP is still negotiating/discussing with the supplier the modalities for the in country delivery mechanism. Final decision will be taken next week.
- The TOT for microplanning for rescheduled for 07 to 11 Jun 2021.

- SBC messages for the campaign have been developed during a workshop last week.
- The messages will be pre-tested in 6 districts (2 per region). This activity is planned for next week.

Week ahead

- Continuous work on the logistics training materials and micro transport plan template
- Continuous follow up on the status of nets- production, packaging and delivery of ITNs

Challenges

- Similar to the previous sitrep again, it is noted that pre campaign activities are systematically being shifted/postponed due to many activities happening at the same time.