

Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Mission to Guinea-Bissau Situation Report: January 31, 2017

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Terms of reference –Provide technical support to PNLG Guinea Bissau (NMCP) and the Global Fund Principal Recipient (UNDP) in preparing for the 2017 universal coverage countywide LLIN distribution campaign.

AMP consultant mission: January 22nd to February 5th, 2017 for implementation and logistics

Context: Guinea-Bissau is planning to implement in 2017 a Universal Coverage LLIN distribution campaign for an estimated population of 1 821 040 (2.5% annual increase since Census 2019). In compliance with the three-year replacement cycle to maintain universal coverage the 2017 campaign is a follow up to the last June 2014 LLIN universal distribution campaign.

After quantification for a universal coverage campaign (population/1,8) based on giving 1 net per 2 people, a purchase of 1,112,858 LLINs was processed and the nets have arrived in country. They are in secured storage awaiting shipment from Bissau to regions, health areas and eventually Distribution Points.

Overall campaign planning and implementation:

- A national coordination committee for campaign planning and monitoring of the at all levels has been reinstated by official decree on December 5th, 2016.
- Bissau 2017 campaign documents suggested a distribution end of April before the rainy season, and the national cashew nut harvest which will overload the country's transport capacity.
- Past campaigns have shown a 19 % difference (2011 8%, and 2014 %) in the population projection from the 2009 census and household registration figures.

Implementation:

- The PR in Guinea Bissau had originally scheduled the distribution for end of April however; lead time for printing of coupons necessary for household registration has caused the distribution to be re-programmed for the last week of May.
- The call for tenders for printing 450,000 coupons is to be launched January 25th so that these will be available in the field by April 15th for household registration activities.
- Considering the lateness in staffing (UNDP) for the National consultants and support staff for the campaign (in place 3 or 4th week of Feb) a distribution the last week of May could be a challenge. A compromise is having a plan B for a June 15th distribution.
- The procured 1,112,858 LLINs are packaged in biodegradable individual bags which will be withheld at the distribution point. The waste management solution for disposal of these bags which are to be considered as used insecticide containers is has yet to be determined. Criteria for protection of water sources from leeching of insecticides need to be implemented.

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- The National Coordination Commission will hold its 1st meeting on February 1st presided by the Minister of Health. Potential campaign partner organisations at the meeting will be invited to participate in organisational sub-committees.(Technical, Logistics, Communication and Finance).

Logistics/supply chain:

- Information received in a meeting with transport contractors on January 30th, establishes that because of the cashew harvest, the last feasible dates (at reasonable prices) for transport to Health Centre areas are from April 15th to 30
- The positioning strategy will have the LLINS in Health center storage areas for 3-4 weeks between delivery (April) and distribution end of May. Increased security costs must be budgeted.
- After positioning 80 % of needs forecast at Health centres and the extra 20 % for top up at Region level in April, the top up positioning (20%) after household registration is programmed for week 3-4 of May. This will be at a greater cost, than the 1st 80%.

Upcoming activities:

- Exit briefing of AMP consultant programmed for Friday February 3rd before departure from Bissau on February 4th.
- Subcommittee meetings to start 2nd week of February. A final revised and validated campaign Plan of Action (2014 to 2017) is needed before Micro-planning activities start.
- Training for central level micro-planning teams programmed for 1st week of March with micro-planning exercises in week 2 and 3 of March.