

Alliance for Malaria Prevention: Tanzania

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Context:

- During the course of 2016, Vectorworks has implemented, in collaboration with Tanzania's NMCP, a school-based LLIN distribution program in 7 of the 26 regions of the country. The SNP4 program covered 5,231 schools with a total of 1,153,955 LLINs distributed.
- Vectorworks is now planning to conduct a commodity management assessment (CMA) of the SNP4 supply chain in order to document the level of accountability and transparency achieved in the management of the LLINs from point of entry to distribution to beneficiaries, specifically to:
 - Verify that adequate tools and procedures were used for proper tracking of LLINs and control of the supply chain (receiving, warehousing, transport and distribution of the nets).
 - Verify the existence of clear and complete "audit trails" for the nets: a series of documents (waybills, stock sheets, inventory control cards, tally sheets) recording each step in the transport, storage and distribution of the nets.
 - Verify the proper filing and quality of supply chain tracking tools. Document the extent to which reports are complete and reliable (supported by corresponding waybills, stock sheets, inventory control cards and tally sheets).
- AMP was requested to provide TA for the development of a CMA package and training of a local firm to conduct the CMA field work and produce a report outlining detailed findings, including recommendations for improvement of the logistics systems if/where needed.

Activities:

- Continued meetings last week with entities involved in the SNP4 supply chain to finalize the gathering of all information and data required for the development of the CMA tools, SoPs and CMA report format.
- Meeting last Friday with the representatives of the firm contracted to carry out the CMA in order to review all the data and information obtained thus far and to introduce the basic principles on which the CMA data collection tools will be developed
- Development of the CMA data collection tools and drafting of the CMA SoPs over the course of last weekend. Development of the tools posed some particular challenges as the SNP4 supply chain structure and management tools differ in many aspects from normal/standard setup and procedures.
- Beginning of the training (of the contracted firm) on Monday and Tuesday (today).

The week ahead:

- Continue the training of the CMA implementation firm on Wed Feb 1st.
- Finalize the SoPs and CMA report format
- Debrief with VW/PMI/USAID and PSI on Thursday
- Leave TZ on Thursday night