

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #34 – Liberia

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Campaign summary table

Target population (2021)	4,931,090 (2018 campaign microplan population projected to 2021 at a growth rate of 2.1 %.)
Scale of campaign	National, covering all 15 counties in Liberia
Total number of nets required	2,739,494
Total number of ITNs available	2,783,264
Number of IG2 (quantity by funder)	All IG 2 nets procured by Global Fund.
Date planned for distribution	Jun 2021

Context:

Liberia National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) is planning to organize an insecticide treated net (ITN) mass distribution campaign in 2021. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic resulting in national restrictions being put in place to prevent its transmission, the NMCP is obliged to align the planning for the campaign with the new context and design adapted, safe and innovative approaches to deliver the nets to the end users. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, Liberia also will be distributing a new net type, Interceptor G2, and it is critical that high quality implementation is assured for maximum coverage with the ITNs.

There have been a series of challenges and delays for completing the documents in the first quarter of 2021 during the TA initial support over the period including

- Lack of final decisions for the in-country supply chain
- Lack of information for effective planning for waste management
- Lack of detailed planning for monitoring and evaluation
- Adjustment to the communication plan to better align to the context of COVID-19

Objectives for the mission:

This is a follow-up from the first quarter where work continued to finalize the macroplanning package submitted to GF in late February and comments received in early March 2021 which required to be addressed quickly towards implementation of activities.

The coming three months will be intensive in order to finalize the data collection materials, logistics supply chain plans, training material, etc. After the initial phase the support will be punctual with the TA providers giving support for key activities such as cleaning and validation of the microplans, participating in the training of trainers, supporting on data management and any decisions required after the household registration has been completed and developing the final campaign reports.

TA update:

- Following the formal Launch of the Liberia 2021 ITN mass campaign on Tuesday 15th June 2021 ITN distribution activities are ongoing in Liberia. In line with the campaign strategy door to door distribution is taking place in Montserrado while vouchers are being redeemed at DPs in the rest of the 14 counties.
- ITNs have been positioned in all PPS in Montserrado and have paved the way for the commencement of door-to-door distribution activities in the county.
- ITNs distribution data is gradually being presented on the KoBo data base. There are still issues with the slow speed of data reporting on the platform.
- As reported last week some four counties are yet to satisfy all district within them with nets for distribution. These counties include Lofa, Gbarpolu, Grand Kru and Sinoe. This has resulted in the late commencement of distribution in their respective districts.
- Monitors are providing daily updates to the JTSC through the regional coordinators.
- Breakthrough ACTION Liberia is providing SBC support for ITN distribution activities across the country.

Challenges:

- Slow pace of making ITNs available at mobile /outreach DPs has slowed down voucher redemption and consequently affected number of ITNs distributed.
- In some counties a number of HH registered but not provided with vouchers as well as HH not registered are coming to the DPs willing to receive ITNs.
- Weak SBC to sustain ITN voucher presentation for redemption at DPs
- Slow entry of data on the KoBo database
- Some districts in Sinoe county are yet to commence distribution. It has not been possible to get ITNs there due to bad roads conditions as a result of heavy rains.
- The timeline for distribution of ITNs may be exceeded and the overall timeline to end the campaign on June 30th is fast becoming an impossibility.

Next steps:

- Monitor ITN distribution activities
- Plans for end process assessments