AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #31 – Liberia

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Dates covered by report: 25th May to 1st June 2021

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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	May - 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:

- The time for completion of the Liberia campaign household registration has been extended beyond the formal close date of 25th May up till to improve coverage of the exercise. The decision followed reports of missed communities in some counties and exhaustion of vouchers in other. The final HHR data from all counties is now expected on the KoBo data base by Friday 4th June 2021.
- Following the extension of the close date for the campaign HHR exercise, timelines for other activities billed to be completed within the week will be adjusted. This includes the HHR end process, training of ITN distribution teams and micro transportation.
- Daily central level review meetings are continuing and responses are being provided to address field.
- As of 01 Jun 2021 the balance of 17 containers from the last batch have been released. The Delivery orders are expected to be handled to GSA on 01 Jun 2021
- Delivery of ITNs from the port and from the FLBs to the district warehouses is in progress.
- Guiding notes and micro transport templates In preparation for the micro transport plans from the district warehouses to the DPs and PPS, have been shared with the SPs.
- MOH/NMCP have decided to reverse any remaining nets after distribution to the nearest HF.
- Mapping of HF expected to receive remaining nets is in progress.

Challenges:

- The extension in the HHR completion deadline may affect the overall completion timeline for the campaign
- There is marked increase in registration data compared with the macro plans.
 In Montserrado for example over 150% increase in registration beyond the macro/micro plan have been recorded. This has implications for availability of ITNs to meet 100% coverage and concerns for the capping process.
- Plans for end process assessments yet to be finalized.

- Delays in releasing the nets from the port have affected the transportation of nets to the district warehouses.
- Accessibility of district warehouses due to road condition is affecting the timeline to deliver nets to the district warehouses.

Next steps:

- Analysis of household registration data to inform finalization of capping decisions and development of final micro transport plans
- Plans for end process assessments
- Plans for training of distribution teams
- Complete the micro transport plans for DPs and PPS