

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #35 – 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:

- ITN distribution is ongoing in all counties in Liberia. Nine of the counties where distribution commenced on the 16th/17th June are winding down distribution activities. In the counties where distribution commenced very late due to pre-positioning challenges, active distribution is still ongoing. These include Montserrado, Sinoe, Maryland, Gbarpolu, Lofa and Grand Kru.
- The KoBo database for the Liberia campaign shows that over 1.8 million nets have been distributed in the Liberia campaign. There is a gap between actual distribution data and data entered on the Kobo platform. Efforts are on to ensure that data on KoBo platform is regularly being updated.
- End process assessment is being conducted in the 9 counties where ITN distribution have been almost completed. In-process is also going on in the 6 counties where active distribution is going on.
- Waste generated by the empty packs of nets and bales including used PPEs, are being collected from the DPs and delivered to the nearest HF.
- Arrangements are being made to move all the waste from the HF to the districts.
- NMCP has reported that at district level there are no incinerators with the capacity to deal with plastics waste. The plan is to keep the waste at district level and later on move from district to 2 incinerators that have been identified at county level.

Challenges:

- Slow entry of data on the KoBo database

Next steps:

- Monitor final ITN distribution activities
- Monitor the reverse logistics of waste and ITNs
- Reconcile ITNs delivered against distributed and vouchers redeemed