AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #32 - 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	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:

- Household registration data consolidation has been completed. Thirteen (13) counties have confirmed their HHR data while 2 are yet to turn in their confirmed data with designated DPs/PPS. Final HHR data to be presented before the next JTSC on Friday 11 Jun 2021.
- Ongoing planning for the implementation of training activities for the distribution teams (door to door- teams in urban setting and distribution site teams in rural settings). Orientation of national monitors in readiness for district implementation activities is planned for next week.
- Finally the total number of 87 containers are out of the port.
- GSA is currently moving nets from the FLBs to the district warehouses.
- In some districts nets have been delivered directly from the port.
- Deliveries have been completed in all districts of 7 counties out of 15.
- For Montserrado County that has 1/3 of the population of the country, delivery of ITNs has been completed in all districts.
- The services providers with the support of NMCP and Plan Liberia are currently compiling their micro transport plans in readiness for the next movement of nets form districts warehouses to the HF/PPS and further down to the DPs.

Challenges:

- 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.
- Slow delivery of ITNs to the districts warehouses due to road conditions.
- The period of time for the movement of nets from district warehouses to the HF/PPS and down to DPs, may be longer than the initial planning, due to the bad conditions of the roads as a result of the heavy raining.

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 HFs, DPs and PPS.