

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report # 19: Malawi

Date of report: 08 Jun 2021

Period report is covering: 02 to 8 Jun 2021

Consultants: Jeronimo Zandamela – Logistics

Authors of report: Jeronimo Zandamela

Campaign summary table

Target population	16,665,561
Scale of campaign	25 districts out of 29 Malawi districts (4 IRS districts excluded)
Total number of ITNs	9,258,645
Breakdown of nets	3,749,406 IG2 nets
	516,677 Royal Guard nets
	4,992,562 PBO nets
Date planned for microplanning	Last week of May 2021
Date planned for HHR	August 2021
Date planned for ITN distribution	October/ November 2021

Context

Malawi National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) is planning an insecticide treated net (ITN) mass distribution campaign in 2021. It will be a multiproduct campaign where PBOs and two types of dual-AI (Interceptor G2 and Royal Guard) nets will be distributed. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in restrictions being put in place to prevent its transmission. It is within this context that the NMCP is working towards a quality implementation with the goal of achieving universal coverage with ITNs while adopting COVID-19 risk mitigation strategies.

MoH is the principal recipient PR of the GF grant with its Programme Implementation Unit (PIU) managing the funds. NMCP will implement the campaign activities including distribution of ITNs using the MoH structures.

Implementation Model for the 2021 Mass ITNs Distribution Campaign

The 2021 mass ITNs distribution campaign will target 25 districts in Malawi. Excluded from the campaign are Mangochi, Balaka, Nkhotakota and Nkhata Bay districts that will benefit from the indoor residual spraying (IRS) program.

The total quantity of ITNs to be procured for distributed in the 25 targeted districts as (estimated using projected census data) is 9,258,645. There is no buffer that has been procured since the last census is less than 10 years old.

During the campaign, the cities of Lilongwe, Blantyre, Zomba and Mzuzu will be considered as urban areas while the rest will be considered as rural areas.

The 2021 campaign will employ a **two-phased fixed-site distribution strategy** with a door-to-door household registration to determine the numbers of households in every community and the number of people in each of those households followed by fixed site distribution in both rural and urban areas

The distribution in Malawi urban is planned for 2 days and for the rest of the districts it will be one day of distribution.

A mop-up distribution is planned for two communities of Chauma and Lupachi in Nkhotakota district. These are hard-to-reach communities in an IRS district that were not reached during the IRS activity.

After training and registration has taken place in all the districts, the distribution day(s) will be staggered in three phases, starting with the southern region, followed by central region and finally the northern region. (There will be a week break between each phase).

Overall mission objectives

The TA support requested is a continuation of previously provided TA from 13 January to 04 March 2021 and aims to support the NMCP to finalise macroplans and develop microplanning packages, as well as data collection and training and implementation materials for all technical areas. AMP TA providers will work with the NMCP and its partners on:

- Finalizing macro documents from the previous TA support (macro budget/macro quantification, risk assessment and mitigation plan, rumour management plan, timeline)
- Developing microplanning packages, including agendas, templates and supporting materials such as PowerPoint presentations
- Developing tools and materials required for training and implementation of activities
- Develop plans and tools to cover the Lupachi and Chauma Island mop-up activity

Status update

- 3 days of TOT for microplanning is planned for next week starting on 15 Jun 2021.
- The review of the campaign tools is expected to be completed on 09 Jun 2021.
- MOH/NMCP and the suppliers of ITNs have reached consensus for the in country delivery mechanism. ITNs will be sent from the point of entry directly to the 13 identified cluster warehouses, following the macro positioning plan provided by NMCP.

- The procurement process for the selection of the logistics service provider is almost completed. 3 bidders out of 18 have been preselected. 01 of the bidders out of the 3 was requested to provide additional information and clarifications on their proposal.
- The planned pretesting of SBC messages and materials supposed to happen last week at district level, did not happen due to lack of resources.

Challenges

- Lack of resources to implement campaign activities is affecting the deadlines for the planned implementation activities.

Next steps

- NMCP to get pictures and labeling of the bales by supplier
- SBC post distribution plan to be worked out supported by Miko
- Complete the review of the campaign tools.
- Complete the review of the microplanning template.
- Complete the review of the campaign budget.