

AMP The Alliance for Malaria Prevention

Expanding the ownership and use of mosquito nets

Situation report #38 – 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 has been completed in 11 counties. The other 4 counties are still doing distributions in the most hard to reach districts due to the accessibility seriously affected by the heavy rains.
- The Liberia team is currently working on the consolidation of the distribution data.
- The KoBo database for the Liberia campaign shows that almost 2.6 Million ITNs have been distributed out of the 2.8 Million available ITNs for the Liberia campaign, which represents 92% of the total amount of ITNs planned for distribution.
- In preparation for reverse logistics, Liberia team is working on the reconciliation of ITNs delivered, distributed and leftovers.
- Final draft of the protocol for integration of 2021 mass campaign nets into routine services, reverse logistics for the leftover of ITNs as well as waste management for the empty packs of nets including PPEs, is currently under final review before implementation.
- There are ongoing discussions between NMCP, Plan Liberia and partners, for the reprogramming of SBC funds supposed to be used at county level for airing campaign messages that are still available. Only one county have used the funds.

Challenges:

- Conflicting data between KoBo system and actual reports provided by the service providers is slowing down and making difficult the harmonization of the entire campaign data.
- Delays in collecting the waste at the district level especially in Montserrado has become a serious concern. The district warehouse contracts signed by the SPs, have expired and the owners have expressed that they will remove all the waste from their warehouses, which may result in losing control of the waste

Next steps:

- Complete the consolidation and harmonization of campaign data
- Start reversing ITNs