



# **FORTNIGHTLY REPORT ON STATUS OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSAL LLIN CAMPAIGNS**

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**SUMMARY OF ONGOING CAMPAIGNS (SEE DETAILED UPDATE BELOW)**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>CAMPAIGN STATUS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES LAST FORTNIGHT</b>	<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>CHALLENGES/ACTIONS REQUIRED</b>
<b>AKWA IBOM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution, end process assessment and state debriefing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of Reports</li> </ul>	
<b>BAUCHI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wave 1 completed</li> <li>Ongoing with delays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wave 2 timelines prepared</li> <li>LLINs delivery data reconciled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ward level training</li> <li>Community mobilization and airing of jingles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues related to the reconciliation of LLINs supplied and those received at LGA level delayed the implementation of the campaign.</li> </ul>
<b>GOMBE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delayed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following up with supplier to facilitate delivery of LLINs to state</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official Letter from the NMCP requesting for an explanation and resolution of the delays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ship containing nets balance has arrived at Lagos port however, due to congestion has not docked.</li> <li>NMCP is preparing communication to Sumitomo requesting a formal explanation and resolution of the situation.</li> <li>The timelines is to be reviewed as soon as nets are the port.</li> </ul>
<b>JIGAWA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wave 1 completed</li> <li>Wave two ongoing – due to be completed week of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State flag off - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010</li> <li>Net distribution -19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010</li> <li>End process monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collection and review of net distribution/redemption process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delays in receiving data from the LLIN distribution has resulted in the postponement of the state debriefing , which was due to take place on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> march.</li> <li>The delay in the availability of data demonstrates the continued need to strengthen data collection and collation procedures in the campaign process</li> </ul>
<b>RIVERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing -due to be completed 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household mobilization</li> <li>LLIN Distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data entry, analysis and report writing</li> </ul>	

# AKWA IBOM

Lead Support Partner	World Bank
LLINs needed for State	1,733,527
LLINs delivered to State	1,736,018 (oversupply 2,491)
LLIN distributed to date	1,566,974
LLINs to be distributed	169,553
Initial Campaign Date	Nov/Dec 2009

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Technical

- Micro planning and Budgets prepared according to National LLIN Implementation Guidelines.
- Preparation of supplementary budgets and actual cost verification carried out.
- A total of 14,117 personnel trained for the Implementation of the LLIN Campaign. Including 333 personnel who attended a 2-day refresher training to enhance training carried at the end of 2009, when the campaign was initially scheduled to take place.
- In total 820,309 net cards were issued to households in 5,726 settlements in the 31 LGAs in Akwa Ibom.
- LLIN distribution was successfully conducted in all 31 LGAs with a total of 1,566,974 LLINs distributed. This number distributed represents 90.3% of 1,733,527 targeted for the state.
- During the campaigns, crowd control issues were mitigated through early sensitization of the Security Chiefs (Police) and leaders of religious groups. This was achieved with the support of the SST, State Supervisors and Independent Monitors.
- Data was collated and submitted through the various levels; ward, LGA and state levels.

### Demand Creation:

- State flag off conducted on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and attended by the Commissioner for Health.
- 28 LGAs carried out flag off and rallies on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- Ikot Ekpene LGA Chairman supported the increase of the number of Household Mobilizers and Town announcers to 5 per ward and also provided logistics support to move nets and personnel to hard to reach areas. The Chairman also made concrete security arrangement for Police patrol during LLINs distribution. He personally visited some DPs to ensure smooth distribution.
- Councillors in Ikono LGA intensified efforts by mobilizing the communities.
- NIFAA members (Faith Leaders) participated in net distribution in many LGAs. Their involvement positively impacted on the LLIN campaign.

## Logistics

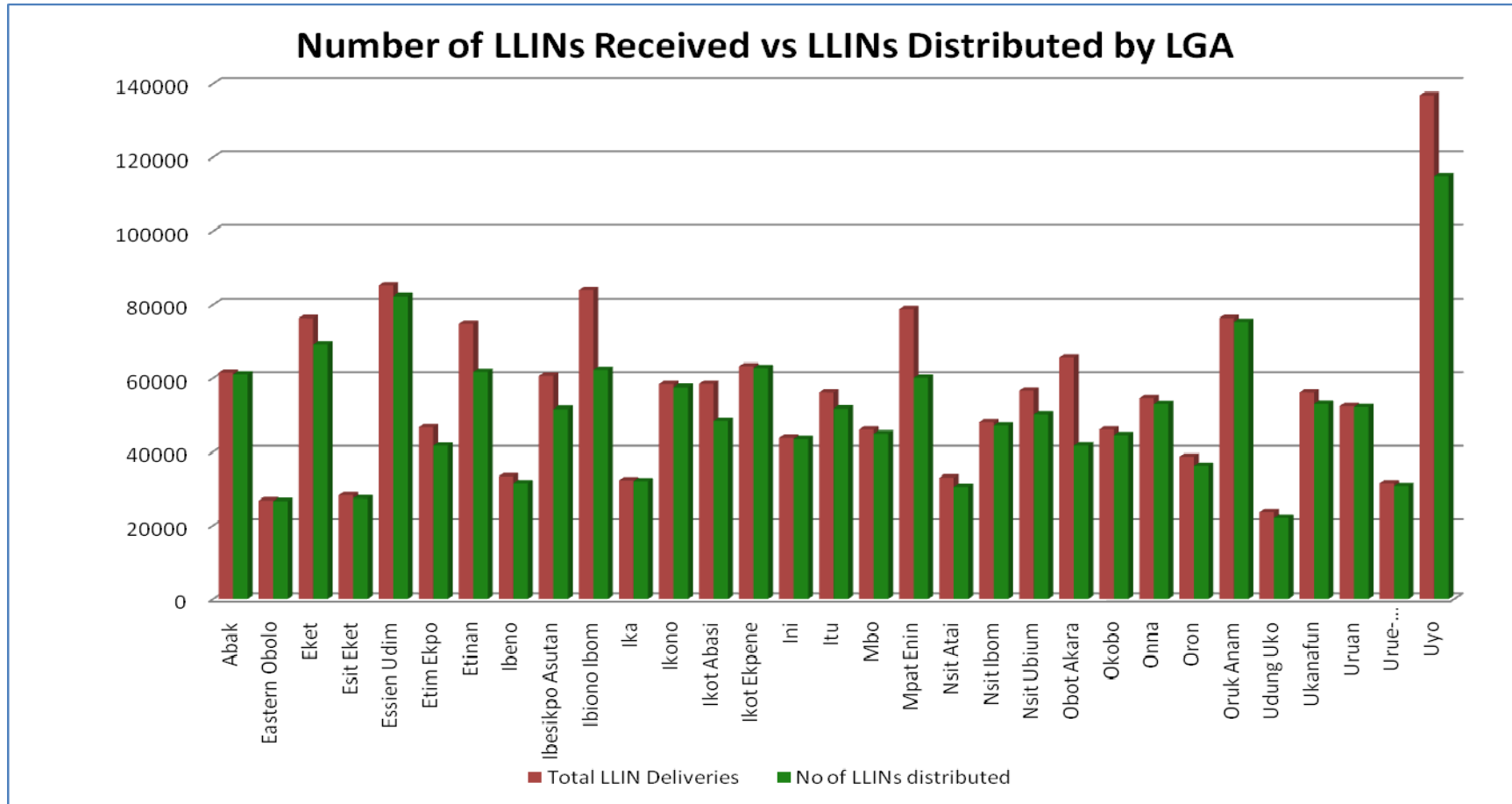
- In accordance with the macro quantification, a total of 1,733,527 LLINs have been delivered to the 31 LGAs of the State.
- Trained 62 personnel on Logistics using LLIN tracking tools i.e waybill and stock sheet.
- Supported the identification of appropriate DP storage facilities in all 31 LGAs.
- Facilitated the retrieval of surplus LLINs supplied in error to Oron LGA.
- Facilitated the assessment of budgets for the distribution of LLINs in both Upland and riverine areas.
- 29 out of 31 LGAs have submitted their LLIN tracking tools.
- With support, the state documented the LLIN distribution using the national LLIN implementation tools.

**Table 1: Preliminary Results from End Process Monitoring**

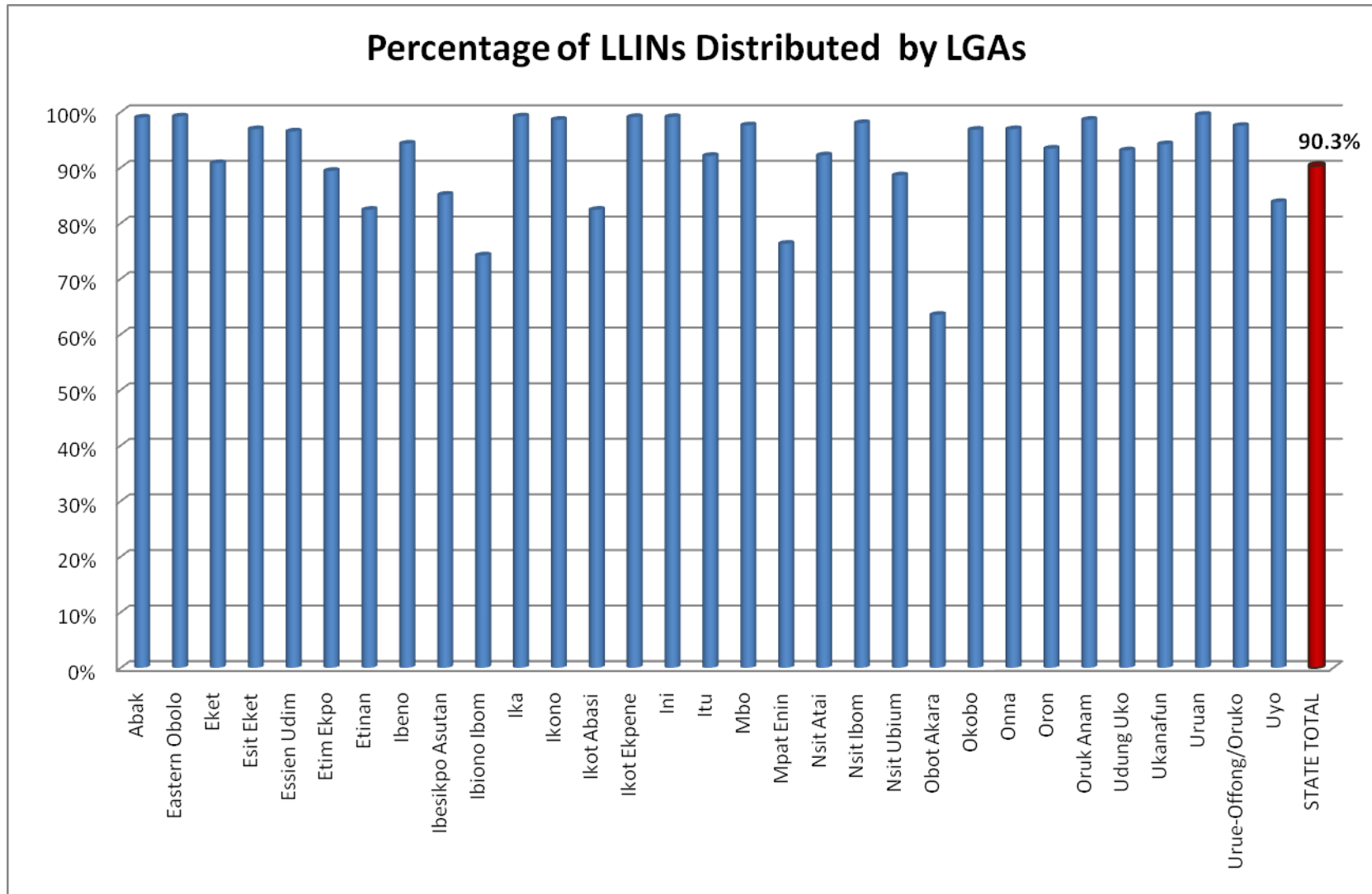
<b>Interventions</b>	<b>Results</b>
No. Net cards issued	820,309
Actual No. Net cards redeemed	783,487
No. of LLINs distributed	1,566,974
Reported cases of LLINs loss	3,040
Total no. of settlements reached	5,726
LLINs Retained in Sampled households (%)	99.5%
LLINs Hanging rate (%)	49%
LLINs Used last night by children less than 5yrs (%)	52%
LLINs Used last night by pregnant women (%)	62%
<b>Proportion of Households that heard of Campaign by type of source:</b>	
Town Crier	58.5%
Media (TV, Radio, SMS)	45.8%
Traditional Religious Institutions	36%
Neighbour, Friend	35.6%
Others	19.6%
Not Aware	5.5%

Preliminary results from the post campaign assessments are represented in figures 1- 5 below.

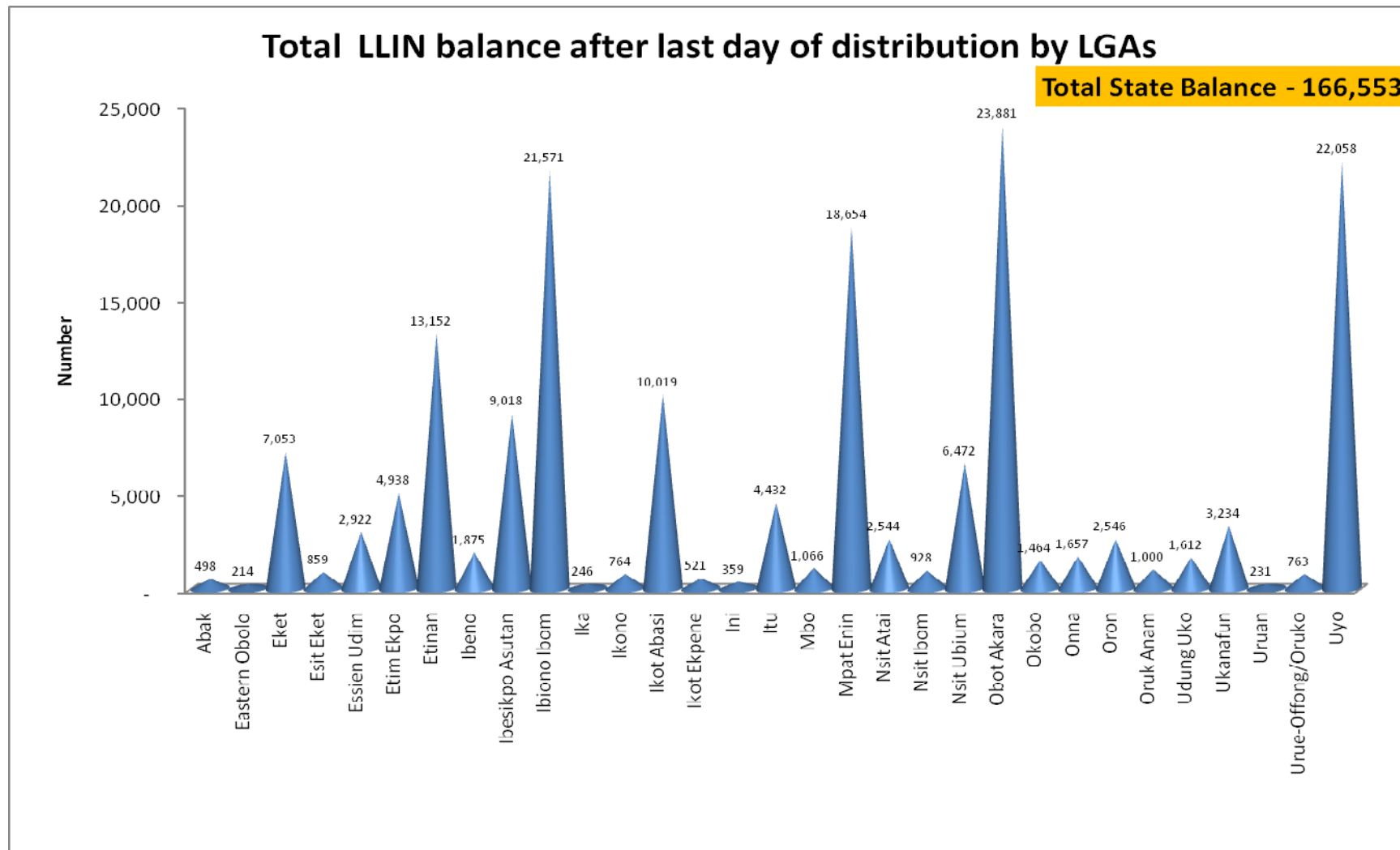
**Figure 1: Number of LLINs Received by LGAs versus LLINs Distributed by LGAs**



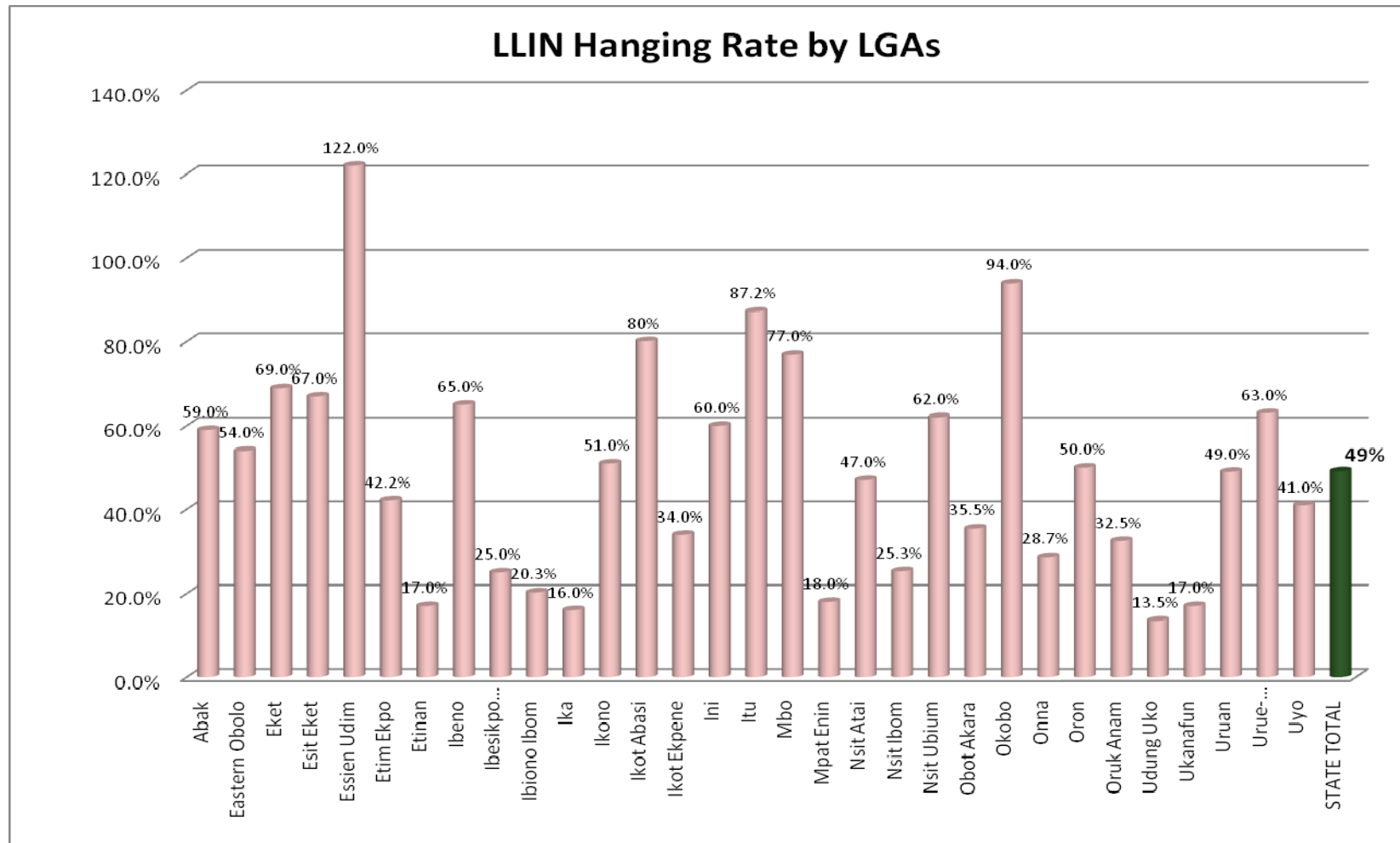
**Figure 2: Percentage of LLINs Distributed by LGAs**



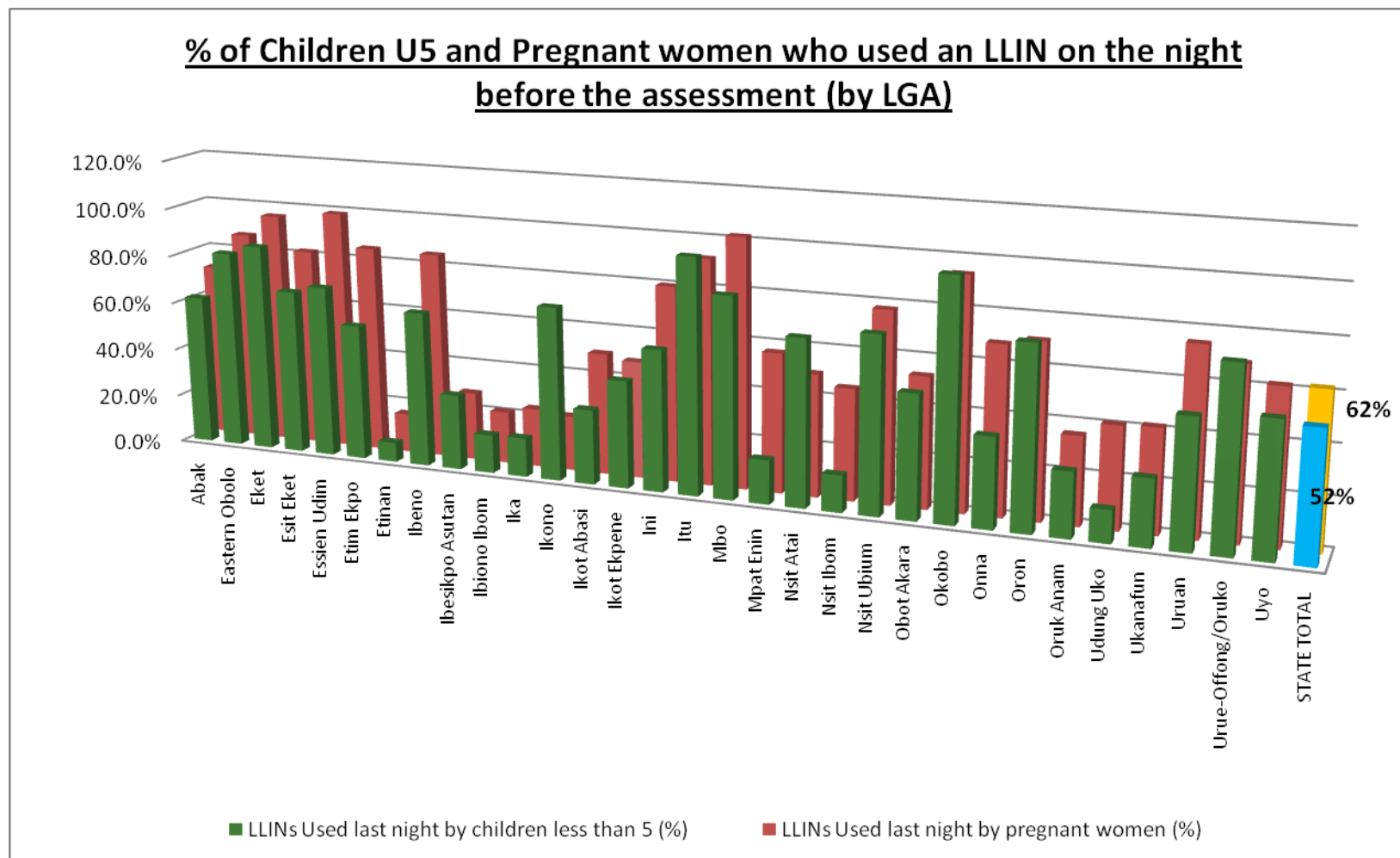
**Figure 3: Number of LLINs left at LGAs post distribution**



**Figure 4: LLIN hanging rates by LGAs**



**Figure 5: Percentage of Children under 5 and Pregnant women who used an LLIN on the night before the assessment.**



## **CHALLENGES**

### **Coordination:**

- Operational funding for the LLIN distribution was not available in time for the start of the campaign. This was a result of late application for the release of funds, resulting in challenges in the implementation of campaign activities.
- The large numbers of personnel trained for the campaigns presented a logistical challenge and affected the quality of the training provided.
- Poor buy in into the campaign by a number of LGA policy makers.

### **Technical:**

- Conducting concurrent cascade training in 31 LGAs presented challenges in the SST's ability to provide effective supervision.
- Inconsistency in the serialization and completeness of net cards booklets.
- Difficulties around the quality of data submitted and the timeliness of data submission
- Inadequate number of personnel deployed to urban LGAs.

### **Demand Creation:**

- Late engagement with the state limited the impact of advocacy and social mobilisation activities
- LGA flag off and rallies being conducted on the first day of distribution hindered the smooth implementation on that day.
- Inadequate budgetary provision for number of town announcers and duration of their engagement made effective, robust interpersonal communication needed to reach a 'strike point' difficult.
- The quality, quantity timely production of print materials by the state did not meet the set standards.
- Accessing hard-to-reach and riverine areas posed significant challenges in adequately engaging communities.
- Inadequate funding for social mobilisation activities. This was linked to the general issues around the release of funds.
- Effective monitoring of demand creation presented a challenge due to the limited membership of the demand creation team in the state LCCN and SST.

### **Logistics:**

- Difficulties in keeping accurate records of LLINs in warehouses due to inappropriate storage.
- Insufficient knowledge and poor compliance with the use of logistics tools at all levels.
- Some of the logistics tracking were not supplied to a number of Distribution Points.

- Security provided for the movement of LLINs from the LGAs to Distribution Points resulting in losses of LLINs.
- Poor use of household mobilization data in the final poisoning of LLINs. As of day three of the LLIN distribution estimated figures from the micro planning were being used instead of the actual numbers generated from the household mobilization.
- Issues to do with the ability to deliver LLINs to hard to reach DPs. This was primarily due to the limited availability to funds.
- Crowd control issues at the DPs resulting mainly from non availability of LLINs.
- Ward Supervisors in complete control of LLINs at the DPs instead of the DP Supervisors, creating the potential for leakage of LLINs.
- Weak health education activities at the DPs.

## **LESSONS LEARNT**

- In a number of LGAs, the use of the Chief's residence helped in dealing with crowd control issues and provided benefits in the implementation of the LLIN campaign.
- Similarly, the use of churches and mosques as distribution points was of benefit to the campaign implementation.
- Sensitization meetings with LGA Supervisory Councillors for Health provided strong political commitment and in turn reduced political interference and 'hijacking' of LLINs during distribution.
- Use of Live Radio/TV talk shows during the LLIN campaign enhanced the demand creation aspects of the campaign.
- Support from NIFAA by engaging and training over 300 faith leaders, was a key factor in the huge awareness raised during the campaign, contributing to the relatively high utilizations rates in all 31 LGAs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Identification of competent printers for the production of net cards.
2. LGA flag off and/or rallies should be conducted a day before distribution commences
3. Strict adherence to LLIN guidelines, particularly around logistics, and the use to tracking tools.
4. Improved programme planning in order to avoid missing deadlines in accessing campaign funds.
5. Funds should be secured and released at all levels before the commencement of implementation.
6. Increase number of personnel to support cascade training if they are being conducted concurrently in all LGAs.

7. Increased coordination with NIFAA to enhance the Demand Creation activities around LLIN campaigns.
8. Better utilization of flag-off and rallies for demand creation, while scheduling their timing to limit interference with distribution.
9. Strengthened planning around determining the number of distribution points, particularly in accessing the numbers for hard to reach areas and urban LGAs.
10. Clear strategy developed for immediate 'mop up activities' including the identification of funders for the process. This is to ensure that balances at the state and LGAs are not left undistributed for long periods of time, which would leave room for leakage.

# BAUCHI

Lead Support Partner	World Bank
LLINs needed for State	2,067,946
LLINs delivered to State	2,049,499
LLIN distributed to date (Wave 1)	1,471,187
LLIN to be distributed	596,759
Initial Campaign Date	Nov/Dec 2009

## STATUS OF CAMPAIGN

- Ongoing with delays.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Data on LLIN supply harmonized with Vestergaard Frandsen and information used to preposition nets to LGAs
- Finalization of Wave 2 timelines with State (see Upcoming activities below for details)
- Planning meetings conducted amongst key stakeholders
- LCCN meeting
- Compilation of list of Independent Monitors, State Supervisors, Identification of Wave 2 LGAs
- Engagement and advocacy visits have been conducted to LGAs
- State level refresher training successfully carried out.
- LGA level training conducted with support from the SST.
- Identification of all LGA/ward level personnel
- Ward level training , Community mobilization and airing of jingles

## CHALLENGES

- The issues around the reconciliation of LLINs supplied and those received at LGA level has significantly delayed the implementation of wave 2 of the Bauchi campaigns.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strengthened collaboration with the LLIN suppliers
- Closer monitoring of the LLIN pipeline in order to take corrective actions in time to avert delays to the campaign implementation.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS AND EVENTS

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Ward level training and Community mobilization and airing of jingles	22-27 Mar2010
2	Household Mobilization	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar-3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2010
3	Micro positioning	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
4	Review of HH Mobilization data	5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
5	STATE/LGA Flag off	8 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
6	LLIN redemption	8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
7	End process evaluation	12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
8	Review of LLIN redemption process	14 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
9	Follow up monitoring	15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
10	State debriefing	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010
11	National debriefing	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2010

# GOMBE

Lead Support Partner	World Bank
LLINs needed for State	1,034,864
LLINs delivered to State	0
LLINs distributed to date	0
LLINs to be distributed	1,034,864
Initial Campaign Date	Nov/Dec 2009

## STATUS OF CAMPAIGN

Delayed

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Production of campaign net cards
- Printing/photocopying of training materials for LGA cascade training

## CHALLENGES

- Balance of LLINs still expected from Sumitomo
- Ship bearing nets balance has arrived at the Lagos port however, due to congestion the ship has not docked.
- NMCP is preparing communication to suppliers requesting a formal explanation and quick resolution of the situation.
- Health educators have been to the communities a total of 3 times to raise awareness around the upcoming campaigns based on timelines that have ultimately been shifted. This is resulting in some level of loss of confidence in the process, which may in turn jeopardise relations with the communities and possibility LLIN uptake.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strengthened collaboration with the LLIN suppliers at the national level is required.
- Closer monitoring of the overall LLIN pipeline in order to take corrective actions in time to avert delays to the campaign implementation.
- Maintain open dialogue with communities in order not to preserve confidence in those involved in the implementation of the campaigns and mitigate the chances of refusal of LLINS.

# JIGAWA

Lead Support Partner	World Bank
LLINs needed for State	1,895,224
LLINs delivered to State	1,880,224
LLINs distributed to date (Wave 1)	674,522
LLINs to be distributed	1,221,623
Initial Campaign Date	Nov/Dec 2009

## STATUS OF CAMPAIGN

Ongoing

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- State level refresher done for Independent monitors and State supervisors
- LGA Cascade training done
- Ward level cascade training in the 17 LGAs implementing campaign in wave 2
- All campaign materials (training tools, implementation tools –Net cards, data forms, logistic tools, demand creation have been procured and deployed to LGAs
- Household mobilisation, distribution and end process have been successfully completed.
- Data from the end process assessment will be available as part of the next update.

## CHALLENGES

- Data from household mobilization revealed that many communities were missed due to shortage of net cards.
- Delays in receiving data from the LLIN distribution has resulted in the postponement of the state debriefing , which was due to take place on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> march.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- The need to strengthen communication to communities in instances where some pockets are not given net cards. This is necessary to ensure that the message around the target of universal coverage is maintained and to avoid disruption of the net distribution process.

## UPCOMING ACTIONS AND EVENTS

S/N	Activity	Date
1	Data collection and review of net distribution/redemption process	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
2	Follow up (25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2010)	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
3	State Debriefing	State debriefing - TBD

# RIVERS

Lead Support Partner	World Bank
LLINs needed for State	2,293,000
LLINs delivered to State (wave 1)	1,131,600
LLINs distributed to date (Wave 1)	1,117,178
LLINs delivered to State (wave 2)	1,151,830 (undersupplied: 15,070)
LLINs to be distributed (wave 2)	1,387,448
Initial Campaign Date	Nov/Dec 2009

## STATUS OF THE CAMPAIGN

Ongoing

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Technical

- Step down training successfully carried out in 11 LGAs.
- Household mobilization conducted from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Port Harcourt and Obio-Akpor LGAs expended for 2 days to enable mobilizers reach all households.
- Okrika LGA provided additional vehicles to support the transportation of independent monitors.
- Oyigbo LGA Chairman supported with accommodation of independent monitors and the feeding of mobilizers.
- Data collation and entry commenced by data managers.
- LLIN Distribution was concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- Waste management monitors deployed to 11 of the 17 LGAs.
- Obio-Akpor LGA chairman requested for additional 2 days for immediate mop-up to allow all the LLINs reach beneficiaries. To support this laudable initiative, SST and State LCCN, led by Dr. David Durojaiye paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman to plan for the mop up scheduled immediately after the campaign.

### Demand Creation

- Airing of Jingles ongoing and will continue for up to three weeks after the campaign.
- IEC materials produced and distributed to DPs, Wards and LGAs.

- Live radio talk show conducted before and during the nets distribution.
- State flag off conducted 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in Port Harcourt LGA.
- 11 LGAs conducted flag off and rallies on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

### Logistics

- Movement of nets to DPs carried out but very slow.
- Logisticians proved their competence to use the LLIN tracking tools.

### CHALLENGES

- Port Harcourt LGA faced with so many challenges such as hijacking of nets in some Wards. But the Police force was invited to arrest the situation such as:
  - In Ward 5, 25 nets stolen by area boys
  - Ward 5 -Councillor seized 2 bales of LLINs, but returned them after the police intervened.
  - Ward 8 - Councillor seized 1 bale of LLINs.
  - Ward 13 - Councillor hijacked 3 bales of LLINs.
  - Ward 7 - Councillor also hijacked 20 pieces of nets.
- Poor data compilation from mobilizers to Ward supervisors.
- In order to resolve the data compilation challenges, SST and LCCN deployed personnel from other LGAs to support Port Harcourt LGA.
- Late release of funds to support step down training.
- LGA flag off and rallies hindered the smooth implementation on the first day distribution.
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### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Careful scheduling of flag off so as not to hinder the implementation of distribution.
- Strengthen training for data imputers.
- Engage the services of more transporters and security to move LLINs to DPs.
- Engagement with police to secure the LLINs during distribution especially in the Urban LGAs.

### UPCOMING ACTIONS AND EVENTS

S/N	Activity	Date
1	Follow up	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
2	Data entry, analysis and report writing	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
3	State Debriefing	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2010

# GENERAL UPDATES

1. Preparations for the SST training scheduled to take place from the 12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 in Abuja is underway, this includes the finalization of implementation guidelines and the updating of training manuals.
2. Due to delays in the arrival of LLINs for Cross Rivers, the campaign is now scheduled to take place in September.
3. A Joint advocacy visit by UNICEF and NMCP was conducted to the Executive Governor and Acting Commissioner for Health of Kaduna State
4. A Joint advocacy visit by UNICEF and NMCP to Adamawa State planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> March
5. NMCP continues to liaise with the MDG office to secure the LLINs for the 5 'orphan states'.
6. Memo on malaria presented at the National Council on Health was accepted by states. The implication of this endorsement is that the NMCP now has a document that will support the effective resource mobilization activities for operational costs.

**SUMMARY OF PENDING CAMPAIGNS (SEE DETAILS EXCEL UPDATE ENCLOSED)**

<b>S/ N</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>LEAD PARTNER</b>	<b>CAMPAIGN DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES FORTNIGHT</b>	<b>LAST</b>	<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1	Katsina	GF –NMCP	May				
2	Adamawa	UNICEF	May			A Joint advocacy visit by UNICEF and NMCP to Adamawa State planned for the 30 <sup>th</sup> March	
3	Kaduna	UNICEF	May	A Joint advocacy visit by UNICEF and NMCP was conducted to the Executive Governor and Acting Commissioner for Health of Kaduna State			There still remains a gap of 237, 462 LLINs that need to be sourced in order to implement the Campaign in May alongside the Child Health Week.
4	Kwara	GF –NMCP	July				
5	Bayelsa	GF –NMCP	August				
6	Benue	GF –YGC	August				
7	Ebonyi	GF –YGC	August				
8	Enugu	GF –NMCP	August				
9	Nasarawa	GF –NMCP	August				

10	Plateau	GF –YGC	September			
11	Lagos	GF –NMCP	September			
12	Yobe	GF –YGC	September			
13	Cross Rivers	USAID	September			
14	FCT	GF –YGC	October			
15	Zamfara	GF –YGC	October			
16	Abia	GF –YGC	October			
17	Borno	GF –YGC	October			
18	Edo	GF –YGC	October			
19	Imo	GF –YGC	October			
20	Taraba	GF –NMCP	November			
21	Delta	TBD	November			
22	Kogi	TBD	November			
23	Ondo	TBD	November			
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