

MINUTES OF RBM MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JUNE 2010, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NATIONAL MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAMME, NEW ENGLAND VILLE, FREETOWN.

CHAIRMAN: Dr. Amara Jambai

TIME: 10:20 A.M.

OPENING:

The meeting commenced with individual silent prayers, followed by a welcome address by the chairman and self introduction of members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

- **THE GAP SITUATION OF LLINs FOR THE NOVEMBER CAMPAIGN-** This issue was deliberated upon lengthily and it was evident that the initial net gap of 651,408 has increased to about 1,200,000. The reason being that the 1,800,000 nets that was supposed to be procured by Unicef has been decreased to about 1,200,000. This is because the fund which was to be used by Unicef for procurement has been cut down by 3.3 million Dollars by the Government for the piloting of IRS in the country. In this light, the chairman solicited support from one of our new members, the African Minerals Company to filling this gap. Responding, a member from this organization said that they are in Sierra Leone not only to take away the minerals but also to invest in the future of the country. In this regard, they will assist the country in malaria eradication; but they are yet in the stage of investigating how to go about this. Also their organization is in the first phase of operations and budget is not available now to support. However, he promised to communicate with their home office and partners about this issue and will update the programme by next meeting.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED RELATING TO THIS ISSUE WERE AS FOLLOWS-

The date of arrival of LLINs pledged by Partners in country and date for the House Hold Survey.

Responding, members from IFRC and UMC stated October, 2010.

Unicef- promised to give an update on the quantity and date of arrival of their nets by next meeting.

Global Minimum (Moinina Sengeh's) group- said theirs will be in country by August 2010, and the quantity will be 10,500.

For the House Hold Survey, it was suggested by the Logistics committee that the survey be done in August, but some members disagreed; with the reason that, August will be the peak of the rainy season. Others suggested end of September, 2010.

- **EXPERIENCE SHARING FROM THE MAY CAMPAIGN USING THE VOUCHER SYSTEM-**

A member from Plan International and staff of NMCP who served as National Supervisors in the May campaign shared their experiences citing out their challenges and lessons learnt. In some districts the voucher system was correctly used, in some it was not. However, in all that was said it was evident that for the next LLINs campaign to be successful, the Social Mobilization Committee needs to do more and that there is still a gap of experience.

Experience was also shared by Mr. Sengeh as to how his group did universal coverage of LLINs in some chiefdoms in the Pujehun district some time back. They did it in a way wherein every sleeping space was covered and there were no fraud or pilfering of nets as the community members were actively involved from the registration of House Hold members to the distribution.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE FINALIZATION ON THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NMCP-

On behalf of this committee, Sr. Anitta Kamara reported that; comments made by Hlin have been inputted and the draft copy already sent to partners. She said that the volume of the document has been cut down to 33 pages from 55 but still needs to be reduced.

PREPARATION OF A DRAFT COPY OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES WITH A PLAN OF ACTION BY MR. ALFRED GBLA AND TEAM-

Mr. Gbla informed members that the said document has been drafted and sent to partners for their input. The finalization of this document will be this week.

REPORT FROM LOGISTICS SUB-COMMITTEE-

Mr. Thomas Ansumana reported on behalf of this committee that they are still working on the document and have even come up with a Plan of Action which identified two methods of delivering the LLINs into the districts.

- (1) The LLINs taken directly from the Port to the districts or
- (2) The LLINs taken from the Port to a National Warehouse before ready for distribution in to the districts.

Mr. Ansumana also asked for the inclusion of members from Unicef and WHO to be part of the logistics committee.

On this note, the chairman suggested that the repositioning of the nets be done from the Port to the chiefdoms by partners.

COMMITTEE FOR THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE NOVEMBER CAMPAIGN-

Mr. Musa Sillah-Kanu who was opportune to be trained recently on the above area suggested that a committee be set up to look at the Monitoring and Evaluation aspect of the campaign and to incorporate this into campaign guidelines proposal. This suggestion was agreed upon by partners and the Terms of Reference is to be prepared by Katie Eves. A Five man committee was selected as follows:-

- (a) NMCP- Mr. Musa Sillah-Kanu
- (b) WHO- 1 member
- (c) Unicef- 1 member
- (d) Plan International-1member
- (e) Sierra Leone Red Cross- 1 member

ROUND TEN PROPOSAL WRITING-

Sr. Anitta kamara reiterated members that the process is on going and the team awaits the arrival of the consultant. She said Brac and Plan International have consented to provide one consultant each. The consultant to be provided by Plan is for the budget aspect. Plan has also supported the three writing meetings

ACTION POINTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Sr. Anitta to call a bigger meeting of Stakeholders
- Katie Eves to prepare the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the M&E Committee.
- Finalization of the draft copy of the National Campaign Guidelines with Plan of Action.
- Feed back from African Minerals

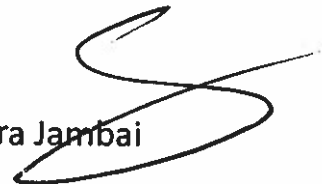
The meeting came to a close at 12:35 p.m. with a motion moved by Mr. Emmanuel Konjoh.

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