

**Malaria/Measles Conference Call Summary and Action Items
1 February 2006**

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes
3. Review Action Points
4. Country updates

Action Items:

1. **Ensure that M&E and Keep-Up components are included in the Sierra Leone plan expected from MoH and share with partners. (AFRO)**
2. **All partners to send their comments (including M&E and Keep-Up components) on countries plans (Angola, Kenya, Rwanda) to AFRO; AFRO to consolidate the comments and send them to countries before the plans are finalized. AFRO to check to see if M&E and Keep-Up components are included in MoH plans from Angola, Kenya, and Rwanda**
3. **Update on Kenya ITN Purchase (UNICEF): \$ being transferred, check on delivery schedule again; MOH will distribute in country**
4. **Delivery schedule expected from UNICEF supply**
5. **Press officers to collaborate on press releases: Angola (ARC/UNICEF), Kenya (ARC + USAID +others), Niger (IFRC + GFATM)**

Country Updates

Rwanda

Summary: Round 5 GFATM proposal approved and contains funds for ITNs for both routine and campaign distribution. Measles campaign scheduled for August 2006 targeting approximately 1.2 million children under five years of age. Integrated national plan exists. Funds are currently at GF/Geneva.

Issues:

1. Negotiation of grant agreement with GF is rate limiting step in terms of fund availability. GF is giving priority to getting this approved grant signed.
2. Need to identify source of nets and procurement strategy.
3. May need to consider postponing measles campaign to accommodate ITN procurement
4. Ensure that M&E and Keep-Up components included in original plan and budget.

Burundi

Summary: For measles campaign in June 2006 targeting 1.1 million children under five, MoH has put integration into POA. The ICC has approved the plan of action and it will be sent to WHO ICP and UNICEF ESARO for forward to WHO AFRO. Source of fund is not known.

Issues:

1. Critical to make decision **NOW** on procurement of LLINs for June campaign.
2. MoH to circulate plan and budget for partner consideration
3. Identify source of funding for ITNs
4. Integration may not be possible unless source of funds is not identified by end January.

Nigeria

Summary: Estimates for LLINs distribution in 17 southern states were done during Nov 28-29 meeting with 36 State program managers in preparation of the upcoming 2006 integrated campaign: - campaign postponed to September 19-25. Total population of children U5 is 12,180,553. 80% ITNs for U5 are 9,779,618. Estimated number of LLINs with the strategy of 1 LLIN for 2 children: 4,887,777

Issues:

1. Need better overall understating on MoH plans for integration, including target population, financing, ITN procurement.
2. Need ICC-approved national plan
3. Status of ExxonMobil funds – transferred to UN system

Chad – See summary from UNICEF

Guinea Bissau

Summary: The campaign planned for in Dec 05 has been postponed until 2006, dates to be determined

Issues:

1. AFRO to determine whether Dutch funds at country level can be accessed for immediate purchase of nets – about \$20,000 left so might be used for ops costs

Mozambique

CDC team arriving 5 Feb for assessment; some areas inaccessible due to flooding. MoH emphasizing IRS (indoor residual spraying) as national strategy but does not preclude others from distributing LLINs. Further clarifications expected. Keep-Up plans for Manica and Sofala in preparation with financing from AmCross and Federation.

Issues:

1. Share Keep-Up plan and budget
2. Make firm funding commitments

Niger

Summary: Initial reports suggest a successful first phase December 19-24 of distributing 2 million nets to rural areas. Initial assessment plans funded. Planning for March-April 2006 distribution ongoing. Will use March (4-9) polio round as platform for voucher distribution and LLIN pick-up from 10-17 March. Budget for this distribution effort is in preparation and funds are available at IFRC to support. CDC to complete 1st coverage survey on 24 February with preliminary results soon thereafter.

Issues:

1. IFRC to identify funding needs for July CDC nationwide assessment in Niger

Equatorial Guinea

Summary: Initial distribution of ~56,000 ITNs completed with limited success. Additional ITN deliveries and distribution: 10,000 LLINs - Nets in transit. Expected

arrival in Bata, January 21. 14,000 LLINs - Nets to be shipped 07.04.06. Expected arrival in Bata, May 7.

Issues:

1. Remaining assessment funds will be used to support MICS survey
2. Need MoH plan for distributing second tranche of ITNs.- ICP provided malaria communication to AFRO regarding this plan
3. Global Fund has approved Round 5 proposal to include ITN distribution to mainland
4. Need “Keep-Up” plan and budget and identify funders

Cameroon

Summary: MoH desires to distribute 900,000 ITNs with January 2006 measles campaign. Integrated plan of action from Cameroon approved by MoH. ITNs distribution is supported by the Global Fund resources.

-450 000 nets have been ordered from local providers. Locally procured nets must be impregnated prior to distribution. Lambdacyhalothrin solution currently in stock will be used to impregnate. For the impregnation, Cameroon proposes to use existing community impregnation units.

-Only 46 000 nets are available in Cameroon; the Global funds through UNICEF ordered 300 000 nets: a first container of 100 000 nets has left Copenhagen and a second container will leave on December 31st 2005.

-The nets distribution strategy is one net per child vaccinated

-The budget allocated for monitoring and evaluation is 14,780 USD, and that for coverage is 27,523 USD

-There will be a post-campaign evaluation that will take into account usage of nets

Expected delivery schedule of nets and insecticide kits for Cameroon (As per UNICEF)

ITNs Arrival at Douala

105,000. 10-February

95,000. 24-February

105,000. 07-March

Insecticide kits. Arrival at Douala

300,000 05 February

Issues:

1. Can procurement proceed/impregnation be done in time for measles campaign or will a voucher method be required – NO VOUCHERS
2. # nets available still unclear – will be distributed in northern provinces only with campaign
3. Who will conduct assessment?

Kenya

Summary: Kenya integrated plan shared with partners. Need to check M&E and “Keep-Up” components and budgets. MoH has given approval for purchase of 3.4 million ITNs

and needs GF approval for release of funds. Plan awaiting the final approval of MOH before officially being disseminated. UNICEF has finalized negotiations with manufacturers for procurement. Operational costs for ITN delivery in national budget from GFATM.

- NGO contact: Mr. Gerald Mwangi Walterfang (CEO), Kenya NGOs Alliance Against Malaria (KeNAAM), Kenaam@amrefke.org, Tel: 254-20-602189 (DL)/604651-6 Ext.203
- RC will be involved in 'keep-up' including HIV patients as will other NGOs

Issues:

1. Timely purchase and delivery of ITNs by UNICEF.
2. Does the plan adequately support post-campaign social mobilization for hang-up?
3. Need participation of NGOs
4. What will PSI do post campaign re: distribution of nets?

Angola

Summary: Approximately 900,000 LLINs to be distributed in risk areas during July 2006 integrated campaign. Campaign date is July 2006: 5-9, urban and 11-25 rural areas. AFRO assignee recruited for 6 months in-country assignment (UNF funding)

AFRO Progress Report:

- LLINs distribution strategy – maximum 2/HH
- All LLINs will be in country by February
- ICC approval of plan pending
- Vit A will no longer be a SIA for the upcoming campaign
- ITNs distribution will be limited to the 7 initially identified provinces, and the strategy remains 1 ITN per child vaccinated
- Albendazole distribution strategy for age groups under discussion
- WHO-AFRO is planning to send a consultant in Angola to help them with the planning
- all groups cooperating very well

Issues:

1. AFRO to report on discussion with MoH on integrated planning
2. Resolution of ExxonMobil funds – funds transferred to UN system
3. Assessment plan unresolved
4. keep up plan needed with financial support

Sierra Leone

Summary: Integrated campaign is planned for November 2006 for approximately 1 million children under five. A draft of integrated plan is being finalized. Funding is principally through CanCross. MoF drafted letter for waiving/reducing taxes; MoH distribution policy still 1 LLIN/child! CRC making available approx. 450,000 LLINs via Federation and approx. 500,000 LLINs direct from CRC.

Issues:

1. Circulate campaign plan
2. Identify hang-up mechanisms

DR Congo

Summary: World Bank Booster Program (Jean-Pierre Manshande) considering adding up to 700,000 LLINs to 2006 measles campaigns where target regions coincide.

Action items:

1. WB staff visiting MoH to discuss next steps
2. AFRO to contact WB Booster Program

Zimbabwe

Summary: MoH planning to distribute 200,000 LLINs (GFATM) during May measles campaign.