



PROJECT BRIEF

LLIN Distributions for Scale-up

A young mother and her son protect themselves from malaria with their new LLIN
Photo: Pedro sa da Bandeira

The aim of the project was to help the Mozambican Ministry of Health analyse and prepare a national distribution system for long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) that would be suitable for rapid scale up in preparation of universal coverage campaigns

COUNTRY

Mozambique
Manica and Cabo Delgado
provinces

DONOR

UK Department for
International Development
(DFID)

LENGTH OF PROJECT

March 2010 - December 2011

PARTNERS

Ministry of Health National
Malaria Control Programme,
Manica Provincial Health
Authority, Cabo Delgado
Provincial Health Authority

PROJECT OUTLINE

Mozambique is aiming to attain universal coverage of long lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) through two national campaigns in the next five years. In order for this goal to be reached, mass distribution campaigns need to be carried out. The objective is to provide one net per two people, prioritising areas not targeted with indoor residual spraying with insecticides.

Historically, Mozambique has extremely limited experience in universal coverage campaigns and therefore Malaria Consortium, financed by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), has been helping the Ministry of Health (MOH) prepare for universal LLIN coverage.

The project supported the MOH by including local level planning and capacity

development in the planning and implementation of universal coverage campaigns, while analysing system needs to facilitate future scale up in order to achieve national targets. This project aimed to bridge any knowledge gaps that may have existed.

Malaria Consortium worked with the Manica and Cabo Delgado Provincial Health Authorities (DPS) to implement universal coverage campaigns in several districts. The DPS and Malaria Consortium demonstrated how such campaigns could be run, and used existing LLINs set aside by both Provincial Health Authorities to carry out the distribution.

The National Malaria Control Programme has also received support to analyse its needs and prepare to implement campaigns



A mother receives two free long-lasting insecticidal nets to help protect her family
 Photo: Pedro sa da Bandeira

on a national level. The intention is for this to be supported with an exchange visit with Nigeria, where large-scale LLIN distribution campaigns are rolling-out with close support from the successful DFID-funded Support to National Malaria Programme (SuNMaP).

Malaria Consortium worked in the two provinces to support development of experience and capacity to implement universal coverage campaigns and to be able to provide training of trainers for other provinces.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Carried out a rapid review of DPS needs with regard to planning and implementation of district level universal coverage long lasting insecticidal net (LLIN) campaigns
- Supported DPS and district authorities in evaluating campaigns and establishing good practices
- Analysed needs and resources (human, financial, logistical) required for national scale up and implementation of LLIN mass distribution universal coverage campaigns
- Supported the NMCP to develop a national strategy to guide universal coverage campaigns
- Supported the NMCP in the design and pre-testing of information, education and communication materials for universal coverage campaigns
- Supported exchange visit with Nigeria NMCP and DFID's SuNMaP (Support to the National Malaria Programme) to learn from ongoing large-scale campaigns (SuNMaP is supporting the distribution of 14 million LLINs across seven Nigerian states in 2009 and 48 million LLINs distributed in 30 states in 2010).

This project has a direct impact upon efforts to:

- ✓ Combat malaria
- ✓ Combat other childhood illnesses
- ✓ To strengthen national health systems
- ✓ Promote behaviour change through communication
- ✓ Provide monitoring and evaluation outputs
- ✓ Provide health support to vulnerable and at risk populations