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#### **Session 4 - Malaria: Vectors and Vector Control**

## **The National Armed Forces:**

## Alternative Transport Option for LLIN Distribution in Togo





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## FACT SHEET - TOGO



- Area is 56,600 km2 with an estimated population of 7.5 million inhabitants (2017).
- Subdivided into 6 health regions and 43 health districts.
- Health system organized in 3 levels: central, intermediate and operational.

#### Climate:

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- Equatorial climate in the southern half of the country with 2 dry seasons and 2 rainy seasons
- Tropical climate in the northern half with a rainy season and a dry season

## FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA IN TOGO

- Main vector: Anopheles gambiae
- Main parasite: Plasmodium falciparum
- ✤ Main interventions (NSP 2017-2022):
  - Vector control and prevention activities (LLINs campaign and routine, basic sanitation, …)
  - IPT for pregnant women
  - SMC for children under 5 in the North of the country
  - Diagnosis and early treatment (health centers and community)
  - Supportive interventions (IEC/BCC, M&E, Governance)





## **DATA AND BEST PRATICES**

#### **DATA (MIS 2017)**

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- ✤ 1 LLIN for every 2 people: 85% coverage
- LLIN use: pregnant women: 69% ; Children <5: 70%</p>
- Parasitic prevalence in children 6-59 months: 28%
- ✤ IPTp3: 42%

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

- Scaling-up community-based strategy with CSO involvement
- Advanced ANC strategy to improve IPTp3 coverage
- Paying actors using mobile money
- Use of the army to transport Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) during the 2017 mass campaign



## **LLIN MASS DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN 2017**

#### Purpose of the 2017 LLIN campaign:

Sustaining successes of universal coverage (3rd universal access campaign)

- <u>Strategy:</u> Fixed delivery strategy, distribution per sleeping space
- Number of LLINs to be distributed: 4 770 250
- Funding: State, GFATM, AMF

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Logistics for the 2017 campaign

LLINs: Global Fund and AMF

International transport of LLINs: State and Global Fund

Development of the logistics and distribution plan: NMCP with assistance from AMP

Development and implementation of a monitoring plan: PMU and NMCP with technical support from CRS

## LLIN MASS DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN 2017

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#### **Logistical difficulties encountered**

- Long procurement process coupled with delays in the acquisition of the central warehouse and the selection of transport carriers
- Absence of transportation carrier forms for the procurement process
- Urgency to implement the logistics plan: 85% of LLINs needed to be delivered directly to the districts
- Socio-political instability in the country (security)

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Difficulties were brought to the attention of the highest State authorities
Commitment pledge from the Head of State and national government
Mobilization of partners and the army

## **LLIN MASS DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN 2017**

#### **Solutions**

International transport of LLINs: State and GFATM

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- Negotiation with the army by the PR for the transport of LLINs to the districts (contract signature)
- Negotiation with WFP for the use of their warehouse (State-owned)
- LLIN receipt and storage in WFP, State and National Armed Forces warehouses
- Development of the logistics and distribution plan: NMCP with technical assistance from AMP
- Sharing logistics and transportation plans with the Army
- Development of transportation plan by the Army



## LLIN DELIVERIES BY THE NATIONAL ARMED FORCES

- Provision of trucks, staff and warehouses by the Army
- Loading and unloading ensured by the Army

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- The logistics commission participates with the logistics department of the Army in loading preparations
- NMCP and PMU logisticians monitor and record loading of LLINs
- Each loaded truck consists of a military driver and three other soldiers; one in the main cabin with the driver and two in the back with the nets



- 42 trucks including 37 Armed Forces mobilized for 302 trips in 37 districts
- Two weeks of transportation
- 3 666 200 LLINs transported by the National Armed Forces

## LLIN DELIVERIES BY THE NATIONAL ARMED FORCES

#### **Transportation route**

The trucks head to the districts in a convoy with one motocycle in the front and one at the back (following the logistics plan)

Unloading in the districts is done with the help of on-site garrison staff under the supervision of the district logistician







### LLIN DELIVERIES BY THE NATIONAL ARMED FORCES



#### LLIN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

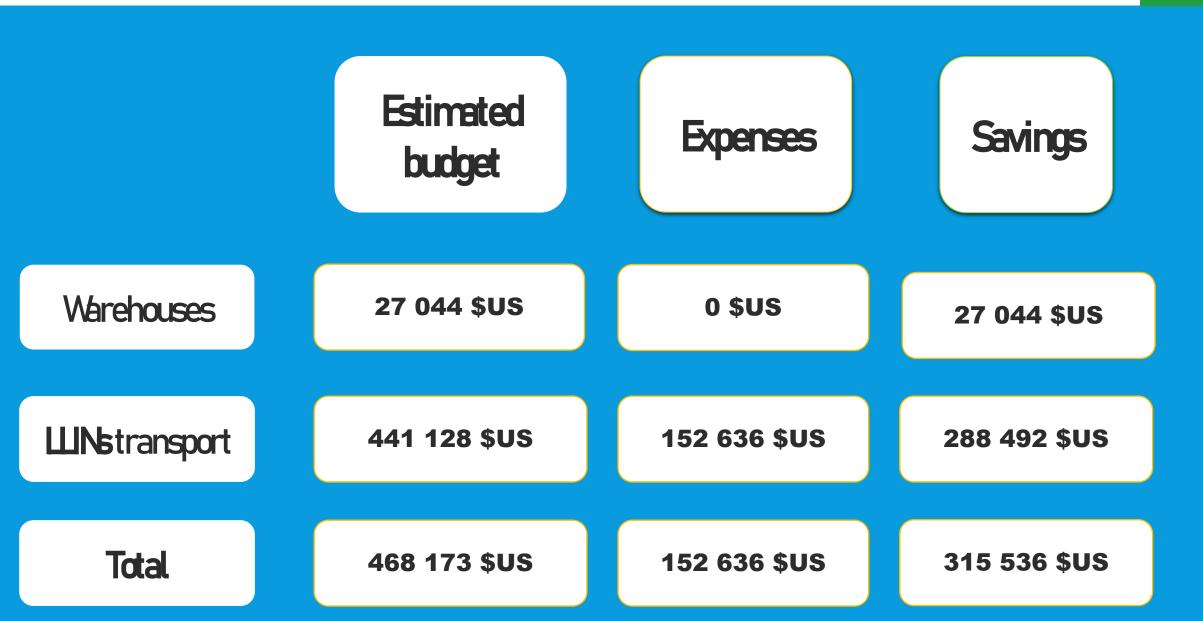
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### **ADVANTAGES AND CHALLENGES**

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Speed in procedures and negotiations
- Discipline in work ethic
- Timely availability of LLINs in districts
- Significant reduction in storage and transport costs (fuel, per diem for transportation)
- Safety of LLINs ensured

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Break in service during socio-political turmoil (end of delivery):
- Ban on movement of military vehicles
- Quartering in barracks

#### PLAN « B »

Consisted of mobilizing alternative options for public transport:

- National agency for public health and hygiene (ANASAP)
- Central medical store for essential and generic medicines (CAMEG)

#### **RESULTS OF CAMPAIGN DISTRIBUTION**

REGIONS	Households visited	Households having received a LLIN	% household having received a LLIN	LLINs distributed
MARITIME	738 908	662 651	90%	1 682 007
PLATEAUX	467 228	457 523	98%	1 157 819
CENTRALE	180 414	177 887	99%	494 326
KARA	248 451	243 595	98%	671 636
SAVANES	232 729	229 913	99%	626 046
TOTAL	1 867 730	1 771 569	95%	4 631 834

## Looking Ahead 2020

The NMCP has begun negotiations to partner with the armed forces again in 2020, and will continue to remain mindful to ever changing sensitivities in the political atmosphere in the coming election year, in order to ensure positive relationships with all stakeholders and avoid politicization of their work.

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