

THE NATIONAL ITN POLICY

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Introduction

- Uganda is committed to providing high quality ITNs (LLINs) since 2005/06
- 2010 target is universal coverage (1 LLIN for 2 persons)(challenging from targeted 85%)
- Hence the need for proper planning and coordination for scale up
- The policy review therefore focuses on strategies for attaining and sustaining universal coverage

Background

- ITNs are a major intervention for malaria prevention
- Distribution approaches –public-private mix
- Major distribution methods – stand alone campaigns, integrated campaigns, targeted distributions (ANC, PLWA, school children & other OVCs) and commercial sales
- All nets, ITNs now LLINs for cost-effectiveness

Draft policy, goal & objectives

- *The Policy* – All mosquito nets sold distributed or manufactured in Uganda shall be LLINs
- *Policy goal*-All Uganda residents to be protected by a mosquito net (LLIN) every night
- *Policy objectives*- To provide high quality mosquito nets (LLINs), to increase correct use of household LLINs and to sustain the high coverage once attained

Strategies for achieving universal coverage

- Continue with public/private mix distribution (free, subsidized and full commercial)
- Close tracking of distributions
- Fore-casting
- Timely replacement of old LLINs
- Behavior change communication for retention ,use and care

Where are now?

Available LLINs 05/09	Replacements 09/10/11	Total need for U/Coverage	LLIN Gap=needed - available + replacements	Available LLIN % of the need
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Implications

- CSOs and CBOs must know how many LLINs there are in their project areas
- Which particular locations the LLINs are and when they were distributed
- Which parishes/villages or households received/did not receive
- What is the gap from universal coverage
- How do we sustain the high coverage
- How do we maximize gains from the available LLINs

Major challenges

- Mainly operational
- Still experience multiple distributions in some areas
- Some areas of non distribution
- Non-reporting by some implementers
- Sub standard nets on the market
- Increasing usage in areas of high ownership

What partners, CSOs and NGOs can do

- Distribute LLINs where they are not existing
- Conduct educational activities to increase retention, use and care
- Monitor effects on the disease
- Document and share experiences and lessons learnt
- Plan and mobilize LLINs for timely replacements

LLIN shopping list

- Polyethylene fabric- 3 brands
 - Olyset
 - DuraNet
 - Netprotect (200 mesh only)
- Polyester fabric – 2 brands
 - PermaNet (100D only)
 - Interceptor (100D only)
- Others including PermaNet 3.0 will be communicated accordingly

The call

- We are calculating the need for attaining universal coverage by 2010
- We appreciate all of you for the data we have
- Make sure that all your data is part of the calculation (stored LLINs pending distribution soon, distributed LLINs to other targets other than PW&U5s)
- Contact MCP &MACIS for details of reporting

Thank you