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 we now?

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<th>Available LLINs 05/09</th>
<th>Replacements 09/10/11</th>
<th>Total need for U/Coverage</th>
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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