Local Fund Agent Verification of sampling and testing of Insecticides Treated Nets procured outside PPM

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Objectives

To verify if Principal Recipients (PR) comply with the Global Fund Quality Assurance (QA) requirements for LLINs procured outside PPM with GF resources.

Background

As per the Guide to Global Fund Policies on Procurement and Supply Management of Health Products (June 2021)[1], PRs are authorized to procure vector control products including LLINs only when those products are:

- recommended for use by WHO Pesticide Evaluation Scheme (WHOPES); and are compliant with specifications indicated in WHOPES; or
- pre-qualified under the WHO Prequalification Programme; or
- acceptable for procurement using grant funds, as determined by the Global Fund based on the advice of the Expert Review Panel (ERP).

In addition, PRs are required to carry our pre-shipment visual inspection, sampling and testing of LLINs. The visual inspection is to be undertaken by an independent agent. The quality control testing must be conducted by an independent ISO 17025-accredited laboratory or Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) certified laboratory with the specific testing methods within its scope of accreditation. The testing should be conducted according to WHO approved product specifications and the testing methods based on CIPAC (if adopted as final by the council) unless the specification identifies a different method.

This LFA assessment aims to review the PR's compliance with the Global Fund Quality Assurance requirements when procuring LLINs.

Scope:

- Determine the methods and process in place by PRs and procurement agent, as applicable, to comply to GF QA requirements for LLINs procurement.
- Determine that the nets procured are eligible at the time of the procurement

[1]Available at https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/other- products/

- Determine the level of implementation of the QA requirements through number of consignments tested, number of batches tested per consignment, compliance with CIPAC methods, and testing strategy implemented (full WHO specifications or subset of the approved WHO specifications).

Tasks

Including but not limited to, the following:

- Interview of the principal recipients and/or the procurement agent on their knowledge of the GF QA requirements for procurement of LLINs.
- Review the PR's contractual agreement(s), the procedures, and records to organize the sampling, inspection and testing of LLINs procured with Global Fund grant funds.
- Perform the same review in case the PR has subcontracted such activities to a 3rd party such as the National Procurement entity or any UN Agents.
- Review of the inspection, sampling, and testing records for LLINs procurements for the last 12 months prior to start of the review. If more than 10 procurement have been performed in the last 12 months, the LFA will select randomly a maximum of 10 procurements for the review.
- Extract of the PQR data for the studied period in advance of the review in order to cross-check the correctness of the PQR data[2].

Methodology

The approach should involve:

- On-site visit to the PR and Central Medical Store or PSA, as necessary.
- Interview with PR and Central Medical Store (CMS) or PSA staff involved in procurement of LLINs.
- On-desk review of documentation collected.

Output/Deliverables and timing of deliverables

- A written report containing the following:
- A summary of the activities performed, records reviewed, staff interviewed, date of on- site visit.
- Brief conclusions on the level of implementation based on the analysis of evidence.
- Clear description of findings, interpretations, limitations or challenges faced, and recommendations.

Service Delivery

This verification exercise should be undertaken by the LFA PSM Expert who is accountable for the technical content of this report. S/he can be supported, as needed, by other LFA team members in the planning and during the verification.

Estimated LoE: up to 5 days but depending on the number of LLIN procurement records to be reviewed.

[2] https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/price-quality-reporting/

The LoE for this verification exercise, including report writing, depends on the elements of the ToR and the number and location of service delivery sites that are effectively included in the review.

This need to be as agreed beforehand between the Global Fund Country Team and the LFA.

Reference documentation

- Guide to Global Fund Policies on Procurement and Supply Management of Health Products https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality- assurance/other-products/

- WHO list of Prequalified Vector Control Products https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/vector-control-products/list-prequalified-vector-control-products

- Briefing Note on Visual Inspection of (ITNs) https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/12436/psm_visual-inspection- itn_briefingnote_en.pdf

- Briefing note on Pre-Shipment Sampling, Testing and Reporting Results for Insecticide-treated Nets (ITNs) https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/12437/psm_pre- shipment-sampling-testing-reporting-itn_briefingnote_en.pdf

- Local Fund Agent's Guide to Price and Quality Reporting https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/5872/psm_pqrforlfas_guide_en.pdf