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**MEMORANDUM OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, EDO STATE ON THE LONG  
LASTING INSECTICIDAL NETS REPLACEMENT CAMPAIGN IN 2017**

**PUPROSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Council of the success story recorded during the Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) replacement campaign in Edo State.

**BACKGROUND**

The last LLINs mass campaign was conducted in Edo State in 2012 when 1,157,307 LLINs were distributed. The insecticidal potency of the nets is said to depreciate after 3 years thereby losing its protective ability, thus the need for the replacement which was due since 2015 but was only conducted in 2017.

The main objective of the campaign was to build the capacity of the State, Local Government Areas, Communities, Individuals and Partners on the benefits, management and use of the LLINs, to increase LLINs utilization in Households in the State and sustain a net culture through advocacy and community mobilization.

The 2006 National Population census figure was used to project the population of Edo State thus 4,764,794 was arrived at. The Standard Operation Procedure of the LLINs replacement campaign stipulates that 1 net should be given to 2 persons in the same Household, however 2,678,900 nets were delivered to the Central Medical Store for distribution to the citizenry of Edo State.

The LLINs replacement campaign in Edo State was supported by Global fund and implemented in the State by Catholic Relief Services in collaboration with the State Government. The Edo State Government provided funds to fill in the gaps that were not provided for in the Global Fund budget thus resulting in the huge success of the campaign in the State.

**SUCCESS**

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- ii. Out of the 2,464,900 net cards delivered to the Local Government Areas, 2,396,989 net cards were distributed to the Households during the process. This represents 90.6%.
- iii. 2,110,150 nets were delivered as against the 2,396,989 net cards, thus making the redemption rate to be 88%.
- iv. Post campaign evaluation by independent monitors in the State revealed a hanging rate of the LLINs to be 85% while utilization rates for under five, pregnant women and others stood at 91%, 94% and 82% respectively.

The following factors contributed to the success story of the LLINs replacement campaign in Edo State.

- i. Early engagement of the State by the implementing partner (Catholic Relief Services) before the commencement of the micro planning process.
- ii. Involvement of Local Government Chairmen/ Head of Local Government Administration as members of coordination committee improved coordination and oversight of the campaign activities at all the LGA level.
- iii. High level participation/political will improved State level commitment and filling of identified gaps.
- iv. Engagement of independent monitors from LGAs where they reside helped to reduce the risks on travelling and improves monitoring time.
- v. Creation of platforms for communication among each category of personnel improves information dissemination e.g Whatsapp group.
- vi. Joint submission of mobilization and distribution data by the State supervisors and the LGA team ensures ownership.
- vii. Involvement of security agencies in the transportation of LLINs improved commodity safety.

## **PRAYERS**

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