

Highlights of Panel Discussion on Urban Area Distribution

- **Participants: Cameroun, Ghana and Nigeria NMCP**
 - Discussion focused on how countries prioritise LLIN distribution within urban areas.
 - Countries acknowledged there are unique challenges when it comes to distributing LLINs during Mass Campaigns in urban areas.
 - Some challenges include, registering households during working hours, urban dwellers not accepting certain types of nets and or having strong net preferences, accessing households in densely populated urban areas.
 - Quantification of nets needed is a challenge, because urban areas are growing at a much faster rate than the national average, defining what constitutes a household in urban areas also poses its own challenges.
 - While recognizing these challenges, many countries do not have written strategies/guidelines to address them; this is somethings countries are working on implementing.
 - The retail/commercial sector could be a viable means of addressing challenges such as net preferences, sleeping spaces missed because of capping.
 - Promoting retail sector sale of ITNs could also allow Programmes to distribute nets to those who need them most.