# **ALMA Scorecard for Accountability and Action - Country Case Studies**

Published monthly on the ALMA website (ALMA 2015.org), the ALMA Scorecard for Accountability and Action demonstrates to African leaders, their citizens, and global donors where contributions are having impact and where action is needed. African leaders have been working with a draft version of the ALMA Scorecard over the past year, and the early results are impressive.

#### **Scorecard Impact Case Studies**

#### Nigeria



Nigeria is Africa's most populous country with approximately 160million people, and the highest malaria burden. In 2008, Nigeria set the ambitious target of distributing 63 million long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets to populations at risk from malaria. However, this progress nearly stalled last year.

The country lacked the funds to distribute 24 million of these. Through the ALMA tracking mechanism and discussions with national and international partners, the problem was promptly recognized. Ministers of Health and Finance worked with ALMA and other international partners to reallocate existing World Bank grants to fill the funding gap and keep the nets moving.

This has contributed to Nigeria's impressive progress toward universal mosquito net coverage. Currently, 37 million LLINs have been distributed. With continued support from international donors, Africa's most populous country hopes to achieve universal net coverage next year.

#### Kenya



Following a failed application for Global Fund in 2009, Kenya faced a financing gap for 11 million long-lasting insecticidal nets to achieve universal coverage. Kenya's senior health leadership was alerted to this impending gap and they took immediate and decisive action.

Working with ALMA and international partners, Kenya reprioritized World Bank grants monies and reprogrammed Global Fund money too and then fast-tracked the ordering of nets through the ALMA/UNICEF net tender.

Kenya is slated to achieve universal net coverage in 2011 and now, after a successful Round 10 Global Fund application also has resources in place to help sustain this coverage beyond 2015.

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### Examples of country progress reported in the ALMA Scorecard Quarter 3, 2011:

- **Rwanda:** In 2010, Rwanda noted a resurgence in malaria cases nationwide because net coverage had dropped. Rwanda responded with a large-scale distribution campaign of 6.1 million nets in just over 12 months month, achieving universal coverage, and the resurgence in malaria cases was then reversed.
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Achieved 100% financing of LLINs need for 2011 (nearly 18 million nets this year), including around 12 million nets procured through the ALMA tender with UNICEF using World Bank finances. (The ALMA tender, in partnership with UNICEF has procured over 24 million nets for priority countries, cutting delivery times of these essential commodities by months.)
- **Angola and Burundi:** Both countries have announced the removal of all taxes & tariffs on all essential antimalarial commodities including mosquito nets, antimalarial medicines, rapid diagnostic tests, insecticide for spraying and spray pumps.
- **Cote D'Ivoire:** Following the 2011 elections and the political crisis that ensued, Cote D'Ivoire overcame significant operational challenges to undertake the distribution of 8.9 million nets moving the country considerably closer to achieving universal net coverage.