

# USAID/BHA Emergency Application Guidelines Health Annex A October 2020

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- 1. Copy text below. Available here.
- 2. Edit as instructed within the template, and
- 3. Submit request on your organization's letterhead.]

# Request for Approval to Use USAID/BHA Funds for Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLINs)

**Ref.**: [ORGANIZATION] request for approval to purchase, distribute, use, transport, store, manage and/or dispose of Long Lasting Insecticidal Treated Nets (LLINs) for [PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE] in [COUNTRY(IES)].

# Dear [USAID/BHA POINT OF CONTACT]:

[ORGANIZATION] requests approval to use USAID/BHA funds to purchase, use, transport, distribute, store, manage and/or dispose of [NUMBER of LLINs] [LLIN NAME BRAND] for our program/project [PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE] in [COUNTRY(IES)]. The total amount requested from USAID/BHA for the purchase, transportation, storage, handling, distribution, and/or disposal of LLINs will be [AMOUNT IN US DOLLARS].

#### **Activity Description**

[Provide a short, concise paragraph on the background of the situation or the problem partner intends to respond to using LLINs, and the expected outcomes of the proposed intervention.]

# **LLIN** supplier/source information

### [Provide

- 1. the supplier's
  - a. Name
  - b. Phone number(s)
  - c. Street/mailing addresses, and
- 2. The reason for selecting this supplier (e.g., prior experiences, dependability, good stewardship, availability of the proposed LLINs in sufficient quantities for rapid deployment, competitive price/cost savings, suitability and acceptability of the LLINs to local conditions, etc.).

This requirement applies regardless of whether the LLINs are being sourced with USAID/BHA funding or are received gift-in-kind.]

# Unavailability of the LLINs in the USA

[Provide confirmation that your organization has sufficiently researched and concluded that the proposed LLINs are not manufactured or available in the USA in sufficient quantities for rapid procurement and deployment to the target localities where the project will be implemented. If the LLINs are available in the USA and can be procured and deployed rapidly, partners are required to procure them from the U.S. sources regardless of price differences.]

#### Manufacturer's information

[Provide confirmation that

- 1. The proposed LLINs are **manufactured** by one or more of UN World Health Organization (WHO)-approved manufacturers, and
- 2. The pesticide(s) incorporated in the LLINs is (are)
  - a. Recommended by WHO
  - b. Approved by host-country authorities, and
  - c. Preferably registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the same or similar use.]

# **Mitigation requirements**

[Describe in detail your mitigation procedures to address each requirement listed below.

- For further detail, refer to <u>LLIN Global Programmatic Initial Environmental</u> Examination (P-IEE).
- You are also required to adhere to applicable procedures stipulated in USAID Environmental Regulations codified in 22 CFR 216.
- You must include your mitigation procedures, as well as brand name, quantity and unit and total costs of the proposed LLINs in the Application narrative under the Technical Description section.
- 1. Procurement: You can only procure, transport, distribute, use, and/or manage one or more LLIN brands that are in the below table. USAID/GH PMI policy requires that insecticide treated nets, at a minimum, be on the WHO pre-qualification list as well as satisfy additional criteria as related to label claims, past performances, financial viability, programmatic consistency and field effectiveness.

Brand name	Manufacturer	Unit cost in USD	Total cost in USD
DuraNet LN	Clarke Mosquito Control,		
	Shobikaa Impex Private Ltd		
Interceptor	BASF		
Interceptor G2	BASF SE		
Miranet	A to Z Textile Mills Limited		
Olyset	Sumitomo Chemical		
Olyset Plus	Sumitomo Chemical		
PandaNet 2.0	LIFE IDEAS Biological		
	Technology Co, Ltd		
PermaNet 2	Vestergaard Frandsen		
PermaNet 3	Vestergaard Frandsen		`
Royal Sentry	Disease Control Technology		
Royal Sentry 2.0	Disease Control Technology		

Royal Guard	Disease Control Technology	
Yahe LN	Fujan Yamei Industry & Trade Co,	
	Ltd	

- 2. Training and Communications: Training is a critical part of LLIN activities. You must provide training on the proper use, handling, storage, management, and disposal of the LLINs to all beneficiaries including those who handle, transport, distribute and/or dispose the nets before giving them out to the beneficiaries. The aim of the training should be to increase the likelihood for nets to be effective over their proscribed life as well as to ensure safety of the beneficiaries and their assets as well as the surrounding environment. Training must include the following components:
  - i. <u>Use</u>: Printed insert materials must be distributed to all beneficiaries receiving LLINs. These materials will contain basic instructions for the safe and effective use of the LLINs in the simplest language and include pictorial representation to address different languages and literacy/numeracy competencies. Identify the source(s) of the printed insert materials, e.g., manufacturer, UN/WHO, host-government, NGO, etc.
  - ii. <u>Handling and Washing</u>: Describe the frequency and mode of washing to avoid or minimize formation of holes. This must be based upon manufacturers' instructions and applicable UN/WHO and host-government procedures and must emphasize that the nets be washed inland, away from grazing land and biologically sensitive ecosystems (e.g., rivers, lakes, marshes, etc.) to reduce risk of pesticide contamination.
  - iii. <u>Re-use</u>: Discuss safe alternatives for re-use of LLINs at end-of-life might include non-food packaging, ropes, non-food storage, window screening, fencing, and even continued use as a bed net until they stop serving as a physical barrier against mosquitoes or a new LLIN is available.
  - iv. <u>Disposal</u>: Provide information on the disposal procedures for LLINs that have reached the end of their useful life. Include preferred disposal such as plastic recycling, safe incineration or sending them to a collection center if available. Assess existing options for the safe and proper disposal of LLINs and packaging materials. Advise community members that LLINs that have reached their end of useful life must not be used for fishing/seine nets, bridal garments, infant swaddling or other purposes.
- 3. **Monitoring of Effectiveness of Use**: Describe how you will implement an ongoing monitoring program over the life of the program to ensure proper and safe handling, use, and management of the LLINs by the beneficiaries.
- 4. **Insecticide Resistance**: Describe how you will reach out to relevant Ministry(ies)

of Health and/or UN entities (clusters) to participate in pesticide resistance monitoring at the country and/or regional level.

5. Adherence to Host-country Environmental Regulations: Explain how you will adhere to applicable host-country environmental regulations and policies during the implementation of the proposed LLIN interventions.]

Thank you for your consideration, [INSERT NAME AND TITLE]