

Sampling Methodology for Vitamin Angels' On-site Monitoring

In 2019, Vitamin Angels (VA) is conducting on-site monitoring of 20% of all field partners distributing vitamin A and deworming around the globe. VA uses a stratified random sampling methodology, with field partners stratified by geographic area (i.e. priority country/region) and size of partnership (small, medium and large). Below are the steps for generating the sample:

- 1. At the end of each year (Q4 December), Vitamin Angels' (VA) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) unit generates a list of all field partners from VA's Salesforce database that have received a shipment of vitamin A and/or deworming within the past 1.5 years (as grants are given on a rolling basis).
- 2. From the list, field partners belong to one of the following geographic regions:
 - India
 - Indonesia
 - Philippines
 - Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
 - Nigeria
 - Uganda
 - Haiti
 - Mexico
 - Asia region (without India, Indonesia and Philippines)
 - Africa region (without DRC, Nigeria and Uganda)
 - Latin America and the Caribbean region (without Haiti and Mexico)
- 3. Field partners are divided into two equal categories based on number of beneficiaries reached (i.e. Small = 4,000 or less beneficiaries; Large = 4,001+ beneficiaries). Then, field partners are labelled as small or large.
- 4. Field partners are assigned a random number (using =RAND function in Excel).
- 5. Field partners are then stratified by geographic area and size (small and large), whereby 80% of large partners are sampled and 20% of small partners. Then the lists are randomized.
- 6. 20% of field partners are equally selected across each list.

*Note: If the field partner does not have any product remaining to observe a distribution, a "replacement" field partner can be selected to substitute in the list. Replacement field partners are selected by choosing the next randomly selected partner in the list.