Against Malaria Foundation

LLIN Distribution Programme – Detailed Information



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
900	Uganda	Acholi Quarter in Kampala	Jan 2008	Project Have Hope, (working with the Global Health Forum, Swarthmore College)

Further Information

1. Please describe the specific locations & villages to receive nets and the number to each? Please provide longitude/latitude information. (Important note: If the distribution is approved, approval will be for the nets to be distribution to these specific locations. Location changes will only be considered, and may be refused, if due to exceptional/unforeseen circumstances.)

All nets to go to the Acholi Quarter in the Banda District of Kampala, Uganda.

2. Is this an urban or rural area and how many people live in this specific area?

Urban - approximately 10,000.

3. Is this a high risk malaria area? If yes, why do you designate it as high?

It is high risk - this past summer I went to interview mothers of children with malaria and virtually every mother I met had a child with malaria.

4. How many *reported* cases of malaria and malaria deaths were there in this area in 2005? If you do not have statistics please make a qualitative comment.

Virtually every mother I met had a child with malaria or who had had malaria multiple times over the year.

5. Is this distribution of nets 'blanket coverage' of an area/village or to a select/vulnerable group? If the latter, please describe this group.

The goal for this campaign is to get nets to children and families first. Ultimately, we would like to get bednets to the entire Acholi Quarter, and to make the program sustainable. Our goal is to raise funds for the entire population of the Acholi Quarter in the next few years.

6. What is the existing level of ITN use in this area? Are there existing bednet distribution programmes in this area?

The use is very low because most families cannot afford bednets - many people live on less than \$1 a day. I do not

know if there are existing bednet distribution programmes per se, but I know there are a few families that have been able to purchase bednets, and people knew there were nearby places to buy regular bednets and ITNs.

7. Why was the area/villages chosen for bednet distribution and who made this decision? Please provide the name, position and organisation of the person/s making the decision.

This area was chosen because this is the community where I worked this summer, along with Swarthmore College Lang Scholar Katie Camillus (kcamill AT swarthmore.edu), who set up a micro-loan program in this community (I came to help out).

We care very much about this community. I chose this village — I am Mark Dlugash, co-founder and executive director of Global Health Forum, an organization whose mission is to raise awareness of and funds for children in developing nations with or at risk of contracting infectious diseases, especially AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

8. Have you consulted with the National Malaria Programme in your country about this distribution and what was their response? Please provide the name, position and contact details of the person/s with whom you have liaised.

Pending.

9. Please describe any pre-distribution activity, in particular how the size of the target group and number of nets required will be ascertained?

I met with community leaders and asked them if they would think a bednet program would be a good idea - they could not have been more enthusiastic about the idea. I interviewed women with children with malaria about all aspects of their lives and how malaria impacts their lives. We would like all of the money we raise to go directly toward bednets, and any additional overhead/distributional costs we will finance.

10. Please describe how the bednets will be distributed, by whom, whether distribution will be a focussed effort or part of a combined programme and if there will be an information/education component to the distribution? Please indicate over what time period (typically, the number of days or weeks) the distribution will occur.

Staff of Project Haven Hope, a non-profit will distribute the nets. I will be back in Uganda in the Summer of 2008, but we would like the bednets to be distributed as soon as possible, probably in December 2007 or January 2008. Project Have Hope focuses explicitly on the Acholi Quarter. I am also in contact with community leaders in the Acholi Quarter.

We would like there to be an information/education component to the distribution. The distribution should take a week. I would like to make sure that the nets are used properly and that the program is ultimately sustainable, and would like distribution to happen accordingly.

11. What post-distribution follow-up is planned to assess the level of usage (hang-up percentage) of the nets? How long after the distribution will this assessment take place? Will you provide us with the findings? What will you be able to do subsequently to increase net hang-up if relevant?

WE will conduct pos-distribution follow up in the Summer of 2008 so 6 months or so post distribution. WE will liaise with Project Have Hope regarding intermediate follow-up. Follow up is extremely important to us - we want to ensure the bednets are being used and properly. We will continue to organize this aspect of the program, and we will provide you with the findings. If we need to increase net hang-up, we are in contact with community leaders who can call a meeting for the entire community to increase net hang-up.

12. Please give the name and contact information for the (government) head of the district health management team for the/each area. Please ensure you include contact information.

Pending.

13. Please confirm the nets will be distributed free-to-recipients, a requirement for us to fund nets.

Bednets will absolutely be free-to-recipients.

14. Please confirm you will send us, post-distribution, at least 40 digital photos per sub-location, taken at the distribution/s, to be added to our website as we report on the distribution to donors.*

Confirmed.

15. Please indicate if you will be able to provide video footage from each sub-location. This is not mandatory but is preferred and aids reporting to donors and encourages further donor giving.*

I can provide video footage when I am back in Uganda in Summer 2008, and I can try to get someone else to do so sooner.

16. Please confirm you will send a Post-Distribution Summary when the distribution is complete.*

Confirmed.

17. Please provide your name, role and organisation and full contact information.

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Thank you very much!

*Information on providing photos, video and a Post-distribution Summary is included in the attached document.