

Africa Childrens Development Trust

Post Distribution Summary

Uganda March 2011

Amount of nets: 2740

Location: Various Locations, Uganda

Allocation

The distribution area was allocated as part of the mission statement of the Africa Childrens Development Trust (ACDT) to provide each child that passes through the charity with a life-saving mosquito net. The distribution allocation was given to the ACDT following a request from the Uganda Ministry of Health for assistance with mosquito nets at a number of locations in Uganda.

The nets were distributed as follows:

Bewya Childrens Home, Wakiso District – **80 nets**

Mercy Childrens Home, Wakiso District – **80 nets**

COMDEV Bweyogere, Wakiso District – **210 nets**

Lowero Diocese (multiple sub counties) – **1220 nets**

Arise & Shine Primary School, Palissa District – **400 nets**

Kasebei Primary School, Palissa District – **430 nets**

Prince of Peace Primary School, Palissa District – **320 nets**

Fundraising

The fundraising for these nets came from a number of different sources, from individual donators to groups of people & schools from around the world supporting the work of the ACDT.

The Distributions

The allocations for these nets were spread far & wide & took some time to organise & co-ordinate. Lists had to be sent & verified & transport & travel arranged. & then we were off! The Bweya & Mercy Childrens homes were community homes set up some years ago. Struggling to give children hope they were in desperate need of assistance. We were welcomed so graciously to both homes & it was lovely to be able to gift them the nets.



COMDEV is a local community based organization in Bweyogere going East out of Kampala set up by local people trying to assist their the children through healthcare & education.



The Lowero Diocese was a huge undertaking. Under the Diocese they have a number of vulnerable groups including village communities & HIV groups. The distribution covered a wide range of sub counties under Lowero District. We were welcome at each distribution point with open arms & it was a please to meet all these people. It was hard to organise this work so it was a relief to know the distribution was complete!



Arise & Shine, Kasebei & Prince of Peace Schools although in separate parts of Palissa District were linked under one umbrella of district support. The days spent in Palissa were incredibly hot & we were extremely rural. It was interesting as we were near the Kenya border although some way from Kampala so there were many dialects being spoken which required several translations during the pre-distribution talk. We were all huddled under one tree trying to stay out of the sun but the tree was very small! There was a great atmosphere & everyone was so happy to receive nets!





Follow up

We advised everyone receiving nets of the follow up program that follows the distribution & so we believe that this will be the start of a long friendship between all the people & the ACDT.

Summary

It was hard work preparing for these distributions but so rewarding to be able to get to the end of each day knowing that so many children would now be sleeping safely. The hardest part of community distributions is having other people arriving during the distribution begging for nets but you only have the allocated number. Malaria is such a huge problem that these people really are desperate. We met people living in very tough conditions & you just wish you could help everyone. However we are so grateful to everyone who supports the ACDT for the fact that despite not being able to help everyone, we did indeed help many, many children & many lives will have be saved as a result of this distribution.