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Distribution of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets

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VI. Project Background

A coalition of Red Cross Movement partners in Haiti submitted a proposal to the World Swim Against Malaria Foundation in August 2006 to request 13,000 long-lasting mosquito nets (LLIN) to be integrated into existing and planned community health projects. The coalition at the time was made up of the International Federation, American Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross and the Host National Society –The Haitian Red Cross Society. The proposal, for 8,000 nets, was approved by World Swim in December 2006 and the LLINs arrived in Port-au-Prince in April 2007 and cleared customs in June 2007. During the time between application and receipt of LLINs, many changes occurred in Haiti. The International Federation program closed and the delegate departed, the Canadian Red Cross program switched focus from malaria to hygiene and the American Red Cross malaria project finished its activities in their first commune and started a new extension project in neighboring communities. Given these program changes, the American Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross distributed the 8,000 LLINs as part of their integrated community health programs in the Northeast and Central Plateau Departments of Haiti, two areas where Malaria is endemic and LLIN distributions have not been carried out by other organizations. Both teams were delighted to receive the LLINs from World Swim and have successfully integrated them into their malaria prevention programs.

VI. Project Description

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross' Northeast Malaria program's second year extension began in June 2007 in the Northeastern Department's communes of St. Suzanne, Caracol and Trou du Nord. The project conducts basic community health education and promotion, starting with malaria prevention. Working through HRC local branches, volunteers are trained in malaria prevention and early diagnosis and treatment and then, in turn, educate mothers in their communities. LLINs are distributed to pregnant mothers and households with children under age five.



Voucher used to identify beneficiaries

The goals and objectives of the malaria portion of the project are:

Goal:

Reduce the incidence of morbidity and mortality from malaria and malnutrition among children under 5 and pregnant women in Northeastern Haiti.

Objectives:

1. Increased use of health services and improved malaria prevention practices at the household level
2. Increased community access to health information and services

Spanish Red Cross:

Sante Se Lavi (“health is life” in Creole) is the Community Health program supported by the Spanish Red Cross in Hinche – Central Plateau department. The project works in eight communities – four urban and four rural. An estimated 20,000 residents benefited from educational campaigns via radio, schools and community meetings. The project works through 12 volunteers trained by the Spanish Red Cross. In this project, malaria prevention and health seeking behavior issues are addressed as part of an integrated program that includes environmental health and hygiene interventions. LLINs are distributed to pregnant women and households with children under age five.



Goal:

To improve the general health of the population of Hinche through community health actions.

Objective:

1. To prevent the most common infectious diseases through environmental health education.

VI. Beneficiaries

The project’s targeted beneficiaries were pregnant women and children under age five in the Northeastern Department (communes of Caracol, Sainte Suzanne and Trou du Nord) and in the Central Plateau Department (commune of Hinche).

Number of LLINs distributed by Commune

Commune	Caracol	Trou du Nord	Sainte Suzanne	Hinche	Total
Women of reproductive age and children < 5	639	1231	4459	1978	8307*

* 307 extra nets were distributed as part of the project to meet the needs of the identified communities. The nets were provided by internal ARC funding.

IV. Project Accomplishments to date:

In addition to the distribution of LLINs, HRC volunteers conducted the following malaria-related activities since June 2007 in the Northeast and Central Plateau Departments:

1. Trou du Nord Volunteers conducted 3,696 family visits, 238 community meetings with a total of 4,603 participants, and 791 small group malaria education sessions with mothers.
2. Thirty volunteers from St. Suzanne and Caracol were trained in malaria
3. The malaria *boite à image* (flipchart tool) was revised based on feedback from the volunteers and reprinted for the new group of volunteers. The images were all redesigned by a Red Cross Youth volunteer and they are now much cleaner and the messages are clearer.
4. The malaria baseline survey for Caracol and St. Suzanne was conducted in July 2007.
5. Twelve HRC Volunteers were trained in hygiene, basic sanitation and malaria prevention in Hinche.
6. HRC Volunteers in Hinche conducted community hygiene and malaria prevention education through radio spots, in schools and through community meetings.



Timeline: Community Mobilization Events (CMEs) and LLIN Distribution

CME Agenda and Schedule:

The exact order and agenda of each CME was determined with the local committees, but CMEs generally consisted of the following activities:

- Welcome and introduction by local committee president or representative
- Welcome and appreciation by the Malaria Project Field Coordinator
- Malaria prevention education and use of LLINs by HRC volunteers
- Distribution of LLINs for beneficiaries with vouchers

There was one delay in programming this quarter in the Northeast which occurred because of Hurricane Dean which passed through Haiti in Mid-August causing a postponement of the malaria training until mid-September.

Distributions: CMEs and LLIN Distributions were planned, implemented and completed in each area as follows:

Date	Location	Number of Nets
October 1, 2007	Cotelette (St. Suzanne)	236
October 1, 2007	Foulon (St. Suzanne)	205
October 2, 2007	Dupity (St. Suzanne)	725
October 2, 2007	St. Suzanne Ville (St. Suzanne)	405
October 2, 2007	Dupity (St. Suzanne)	1,467
October 23, 2007	Magnon/Bas-Saline (Caracol)	206
October 23, 2007	Cashess/Morency (Caracol)	83
October 23, 2007	Bois Blanc (Caracol)	194
October 26, 2007	Dubuisson (Trou du Nord)	156
October 29, 2007	Hinche	1,000
October 29, 2007	Cachiman (Trou du Nord)	129
November 6, 2007	Sarazin (St. Suzanne)	206
November 7, 2007	Bas Cimetiere (Trou du Nord)	47
November 7, 2007	Centreville Trou du Nord	245
November 8, 2007	Moussignac (Trou du Nord)	101
November 9, 2007	Roche Plate (Trou du Nord)	190
November 17, 2007	Cite Marc Ducheine (Trou du Nord)	100
November 19, 2007	Hinche	978
November 19, 2007	Caracol	350
November 20, 2007	Garcin (Trou du Nord)	152
November 21, 2007	Sarazine (St. Suzanne)	187
November 21, 2007	St. Suzanne	285
November 21, 2007	Bois Blanc (St. Suzanne)	64
November 22, 2007	Cotelette (St. Suzanne)	325
November 23, 2007	Bois Blanc (St. Suzanne)	160
	Total LLINs distributed as of December 2007	8,307

V. Success Stories: (Translated from Creole Interviews)

Alourdes Jean : Rue St André



Alourdes Jean and child

As you can see I live in a very humid area. There are a lots of water puddles. We used to have major problems with the mosquitoes even during the day; it was very difficult to stay in the house. We now started the elimination of the water puddles; we started putting the garbage outside like we were taught by the Red Cross volunteers. We are starting to see results. As for the mosquito net, it helps us very much. My child and I are very comfortable under the net at night. I hope that the Red Cross distributes more in the area for the people who did not yet get one.

Daphne Mathieu, rue St. Jean, Centreville, Trou du Nord. Daphne Mathieu lives in a neighborhood unusually full of garbage and animals. Her small house is cold and damp. She lives in the 2-bedroom house with her mother, and five children. When ARC arrived, the child was already sleeping under the net. Daphne explains that the mosquito net is very useful for her, “it protects both my child and me. Before I received this net, my child was always sick.” She explains that in the past, there were always mosquitoes in the house, but now it’s much better. “I like the Red Cross a lot and I hope that you continue with this sort of project”.



Daphne Mathieu demonstrates her LLIN

Youseline Jean: Bas – Saline

The mosquito net that was given to me was in my opinion the best initiative in the area from the Red Cross. I received it when I was pregnant & now my child is born. The baby and I spend most of our day under the net. After the training I received by the volunteers I now know that the mosquitoes are dangerous for my baby. I know there are a lot of people that need nets but haven’t received so I hope that the Red Cross will be able to help them to get one.



Youseline Jean

Geslaine Syphrael : Impasse Auteron Firmin

Geslaine lives in a little damaged wooden house where you find lots of mosquitoes. She says “Even during the day we have mosquitoes”. She says the mosquito net is very useful to me because before having the net my child used to get bitten all night, but now with this great gift from the Red Cross my child sleeps. Where I live it is very difficult to get rid of the mosquitoes but with the nets that the Red Cross has given to me it helps. I truly hope that the Red Cross continues their intervention in the area because there are lots of people that did not get mosquito nets.

Suzette Célestin: Rue St André



Suzette's daughter under her LLIN

Sir, I would like to tell you sincerely that we do not have many mosquitoes in my house at the moment. The Red Cross volunteers gave us a good training that helped us a lot. Everything I learned I try to put in practice so now we can start proclaiming victory against the mosquitoes. Now with the mosquito net my husband, my child and myself feel so good. Thank you to the Red Cross. Good Luck

VI. Next Steps

Both the American Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross are satisfied with the successes of their respective projects and are planning to continue similar programming in their areas. The American Red Cross recently completed an extension proposal for the Northeast in order to expand coverage and include new interventions. The Spanish Red Cross is just beginning a new community health project in the Southeast and will seek support to include LLINs.



LLIN distribution in Caracol, Haiti



Haitian child carries her new LLIN home