

World Swim For Malaria Foundation

LLIN Distribution Programme – Detailed Information



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
5,000	Sudan	Khartoum, IDP (Internally Displaced People) camps	Sep06	Malaria Consortium

Further Information

1. Please describe the specific location & villages that will receive nets and the number to each?

Soba al Radi IDP camp Khartoum state.

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

IDP camp in semi-urban setting.

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

IDP camps in Khartoum constitute about 11% of the 600,000 cases of malaria seen in the city each year.

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.

There are approximately 400,000 IDPs living in Khartoum in camps. These populations are estimated to contribute 60,000 cases of malaria per annum. Access to health facilities in this group is limited for a number of reasons, positioning around the city in areas of limited service provision, lack of funding for NGOs to provide services, and the expectation that many IDPs will return to their place of origin at some time after the comprehensive peace agreement.

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.

These nets will be distributed to pregnant women and children under 5 years in a house to house campaign supported by community structures and with concurrent communications activities.

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

The NGOs working in the Khartoum camps have limited coverage although some limited distribution has taken place; in 2005, 8000 nets were distributed to IDPs, the total IDP camp

population is 400,000. A tiny number of ITNs (not long lasting nets) are available commercially in Khartoum through a government sponsored system but these are in extremely limited numbers (a couple of thousand are available each year) and beyond the affordability of the IDP camp populations. ITN coverage in these groups is extremely low.

7. Why was the area/villages chosen for bednet distribution and who made this decision?

Soba Al Radi IDP camp was chosen in consultation with the Khartoum State Malaria Control programme because of 1) low current ITN coverage and 2) the situation of the camp in the irrigation areas where malaria transmission is focused.

8. Have you consulted with the National Malaria Programme in your country about this distribution and what was their response?

The State Malaria Control Program was informed about this opportunity and consulted about plans for distribution. They would like it included here that they are directly requesting this assistance from World Swim for Malaria.

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

Health education via trained community health promoters on malaria prevention, treatment seeking behaviour and net usage will be carried out. Materials for this activity are in place with the Malaria Consortium having carried out health education for the IDP population on a variety of public health topics earlier this year. Malaria and ITN focused activities will be repeated in the area of distribution.

10. Please describe how the bednets will be distributed, by whom, between which dates, 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?

The Malaria Consortium and the State Malaria Control Programme (SMCP) will partner for the distribution. SMCP health education promoters will be the personnel involved in the campaign house to house distribution following the health education sessions. The expected distribution times will be late October early November, depending on the timetable for LLIN import, as part of a wider campaign by the State Malaria Control program to target services at the IDP camps in the semi-urban area as well as people living in the irrigation areas near the camps. The State Malaria Control Program have delivered a request for the Malaria Consortium to assist in the procurement of nets for vulnerable groups, due to lack of core funding for this type of activity within the Ministry.

11. What post-distribution follow-up is planned to assess the level of usage of these nets?

Follow-up health education activities will occur after distribution as well as assessment visits by community health promoters.