

World Swim For Malaria Foundation

LLIN Distribution Programme – Detailed Information



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
6,000	Ethiopia	Oromia, Amhara, Tigray, Somali and Afar.	May - Jun 2006	Ethiopian Red Cross Society

Further Information

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

The LLINs will be distributed in the:

Oromia region

- Adeama, Metrhara, Welenchiti and Jima villages number of nets 2000

Amhara region

- Bahirdar and N.Gondar villages number of nets 1500

Tigray region

- Mekele, Satit humara villages number of nets 1000

Somali region

- JiJiga, Gode villages number of nets 1000

Afar region

- Asayeta village number of nets 500

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

All the nets will be distributed in the urban areas where people of low economic status live. The government has already targeted 100% ITN distribution in the rural area by 2007. In 2005 they claim >50% of the rural areas.

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

Malaria in Ethiopia is seasonal and the population in the selected sites suffer from bad malaria because of low immunity.

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.

We do not have specific numbers but 60% of reported visits to the health services are due to malaria. The malaria mortality rate in children is high in these regions.

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.

Distribution of nets is not blanket coverage but it will prioritize Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) under our home based care program, pregnant women and <5 children.

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

The ITN provision in urban area is conducted through social marketing for those who can afford to buy the nets. Therefore, those with low or no income cannot access the nets.

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

The selected areas have other Red Cross programs running and structures are already in place for ease of distribution. Ethiopia RC took the decision in consultation with the Ministry of Health's National Malaria program.

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

Yes, we did consult the MOH and they are positive.

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

The distribution will prioritize PLWHA under CHBC service. Identification of vulnerable pregnant mothers and under 5s will be done by trained volunteers.

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?

Nets will be distributed by CHBC facilitators trained to promote and demonstrate how to use the nets. The CHBC facilitators supervise the utilization during their home visit. Malaria control and the use of LLINs will be one of the IEC components.

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

The follow-up will be by CHBC facilitators during their home visits at least twice a month.