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100 Mosquito Net Post Distribution Summary

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Allocation

The allocation for this distribution was made during the research trip by the ACDT in October 2007. It was decided that as a first distribution we would start with a small number of 100 nets. The allocation was finalised as 55 nets to the Kiro Kabowa Childrens Centre in the slum area of Kampala, 28 nets at the Kikusa Orphanage & 18 nets at the Nagalama Hospital.

Kiro Kabowa

The children were so excited about getting their nets! Malaria is a huge problem in this area due to the very poor sanitation & regular flooding of the area. The children watched in wonder as we put the nets over their beds. Logistically it was very difficult as there was very little to attach the nets to so we had a complicate network of string & hooks that was a bit of a masterpiece, but did the job! It took three of us 8 hours to put up the nets, but when we had finished the children crowded rounds us cheering. It was a very special moment.

Kikusa Orphanage

The ACDT first got involved with the orphanage in 2007, when we found a home with 28 children living on 7 dirty mattresses. In 2007 we funded bunk beds for the children & then needed to allocate them with nets. The children were very interactive in this distribution, helping me put the nets up & really feeling part of the process. It was great to see the difference in their sleeping arrangement from 2007 to 2008. They can now sleep free from the threat of malaria, which at least one child had most weeks.

Nagalama Hospital

I was involved with the hospital in 2007 following a nasty bus crash with many fatalities that I became involved in. The hospital is in a small village that serves a large area where malaria is very common. The hospital did have some nets but was short of 18 nets. It was decided that the remaining 18 nets would be very valuable to this hospital.

SUMMARY

Based on the experience of this distribution, the next distribution of 500 nets was allocated. The Against Malaria Foundation were so helpful in setting up the logistics of the net collection & made my job in Uganda so easy. Their professionalism in their work is fantastic & Rob has helped me no end in ensuring my first distribution went as smooth as possible.

I am now looking forward to the distribution of 500 nets in October 2008.

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