



Namulonge, Uganda

Free Net Distribution Report

August 2009



Project Restore, Inc.

Project Restore Inc., was incorporated in April 2008 out of a vision of recognizing that the world is clearly broken and in need. We long to see justice, hope, and dignity restored to those people and places most greatly affected by the great global crises of our day: extreme hunger, poverty, the lack of clean water, epidemic levels of HIV/AIDS and malaria, as well as human trafficking.

Project Restore is based in Edwardsville, Illinois and is a humanitarian development and relief agency which, through it's financial, material, and technical resources, will seek to support, rehabilitate, and enhance the quality of life and well being of those in our community, our nation, and in developing countries around the world, with particular attention to the extremely deprived. This will be done without reference to ethnic, political, or religious association, and in a manner that will both encourage and facilitate self-reliance and self-determination.

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UNICEF has reported that Malaria is an endemic proportions in 95% of Uganda and is one of the primary causes of mortality for children under the age of 5. UNICEF also estimates that only 22% of children under the age of 5 are sleeping under a mosquito net, and only 10% of those nets are insecticide treated.

Project Restore traveled to the rural village of Namulonge, Uganda in November 2008. Namulonge, a village of approximately 3,000 residents is located an hour north of Uganda's capital city of Kampala. Through it's partnership with Against Malaria Foundation, Project Restore was able to distribute 400 Long-Lasting Insecticidal Mosquito Nets (LLINs). This was the first mass distribution of LLIN's in the village of Namulonge.

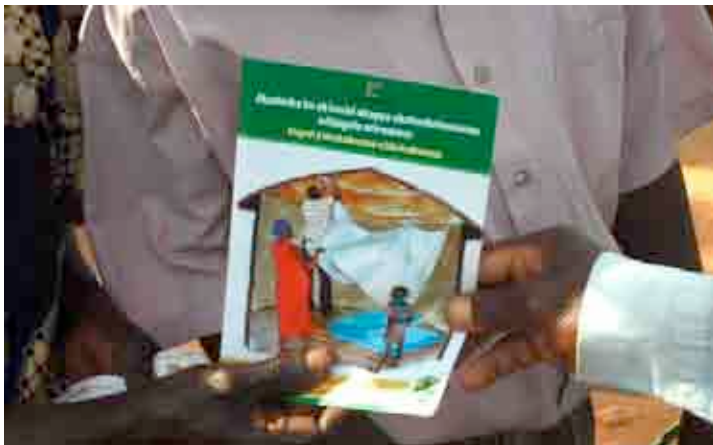
In August 2009, a team from Project Restore returned to Namulonge and, once again, in partnership with Against Malaria Foundation was able to collect 6 bundles consisting of 100 LLINs per bundle from Richard SSebutinde at the Malaria Consortium office in Kampala. These 600 nets were used to complete a second distribution of an additional LLIN's, with a goal of eventually reaching blanket coverage among residents in the village.



Malaria Education

Before the nets were distributed, the Headmaster of the Namulonge Secondary School, David Mayanja; one of the teachers, Isaac Kibuuka, and one of the members of the Board of Governors, Engineer Dick Nsubuga, all assisted in the distribution and explanation of the pamphlets provided by the Ugandan government and secured through the Malaria Consortium Kampala office. The pamphlets were written in the Ugandan language and included the following topics:

- Explanation of the disease
- Details regarding the nocturnal habits of the female *Anopheles* mosquito
- Benefits of an insecticide-treated net in both preventing the mosquito bite and in exterminating the mosquito
- Need for children experiencing a fever to be examined by trained health workers so that appropriate anti-malarial treatments can begin
- Net procedures: proper hanging techniques, maintenance and care



Distribution Process

The distribution of the LLIN's took place on Sunday, August 9, 2009 both on the grounds of the Namulonge Secondary School and in one of the classrooms of the Namulonge Primary School.



Distribution Process – con't

The Namulonge school's Board of Governors and the village health care provider, Immaculate Nsubuga, compiled a list of individuals from the village who were eligible to receive a net and had not received one at the previous distribution. Eligible individuals were targeted from the following groups from within the village:

- Students from the Namulonge Secondary School
- Students from the Namulonge Primary School
- Pregnant Women
- Elderly
- Disabled
- Individuals suffering from HIV/AIDS
- Members Buso Church of Uganda

Each individual was required to sign their name on the list in order to receive their net.



Distribution Process – con't

The distribution of the nets was completed successfully within a few hours.



Post Distribution

Following the distribution, Namulonge teacher Isaac Kibuuka and Project Restore team member JC Foster went to the homes of some villagers to assist them in hanging their LLIN's.



Conclusion

We would like to express our appreciation to Against Malaria Foundation for providing affordable, yet high quality LLINs and for their willingness to partner with Project Restore in providing the needed LLIN's for this next wave of malaria prevention for the village of Namulonge, Uganda and surrounding vicinity.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Board of Governors and teachers of the Namulonge Schools, along with local health care provider Immaculate Nsubuga, for all their efforts in compiling the extensive list of individuals from the different target groups within the village and surrounding area who qualified to receive the LLINs. Without their knowledge of those who qualified within the village and the time spent to record and cross-reference those who received the nets during the November 2008 trip and those who were still in need, this distribution would not have been possible.

The recipients of the LLINs were extremely grateful for the life-saving gift. Of the approximately 3000 residents of the village and surrounding area, Project Restore has been able to provide LLINs to 1000 of them. Project Restore intends to continue to attempt to secure nets for the village with the hopes of one day achieving blanket coverage.