

Namulonge, Uganda

Free Net Distribution Report

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Project Restore Inc.

Project Restore Inc. was founded in 2007 and incorporated in April 2008 out of a heart beat of compassion for a world that is clearly broken. Project Restore wants to see hope, justice and dignity restored for those affected by the great global crises of our modern day; extreme poverty, hunger, lack of clean water, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

Project Restore is based in Edwardsville, IL and is a humanitarian development and relief agency which, through its financial, material and technical resources, will support, rehabilitate and enhance the quality of life and well being of communities and citizens in our community, our nation, and in developing countries worldwide 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 encourage self-reliance and self-determination.

Namulonge, Uganda Free Net Distribution Project

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

Project Restore traveled to the rural village of Namulonge, Uganda in November 2009. The village of approximately 3,000 residents is located an hour north of Uganda's capital of Kampala. Project Restore, through its partnership with Against Malaria Foundation, distributed 300 Long-Lasting Insecticidal Mosquito Nets (LLINs); bringing the total nets distributed to the village of Namulonge to 1,300!

The three bundles, consisting of one hundred nets per bundle, of LLINs were picked up by Jami Curley, a board director of Project Restore, at Techno Relief Services Uganda LTD in Kampala, Uganda. The three bundles were then transported to the village of Namulonge, from Kampala, Uganda by car and then delivered to the Buso School and Namulonge Clinic by motorcycle



MALARIA EDUCATION

Prior to the distribution of the LLINs, a teacher from the Namulonge Secondary School, Isaac Kibuuka, gave a lesson on malaria education. The content of this session was;

- What is malaria?
- The seriousness of the disease
- Signs and symptoms of malaria
- The importance of sleeping under a treated net
- Net Utilization: the process of proper net hanging, how to use it, how to maintain it, how to wash and dry the nets



Distribution Process

The net distribution took place in two different locations. 150 nets were distributed at the Buso Muslim School of Buso, Uganda and 150 nets were distributed at the Namulonge Local Clinic, on November 26, 2009.



Some children from the
Buso School Distribution



Distribution at the
Namulonge Clinic

Distribution Process - Continued

The Namulonge village health care providers and community leaders compiled a list of individuals from the village that were eligible to receive a net. This list was cross checked with prior distribution lists to ensure there were not duplicates. Eligibility target groups for distribution were:

- Students and teachers from the Buso Primary School
- Pregnant women
- HIV/AIDS
- Elderly
- Disabled

Each individual had to sign for their net



Distribution Process- Continued

The Net distribution of the 300 LLIN was easily completed in the village of Namulonge and Buso.



Post Distribution

After the net distribution, Project Restore volunteers assisted some of the elderly villagers with the hanging of their LLIN in their homes. Follow up reporting of 50 homes visited is being administered and will be submitted to Against Malaria Foundation by May 2010.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Project Restore would like to thank the leaders of the village of Buso and Namulonge who assisted in the net distribution effort. Due to their prior planning and individual notification, the net distribution went extremely smooth and without incident. The leaders also did an excellent job at defusing and handling those individuals who did not qualify to receive a net.

Thank you very much to the Against Malaria Foundation that made it possible and affordable for Project Restore to purchase the LLINs for the people of Namulonge.

Those in the community of Namulonge that benefited from the Malaria net distribution were very appreciative. Project Restore would like to continue the Malaria Net distribution effort for this village and the surrounding districts.

