

Uganda, Africa Net Distribution Report November 2010



Project Restore Inc.

Project Restore Inc. was founded in 2007 and incorporated in April 2008 with its home office in Glen Carbon, IL. Project Restore is an effective international humanitarian aid agency for sustainability. Project Restore has dedicated its work to children, families and communities to help them overcome poverty, disease and injustice while advocating self-reliance and sustainability.

Community and individual independence and sustainability are achieved by major attention to inter-related global issues, meaning that the success of one issue is dependent and related to the success of another. Project Restore understands this complex relationship of sustainability and champions causes such as: clean water/sanitation, medical care, education, nutrition and food supplies. A community cannot achieve sustainability if it has clean water but its inhabitants are chronically malnourished.

<u>Uganda, Africa Net Distribution Project - History</u>

Project Restore has engaged in LLIN distribution since 2008 after learning of its devastating effects on the village of Namulonge and surrounding sub-villages.

Project Restore's distribution history is as follows:

- Nov 2008 400 Nets to Uganda, Africa
- Aug 2009 600 Nets to Uganda, Africa
- Nov 2009 300 Nets to Uganda, Africa
- Nov 2010 1800 Nets to Uganda, Africa

TOTAL – 3100 Nets and 8 villages receiving universal coverage

Project Restore's distribution area is located an hour north of Uganda's capital of Kampala.



Uganda, Africa Net Distribution Project -2010

On 25/11/10 eighteen bundles, consisting of one hundred nets per bundle, of LLINs were picked up by Project Restore's Executive Director, Catherine Keck, at Techno Relief Services Uganda LTD in Kampala, Uganda. +256-41-256726/7/8. The bundles were transported by truck to the village of Namulonge, Uganda.







The bundles were kept in a secure and locked facility at the Namulonge Senior Secondary School, Namulonge Uganda prior to distribution.







The LLINs were transported to the different village distribution sites by bota-botas, which are motorcycle taxis.





Prior to the distribution of the LLINs, a teacher from the Namulonge Secondary School, Isaac Kibuuka, gave a presentation to all net receipts on malaria education and net care. The content of this session was;

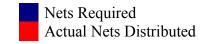
- What is malaria?
- The seriousness of the disease
- Signs and symptoms of malaria
- The importance of sleeping under a treated net
- Net Utilization: the process of proper net hanging, how to use it, how to maintain it, how to wash/dry the nets and how to store it during the day

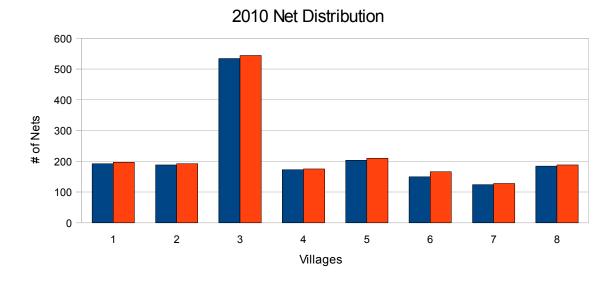


The Distribution Process

The 2010 net distributions took place in six different locations. Busukuma, Naggaamba and Namulonge villages were combined and conducted at the Namulonge Senior Secondary School in Namulonge, Uganda. The other distributions were held in the individual villages of Seeta, Namulonge Quarters, Kikoko, Kasambya and Buso. The per village distribution statistics are represented below:

<u>Village</u>	# of households (HH)	# of people (ppl)	# of usable nets (UN)	Nets required (usable nets condsidered)	ACTUAL # Nets Distributed
1 Busukuma	153	648	132	192	197
2 Naggaamba	145	536	80	188	192
3 Namulonge	525	2,672	802	534	544
4 Seeta	125	593	124	173	175
5 Namolo Quarters	220	1059	326	204	210
6 Kikoko	216	783	242	150	166
7 Kasambya	197	818	285	124	128
8 Buso	155	904	268	184	188
TOTAL	1,736	8,013	2,259	1,748	1,800







The Distribution Process - Continued

Each village chairperson compiled a list of individuals from the their village that were eligible to receive a net. This list was cross checked, by the Health Professionals at the Namulonge Health Clinic, from prior distribution lists to ensure there were not duplications.



Each recipient had to sign for their net. If a recipient was not present at the distribution, a benefactor collected their net and signed for them. The benefactor was then chartered with delivering the net to the recipient.



Distribution Process- Continued

At a couple of the distribution sites there were individuals that were upset upon not received a mosquito net. On inquiry with the village chairperson, the majority of these individuals decided against participating in the pre-audit/reporting procedures that the village was required to perform prior to distribution, and now was insisting on a net. Or these individuals were from neighboring villages trying to obtain a net. These situations were uncomfortable however not threatening and were handled by the village leaders.







Other Malaria Prevention Programs

A Medical Team from Project Restore consisting of Dr. Anne Jason, Pediatrician and Medical Director for Project Restore, and Brandon Owens, senior nursing student at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville was present on the 2010 trip.

The medical team assisted the Namulonge Health Clinic that serves an area of 8 parishes, 35 villages and over 35,000 individuals. When patients were seen at the clinic for malaria, the medical team took this opportunity to educate them about the importance of sleeping under a malaria net and wearing protective clothing.

The microscope that was donated to Namulonge Clinic will be used to diagnose malaria by looking at blood smears. This will decrease the number of people who are being treated unnecessarily based on symptoms. Now that the clinic has a microscope, the government will provide a lab technician who can make the diagnosis of malaria while the patient waits.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Project Restore would like to thank the leaders of all the villages who assisted in the net distribution effort. Due to their prior planning and individual notification, the net distribution went extremely smooth. 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 who made it possible and affordable for Project Restore to purchase the LLINs for the people of Uganda.

Project Restore will continue its efforts in working for universal net coverage for the additional Parishes that the Namulonge Health Clinic Services.





