

# World Swim For Malaria Foundation

LLIN Distribution Programme – Detailed Information



## Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
6,000	Sao Tome & Principe	Malanza; Santa Catarina Praia; Santana	Feb-Mar07	Red Cross

## Further Information

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

**Caué District:** Malanza village  
**Lembá District:** Santa Catarina Praia village  
**Cantagalo District:** Santana village

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

This is a rural zone, including three villages, namely Malanza (1439 inhabitants), Santa Catarina Praia (1930 inhabitants), and Santana (8303 inhabitants).

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

Yes, the targeted localities are coastal zones where malaria is rampant, the major economic activity being fishing, with an extremely low per capita outcome.

### 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.

There are no statistics for the targeted zones. However, national statistics show that 27845 cases of malaria were registered in 2005, and that 85 died within the same period. The cases were distributed as follows:

- 11274 cases in children below the age of 5, with 53 deaths;
- 15751 cases in persons above 5, with 31 deaths;
- 920 cases in pregnant women, with one death

### 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 will be carried out in villages, with no group being targeted particularly as the whole population is extremely poor.

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

There are no specific data for these zones. Data are only available at national level and represent the results of the survey that was carried out by the National Malaria Control Programme in May 2006. According to those statistics, the rates of ITN use stand as follows: 43.5% of the general population 49% of children below 5 years, and 67.5% of pregnant women. An ITN distribution programme exists at national level. The programme sells ITN at affordable price to the population and distributes them free of charge to pregnant women, children below 5 years and students in the first cycle of secondary school.

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

The Red Cross society of STP and the National Malaria Control Programme jointly selected the areas taking into consideration the fact the populations are extremely poor and live in coastal areas that are far way from the capital.

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

Yes. The National malaria control programme has been consulted. In fact, the Programme worked in close collaboration with STP Red Cross to select the areas to benefit from the distribution.

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

Red Cross volunteers working in collaboration with the National Malaria Control Programme and community-based health agents will pay a primary visit to the field to identify main beneficiaries.

**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?**

The nets will be distributed by a team composed of the technical staff of the National Malaria Control Programme, Red Cross volunteers and health agents operating in the areas targeted by the project. The distribution will start as soon as the nets are received; following the list of beneficiaries established in advance, and will be integrated in the national malaria control programme. In addition, sensitisation sessions will be organised to teach people how to effectively use the ITN. Where necessary, the team on the field will assist the population in installing the nets in homes so as to make sure that they are used properly. Practical demonstrations are planned to show the correct use of the nets.

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

Representatives of the Endemics Centre, the National Malaria Control Programme, community-based health agents and Red Cross volunteers will ensure the follow-up and periodic evaluation of the use of the ITN. It should be noted that this activity will be fully integrated in the current activities of the National Malaria Control Programme.