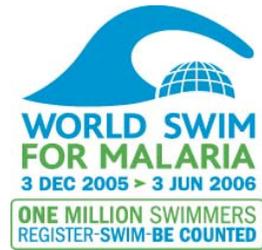


World Swim For Malaria Foundation

LLIN Distribution Programme – Detailed Information



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
3,000	Botswana	Kasane/Kazungula	May–Jun06	Red Cross

Further Information

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

Kasane is a township in the Chobe district surrounded by villages Plateau, Pandamatenga and Lesoma. Kazungula is made up of villages and peri urban areas. The three thousand nets will be divided equally as the burden of malaria is high in both areas.

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

Chobe district has approximately 15,000 people while Kazungula and surrounding peri-urban areas have approximately 10,000 people

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

These areas are high risk malaria areas and flooding after the rainy season exacerbates the situation especially for the people living with HIV.

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.

The recent reports indicate the areas as red zones with high malaria case loads. Up to 50% of clinic consultations are due to malaria.

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.

The nets will be distributed to home based care (HBC) clients and children under 5 living in the HBC project areas. Other identified vulnerable sick people in the area will also be included as they are already under the support of the Botswana Red Cross Society and have no cash to procure nets for themselves.

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

Government sells nets at subsidised prices but the price is still too high for most of the vulnerable people that live in these areas.

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

The selected districts are areas with high prevalence of malaria. Repeated epidemic outbreaks of malaria have been reported in the chosen areas. The government through the Ministry of Health and its auxiliaries has warned members of the Public in those areas to use nets.

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

Consultation was made with the Ministry of Health who is quite pleased to learn of the initiative to supplement their efforts. LLINs are not readily available in Botswana.

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

Awareness campaign, meetings with the families or households by peer educators / volunteers in the localities to sensitize the communities on malaria and prevention measures. The HBC facilitators keep records of RC beneficiaries and of children under 5 years whom they follow as part of their health activities.

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?

HBC officers will work with volunteers in the selected areas to identify clients in the target areas and collaborate with the Ministry of Health to monitor the net distribution.

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

HBC officers will record the names and addresses of beneficiaries who will be monitored through peer educators / volunteer visits to homes and provide feedback and continued education. Volunteers will make house to house follow-ups to assist in net hanging and to ensure that the nets are being used by the target groups. Education on the prevention of malaria will be a continuous process.