



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
4,500	Uganda	Bushenyi, Luweero, Ntungamo	Nov-Dec 2007	Uganda Red Cross Society

Further Information

1. Please describe the specific **locations & villages** to receive nets and the number to each? Please provide longitude/latitude information. (Important note: If the distribution is approved, approval will be for the nets to be distribution to these specific locations. Location changes will only be considered, and may be refused, if due to exceptional/unforeseen circumstances.)

District	Sub-County	# LLINS	Location
Bushenyi	Kyamuhunga, Kikwamba	1,500	30°10'E, 0°30'S
Luweero	Kamira, Ziobwe	1,500	32°15'E, 0°50'N
Ntungamo	Nyabihoko, Rugarama	1,500	30°20'E, 1°10'S

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

Bushenyi is a rural area with an approximate population of 736,361 people. The area where the nets will be targeted, Kyamuhunga, Kikwamba has 9,204 people.

Luweero is a rural area with an approximate population of 449,691 people. The area where the nets will be targeted, Kamira, Ziobwe has 7,253 people.

Ntungamo is a rural area with an approximate population of 289,222 people. The area where the nets will be targeted, Nyabihoko, Rugarama has 10,060 people.

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

All the areas suggested are high risk malaria areas because:

- They are all areas in Uganda which have endemic malaria.
- There is a high incidence of malaria cases in the areas.
- There have also been seasonal epidemic outbreaks of malaria in these districts that are situated in the central and south western parts of the country that have hitherto been low endemic areas.

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 figures for the number of malaria cases in each of these areas are not readily available but they are among the areas mapped by the Ministry of Health as highly endemic. This

means more than 35 cases of malaria per 100 of the population per year. Malaria is a big burden coupled with poverty and inadequate health facilities on the areas selected.

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 distribution will be to selected vulnerable groups. The groups targeted will be:

- Pregnant women
- Children under five years
- People living with HIV/AIDS

These are the groups that are often the most vulnerable to malaria attacks.

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

The ITN coverage in Uganda generally is only 5%. It is estimated that there are 1,200,000 ITNs in the whole country. Although there is no specific data on these target areas, they fall in the same range. There are currently mosquito nets for sale and subsidised ones under the URCS. The most vulnerable, however, cannot access these nets since they require ability to buy.

7. Why was the area/villages chosen for bednet distribution and who made this decision? Please provide the name, position and organisation of the person/s making the decision.

The areas were chosen due to the high malaria burden/prevalence and the lack of any ITN distribution intervention in the proposed areas. The choice was made by the Uganda Red Cross Society in consultation with the Branch staff and the District directorates of health services; the decision was also informed by information provided by the Malaria Control Program.

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Ministry of health -Malaria Control Program

8. Have you consulted with the National Malaria Programme in your country about this distribution and what was their response? Please provide the name, position and contact details of the person/s with whom you have liaised.

Yes, the MCP was consulted and their responsive was positive because the National policy is for free distribution of treated mosquito nets to the most vulnerable, for example, children under five (5) years, pregnant mothers and people living with HIV/AIDS. The person liaised with in the Malaria control Program is:

Ms. Balayo Connie, ITN Focal person

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

A pre-distribution survey will be made to ascertain the location of the exact beneficiaries and the households eligible to receive the nets. Consultation with the local leaders and the community Red Cross volunteers will be done. Registration of the beneficiaries will be done by the Red Cross volunteers.

10. Please describe how the bednets will be distributed, by whom, 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? Please indicate over what time period (typically, the number of days or weeks) the distribution will occur.

The mosquito nets will be distributed by Uganda Red Cross community volunteers approximately two (2) weeks from the date of receipt. The distribution will be combined with the ongoing URCS malaria control activities and HIV/AIDS home-based care activities. Community meetings will be organised to sensitise the communities as about the importance, mode of use of the nets.

11. What post-distribution follow-up is planned to assess the level of usage (hang-up percentage) of the nets? How long after the distribution will this assessment take place? Will you provide us with the findings? What will you be able to do subsequently to increase net hang-up if relevant?

A quick community survey will be undertaken both at the health centre and village level prior to distribution (as outlined in Question 9). A survey will be undertaken 1 year after the distribution to ascertain whether the mosquito nets are being used and also to see from the health center records whether there has been a reduction in the number of cases reporting in the period.

The URCS volunteers will be involved in community post-distribution follow-up in their villages, including visiting LLIN recipients in house-to-house visits to ensure hang-up and sensitise communities on the need and importance of the distributed nets in controlling malaria. The URCS volunteers will carry out a coordinated follow-up of the hang-up 1 month after distribution to estimate the hang-up percentage and the results of this will be shared with all stake-holders.

12. Please give the name and contact information for the (government) head of the district health management team for the/each area. Please ensure you include contact information.

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13. Please confirm the nets will be distributed free-to-recipients, a requirement for us to fund nets.

The distribution of the nets will be free and solely based on the need or level of vulnerability of the potential recipients.

14. Please confirm you will send us, post-distribution, at least 40 digital photos per sub-location, taken at the distribution/s, to be added to our website as we report on the distribution to donors.*

Yes, the digital photographs (at least 40) per sub-location will be provided for your use and reporting to the donors immediately after the distribution.

15. Please indicate if you will be able to provide video footage from each sub-location. This is not mandatory but is preferred and aids reporting to donors and encourages further donor giving.*

Confirmed.

16. Please confirm you will send a Post-Distribution Summary when the distribution is complete.*

Yes, the post distribution summary will be sent after the distribution.

17. Please provide your name, role and organisation and full contact information.

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*Information on providing photos, video and a Post-distribution Summary is included in the attached document.