

24/6/08

TO:

**ROB MATHER
AGAINST MALARIA FOUNDATION**

**London
England.**

Dear ROB,

Re: DISTRIBUTION REPORT OF 13100 LLIN

On behalf of the B.O.D of Natiki Health Focus Organisation (NHFO), NHFO staff, and the community of Kakoro Sub County, we forward a report chronicling our distribution of 13100 LLINs received from Against Malaria Foundation and World Swim for Malaria to the 7 parishes of Kakoro Sub County (Kitoikawononi, Kanginima, Kadokolene, Katisya, Kasajja, Kakoro, and Tekwana parishes).

The distribution was good, without violence and theft observed. The community was so grateful to receive the nets covering all family members in a household. The communities of Kakoro S/C are peasant farmers that could not afford to buy proper or enough nets to cover their entire family.

In the data collected and forwarded on your desk there was 149870 reported cases of malaria in Kanginima hospital and Kakoro Health Center and 61 death cases. We expect malaria cases to reduce by 80% in Kakoro by September 2008. This will be the end result of the massive distribution of LLINs distributed to the community. The number of nets we received covered all married couples, children below 15 years, widows and widowers. The community now uses the nets to prevent mosquito bite that spread Malaria which has been the leading cause of death and hospital admission.

We launched the Fight Against Malaria on JAN/16/2008 at Kalecheru Primary School in Kasajja parish; the chief guest was Resident District Commissioner (RDC) of Pallisa District who is the district envoy appointed by the President of Uganda. Also present were the District Director of Health Services (DDHS), District Political Chairperson and other political leaders within the district. The launch was a forum to inform the community and the district officials that we were doing our part to fight malaria and it was now up to them to fulfill their obligation use their mosquito nets properly to reduce malaria in their homes. NHFO also challenged the local government to use their resources to completely eradicate malaria in Kakoro Sub County.

The RDC was happy and congratulated the AMF, NHFO and the US Peace Corps Volunteer Wesley Carter for their efforts to deliver the nets to the community as a partner in President Museveni's Presidential Program to Fight Malaria, HIV/AIDS and TB.

The closing of this phase of our fight against malaria happened on Friday June 6th, 2008 at a ceremony at Kakoro Primary School in Kakoro Parish, the last one to receive nets. Again there were officials from the district as well as the Associate Peace Corps Director Uganda to witness the completion of the net distribution and to congratulate NHFO and the community for their efforts to eradicate malaria. The Director of Natiki Health Focus Organisation presented evidence acquired from local health facilities that showed that since the previous distribution of 8,400 nets in January, the rates of infection are significantly lower in the parishes that received nets as compared to the continuing high numbers from Kakoro and Tekwana Parishes, the remaining 2. Interviews with community members, health volunteers, and health professionals showed that everyone was really happy though some families did not receive enough to cover their entire family due to village politics and counting errors by village volunteers. Though families mentioned many other health problems they had, malaria was definitely not a major problem anymore.

The people of Kakoro Sub County, Pallisa District and all of Uganda would like to thank the Against Malaria Foundation for their efforts in raising money to send mosquito nets to a remote and badly affected area of Uganda. For this effort, we will be forever grateful.

Please see the attached photos and video footage from the most recent distribution in Kakoro and Tekwana Parishes.

We are grateful for your efforts to approve our proposal to reach the nets to our community to prevent malaria.

Sincerely,

**Kateu y Namoni
Director Natiki HFO**

**Wesley Carter
Program Officer, NHFO
US Peace Corps Volunteer**

**SUCCESS REPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF LONG-LASTING
INSECTICIDE TREATED MOSQUITO NETS (LLINs) IN KAKORO
SUBCOUNTY, BUTEBO COUNTY, PALLISA DISTRICT BY NATIKI
HEALTH FOCUS ORGANISATION**

Attn:
AGAINST MALARIA FOUNDATION UK.

Introduction:

Natiki Health Focus Organization is pleased to have distributed 13,100 LLINs to women and children in the community of Kakoro Sub County to prevent malaria, the No1 killer of children in Africa and a serious burden to the health and development of this continent.

In a survey that was carried out identifying the most common diseases affecting the community, malaria was highest ranked with 5870 reported cases at Kakoro Health Center and 144,000 at Kanginima Hospital. The cases of death in the health centers were 61, but the true number of deaths is unknown because many villagers fail to go to health centers or to report their cases to authorities.

The most common people who are being affected are the peasants who are low-income earner and cannot afford to buy mosquito nets and to pay money for treatment for themselves and their families.

The causes of the spread of malaria in Kakoro are:

- High manifestation of mosquitoes breeding around the homes.
- Inadequate health education about prevention and control mosquitoes from homesteads.
- Lack of knowledge about malaria causes and spread.
- Lack money to buy mosquito nets for the family to prevent from mosquito bite.
- Poor housing construction and maintenance methods that gives the mosquito a habitable breeding ground.
- Lack of services available for treatment and prevention in the community.

Impact assessment:

The director of NHFO, Kateu y Namoni carried out an impact assessment by visiting the local health centers that receive the patients from the various village of Kakoro S/C. The method used for the assessment was to count the number of patients that were registered from February –May 2008 who had malaria, and where their homes were. The purpose was to see if the previous distribution of 8,400 LLINs in January to 5 parishes had already made an impact. The health centers that were visited were the Kakoro Health Center III and Kanginima Hospital.

KAKORO HEALTH CENTER

Kateu and Kakoro H/C staff targeted the patients who were from the parishes of Kassaja, Kitiokawononi, Kadokolene, Kanginima, and Kaitisya parishes that received the nets in January 2008 (first distribution). It revealed that there were 75 cases of malaria registered from the month of Feb-May 2008 from those 5 parishes, but there were 322 patients registered from the parishes of Kakoro and Tekwena. The two parishes with the highest numbers are the parishes that just received the mosquito nets in June 2008. The reason for the higher number cases from the two parishes was that in the first distribution conducted the two parishes were not covered.

KANGINIMA HOSPITAL.

Kanginima Hospital has out and in-patient departments and it covers the biggest coverage in terms of receiving patients from neighboring sub counties and districts.

The number cases received from Feb-May in consideration of the January 2008 distribution of the 5 parishes. This revealed that, there were:

S/n	Month	# of cases of malaria cases registered from completed parishes (distribution in January 2008).	# Of cases of malaria registered from Kakoro and Tekwana parishes.
1	February 2008	120	320
2	March	89	359
3	April	100	461
4	May	70	574

The table above shows numbers of cases of malaria registered from the parishes of Kanginima, Kitiokawononi, Kaitisya, Kadokolene and Kasajja that were registered from Feb- May varying with the number of cases registered from the parishes of Tekwana and Kakoro parish that did not receive the nets in January 2008. There was high number of cases registered from the 2 parishes as compared to the 5 parishes.

General Comments From Health Staff Of Kakoro Health Center and Kanginima Hospital:

The staff commented on the good work done by the Staff of Natiki Health Focus Organisation to receive and distribute the nets to the community of Kakoro Sub County that has now caused a reduction in the number of cases of malaria that they see in their health centers. This has reduced overcrowding of patients in the health centers and has allowed them to take better care of the ones they see.

But the senior staff at Kanginima Hospital appealed to us to extend the distribution of nets to the neighboring sub counties and districts because there are so many cases received from those areas that stretches their resources.

General Comments from Community Medical Distributors (CMD):

The CMDs that helped the organization in the collection of data and distribution of nets commented that the work was done very well and all their targeted village members who were most vulnerable received the mosquito nets and they have received/registered much fewer cases of malaria and malaria related complaints from the community since the distribution.

General comment from community:

NHFO staff moved around the communities of the 5 parishes that received nets in January and asked them their comments. They visited homes of 5 people and saw their nets hung over beds and floor mats. Most people were extremely happy and commented that malaria was no longer a huge issue for them anymore. However, some commented that there was not enough to cover their whole family and that their neighbors were completely left out due to petty arguments local politics with the CMD's. It is important to note that although there were small cases of politics interfering on a village level, the overall distribution was non-political and the politicians were not involved in who received nets. The community greatly appreciated that they were not punished by NHFO or AMF for their voting record.

Natiki BOD and Staff:

The Board of directors, staff, volunteer and management committee in visionary was very grateful to receive 13100 LLINs donated by against malaria foundation and was distributed to community beneficiaries of Kakoro Sub County.

DISTRIBUTION AREAS AND METHODS USED:

For the first distribution, the nets where stored at NHI from the time they were picked up from Red Cross on JAN/8/2008. The Director, Kateu y Namoni hired a policeman to guard the nets 24/7. The second round of nets were picked up from the Red Cross on May 28th and were stored at the Kakoro Police station in a locked, guarded room.

Mobilization

Our staff, Namukugo Mike, Wesley Carter, and Dongho John mobilized the communities. The community turned- up in big number where we began the distribution in Kitoikawononi parish on Jan/11/2008. The community turned up in large number and received the nets in the following parishes as time went on. These people spread the work through local leaders and word of mouth.

Training

Mr. Teru Timothy and Ekaba Stephen who are both Board Members, Staff members and qualified health workers trained the community on how to use mosquito nets and to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes on their property all while speaking to them in the local language of Lugwere. The training was good and the community benefited. It was open and practical and demonstrated the prevention methods of mosquito bite that would help eradicate the spread of malaria.

Distribution methods

At each parish, after the training, the distribution began. At each primary school, all bales for the particular parish were stored in one secure classroom and allocated 2 staff and CMD to be handed out a window designated to a certain village. Village members were outside the window and when their names were read off a list, their family received the number of nets allocated to that family based on data collected earlier by the CMDs. So the method was as orderly as could be expected from a giveaway at a local level and resulted in no violence or theft of the nets.

Distribution targets.

During the sensitization of the CMDs to collect the data, they agreed to write the names of the father, mother and children in each family for easy identification. All the family that was registered received the nets considering the number of family members. We distributed nets to only women, children below 15years, and widowers and widows. This resulted in a blanket coverage of nets that protected all women, even the ones in polygamouş relationships and the men they were married to. The only demographic that was purposely left out were men over 15 that were not married. Of the 25,000+ people in Kakoro S/C, a majority of that number is now covered by one of the 13,100 nets distributed.

Achievements

- Good mobilization that caused high community turnout to the distributions.
- Good/fair distribution method left few complaints by the community members.
- Good training on the use of nets helped lower malaria rates already.
- Easy transportation of nets from store to distribution site by the community volunteers for no cost.
- No violence and theft observed by the community or politicians.

Expectations

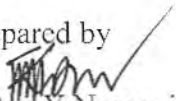
- We expect malaria rates to reduce by 80% by September 2008
- Reduction in deaths and premature births
- Reduction in income expenditure on treatment of malaria.

Constraints

We experienced many CMDs did not register all their village members, especially during the first distribution and that caused many people to ask for nets that should have received. We had to turn them away due to lack of supply. Many people were angry, but there was nothing we could do. On the last distribution, we were over 1,000 nets short and had to go through the lists and reduce the number of nets that each family received but strived to have each family receive at least one. There was a lack of support from the government and other NGO's (excluding Red Cross who was very helpful). The local MP is the current Minister of Health and did not assist us at all with things that he could easily do like provide net transportation from Kampala to the village or instructional material to hand out. The district, though taking full credit during the ceremonies we had, failed to provide similar help. If it wasn't for the assistance of friends and family of the US Peace Corps Volunteer, as well as the many village volunteers who dedicated their time and labor, this wouldn't have been possible.

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Prepared by


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