

Post Distribution Report: Burkina Faso

1. Introduction

- *When bed net distribution took place?*

All the bed nets received were distributed in August 2008. All study participants were allocated a Long lasting insecticide treated net (LLIN) net at enrolment after a signed consent form was obtained from the parent/guardian.

- *Who distribute the bed net?*

The study researchs staff, mainly nurses and the field workers distributed the bed nets with assistance from villages' representatives.

- *How many nets were distributed?*

A total of 3700 bed nets were distributed.

2. Process

- **Where the nets were distributed?**

The nets were distributed in the following four villages of Boussé health district: Toeghin, Niou, Sao and Laye. Net distribution took place at the health centre, at the village school or any other agreed meeting point within the village.

- **How the nets were distributed?**

All children who were screened for enrolment were given a bed net once they have completed the screening process. Explanations were given to the parents/guardians for the appropriate use of the nets at home.

- **How long?**

The distribution lasted 3 weeks (4-27 August 2008)

- **Which message was shared?**

The main message shared was that any child who received a bed net should use it immediately and every following night. It was recommended that they should use the net early enough at dawn to protect themselves from mosquito bites and reduce the risk of getting sick from malaria. It was stressed that bed nets do offer complete protection, therefore in case a child have fever, he/she should seek care immediately at the village health centre for appropriate treatment of the illness.

3. What was done well

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We were able to allocated nets to all children who were screened for enrolment in the study and there was no complain from the communities. Use of the bed nets during the high malaria transmission season was very good.

- **What wasn't done well?**

The bed nets were not specific designed and/or labelled for the study.

4. Challenges

- The bed nets were not used regularly during the dry and hot season (March, April and May).
- A small number of net remained after the distribution therefore all damaged nets during the study period could not be replaced.

5. Conclusion

The bed nets were distributed per protocol and were well accepted by the population. Bed use during the high transmission season was high.