

World Swim For Malaria Foundation

LLIN Distribution Programme – Detailed Information



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
2,000	Rwanda	South Region (Mudasomwa, Nyaruguru) & Centre Region (Kigali)	May - Jun 2006	Rwanda Red Cross Society

Further Information

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

The nets will be distributed through two Home base care projects.
South region - Madasomwa and Naruguru villages, number of nets 1200
Kigali - urban area where poor people live, number of nets 800.

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

The South region is a rural area with a population of 542,682. Kigali is an urban area with a population is 668,255 (census report of 2002).

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

In the 2 areas malaria is endemic. Bed net ownership is less about 20 % and is mainly in the households with a steady income. Morbidity and mortality due to malaria are high and compounded by high HIV infections and AIDS.

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 statistical data is not available for 2005, but 40% of consultations in the health centres are reported to be for malaria treatment.

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 all Home based care beneficiaries under the Red Cross project plus under 5 children and pregnant mothers in the designated areas during routine home visits.

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

The census of 2003, showed that 29.4% of households use nets and 18.4% of children under 5 years sleep under the nets. This is very low coverage for these malaria endemic regions.

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

These areas were selected because of the high endemicity of malaria, high poverty, high HIV prevalence and high anaemia. The decision was made by the Red Cross Health Coordinator and HIV/AIDS Coordinator in consultation with the local health authorities and communities.

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

Yes. The Red Cross of Rwanda has been working with the Rwanda National Malaria program since 2000. The activities will strengthen the partnership of the two parties.

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

Pre-distribution will be preceded by pre-registration of the beneficiaries, continued education of the communities on malaria prevention and use of LLINs.

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 Red Cross volunteers who work on the Home Based Care and Community Health Care programs, between May and June or 2 weeks after the nets arrive in the country. Distribution will be integrated with other current services that are being provided to the communities in the designated areas.

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

The post-distribution follow-up will be undertaken by the home base care volunteers in communities under the directorship of the HIV/AIDS Coordinator. The volunteers will ensure that the nets are hung and that they are used by the targeted population. Periodic home visits will be done and strengthened sensitization will be conducted.