



**Namibia Red Cross Society**  
**Mosquito Nets Distribution report**

## Background:

During the past five years, an average 510 000 outpatient, 33 000 inpatient and 1 300 deaths due to malaria, were registered through the Health Information System. The incidence of malaria varies from region to region, with Kavango and Caprivi having the highest rates of mortality and morbidity. The regions benefited, are in the northern part of the country. Malaria is widely distributed in the northern part of the country. Although the intensity of transmission is generally low, the north eastern part of the country supports a relatively longer time of disease transmission due to the presence of perennial rivers. The peak transmission season takes place between December and June, following the rainy season every year.

The three thousand nets received were distributed in Ohangwena, Kunene, Kavango and Otjozondjupa regions. Caprivi did not get mosquito nets because they got nets through the Spanish Red Cross support. The beneficiaries were home based care beneficiaries (people living with HIV/AIDS), care givers, as well as orphans and vulnerable children. The distribution of the nets was based on vulnerability assessment by trained home based care volunteers and staff. Priority was given to the registered home based care clients most of whom are HIV positive as well as children under 5 years and pregnant women.

**The following numbers of nets were given to beneficiaries:**

Region name	Number of beneficiaries
Ohangwena region	900
Kunene region	700
Otjozondjupa region	400
Kavango region	1000



Mosquito Nets Beneficiaries in Kavango region

**Health education:**

Staff and volunteers educated the communities on how to use the nets as well as general prevention of malaria. They used the IEC materials produced by the local NGO that produces mosquito nets in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Social Services.

**Conclusion:**

Malaria being the major public health, there is definitely a demand for more nets, and for sure the donation will make a great difference in the lives of the vulnerable people who benefited.