

UNICEF Angola – Distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets (LLIN) for Swimming Against Malaria – August 2007

Project Name	Distribution of LLIN
Country	Angola
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Focus Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10,450 Pregnant Women and Children Under-Five years old, in Matala, Capelongo, and Micosse comunas of Matala municipality, Huila province.
Programme Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) Provincial Health Directorates WHO Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria The President’s Malaria Initiative/ USAID Exxon-Mobil DfID Malaria No More
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Programme Background: Approximately 38,000 malaria-related deaths were reported in 2004. With malaria accounting for 35% of overall child mortality, 25% of overall maternal mortality, it is the cause of 60% of hospital admissions for children under five and 10% for pregnant women.

Programme Summary: 10,450 LLIN were procured, and have all been distributed in the comunas of Matala, Micosse and Capelongo, in the province of Huila, Angola. Malaria is Meso-Endemic in Huila province. The distribution of LLIN in Huila province is being made to support the programme of Accelerated Child Survival and Development (ACSD), as part of which UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Health to offer essential health services at the most decentralized levels.

All LLIN were distributed to pregnant women and children under-five. Pregnant women and young children are targeted, in agreement with NMCP, as they are groups most vulnerable of being affected by acute malaria in Angola. These



groups therefore have the highest morbidity and mortality rates related to malaria. LLIN are being distributed through the national health system to encourage increased uptake of other services in health centres.

Women receive LLIN when they attend health centres for routine Ante-natal care consultations. Children under-five receive LLIN when they attend health centres for vaccination with Pentavalente-3.

Programme Strategies: UNICEF has developed strong relationships with Government and other key partners across Angola to ensure that LLIN are efficiently and securely distributed to communities nationwide. UNICEF and partners use the following distribution mechanisms to ensure that LLIN are distributed to health centres, that communities are aware of their right to free LLIN and that these services are taken up:



- i) Municipal micro-plans for LLIN distribution to health centres have been developed in all of Angola's 164 municipalities;
- ii) Health centre personnel and community health workers trained on LLIN distribution and management in all 164 municipalities and in all health centres;
- iii) Robust logistics systems established for procurement of LLINs, transport and distribution;
- v) Print and mass media communication strategy developed to raise people's awareness to their right to free LLIN;
- vi) Partnerships established with NGOs for distribution and monitoring;
- vii) Strong reporting systems set up to ensure effective reporting on the distribution process.



Future Plans: Distribution of Swimming Against Malaria LLIN is ongoing in Huila province, with all LLIN planned to be distributed by the end of September 2007.

UNICEF works closely with NMCP and other partners to develop and implement an integrated programme of LLIN distribution nationwide. Based on this plan UNICEF and partners will cover 80% of all pregnant women and children under-five with LLIN by 2010. To achieve this UNICEF will use the logistical networks and partnerships that have been set up across Angola through existing programmes, in order to scale up national coverage.

What your Contribution Means for Children: This generous contribution from Swimming Against Malaria has been essential to ensure that the maximum number of women and children are reached with LLIN in Angola, for national malaria control. UNICEF looks forward to future collaboration with Swimming Against Malaria in Angola.

Map of Huila Province

