



## Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
Initial 20,000 - 1 Million nets needed in total	Nigeria	Josie Russell Children's Health Centre, Benin City - & 3 other locations in Edo State & 1 location in Ogun State	Feb08 – Apr09	Vass Medical Foundation

## Further Information

1. Please describe the specific **locations & villages** to receive nets and the number to each? Please provide longitude/latitude information. (Important note: If the distribution is approved, approval will be for the nets to be distribution to these specific locations. Location changes will only be considered, and may be refused, if due to exceptional/unforeseen circumstances.)

- 1) Josie Russell Children Healthcentre, Benin City which is surrounded by a large community of several villages. Nets required = 350,000
- 2) Etsako Local Government Area, Afashio Community of Edo State. Nets required = 150,000
- 3) Esan Central Local Government Area, Ewu Community of Edo State. Nets required = 150,000
- 4) Owan East Local Government Area, Afuze Community of Edo State. Nets required = 150,000
- 5) Ijebu North Local Government Area, Ago-Iwoye Community of Ogun State. Nets required = 200,000

Distribution Plan, First 20,000 Nets

Site 1: Josie Russell Children's Health Centre  
Location: Idumwowina village, 10 km outside Benin City  
Description: A new children's health centre supplying free health care to four communities of Idumwowina village. Anticipated case load of up to 500 children a day for malaria-related causes.  
Allotment: 10,000 nets

Site 2: Irrua Federal Teaching Hospital  
Location: 85 KM north of Benin City  
Description: A federal teaching hospital that receives 1,000 to 3,000 patients a day. 40% of visits are malaria-related.  
Allotment: 5,000 nets

Site 3: Refera Medical Centre

Location: Afuze district, outside Benin City

Description: Afuze has a total population of 123,725, with 24,000 children under 5. In March 2007, distributed 10,000 nets to vulnerable populations. Have an identified need of an additional 50,000 to 60,000 nets.

Allotment: 3,000 nets

Site 4: Modic Medical Centre

Location: in the heart of Benin City

Description: A small, 15-year-old private practice receiving approximately 30 kids with malaria per day.

Allotment: 2,000 nets

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

All areas mentioned above are rural communities and populated as follows:

- 1) 500,000
- 2) 200,000
- 3) 200,000
- 4) 300,000
- 5) 700,000

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

Yes. The areas are in the malaria belt of the West African sub-region. They are in the rain forest zone with much of the rain remaining stagnant for long periods of the year providing perfect grounds for the mosquitoes to breed.

**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.**

We do not have accurate figures to hand. We are however confident that well over 100,000 cases may have been reported with much higher figure un-reported each year. The very high infant mortality rate in these areas is commonplace with malaria deaths accounting for over 90% of the cases.

**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.**

Distribution is certainly to a vulnerable and poor group. Vulnerable in the sense that the major victims are children under the age of five years and poor because their parents are unable to afford the treated nets which prevent mosquito bites. Hence the Vass Medical Foundation made the age group (0 - 5) years under the WHO Classification its main target over the years.

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

We are not aware of any ITN usage in these areas but the few isolated cases could not be more than .001%. There are definitely no existing bednet distribution programmes in these areas.

**7. Why was the area/villages chosen for bednet distribution and who made this decision? Please provide the name, position and organisation of the person/s making the decision.**

The areas marked out for distribution were chosen in addition to reasons mentioned in 3),4),& 5) above because the communities are in the three different senatorial districts of Edo State. This format is commonly adopted by Government and bodies whenever any amenities are to be shared. We plan to begin this and move to cover the entire state in due course. The community in Ogun State was chosen to represent our first pilot area in that part (South West) of the country. The community is located over 200 miles away from Edo State and inhabited by completely different tribes. The Board of Trustees and Patrons of the Vass Medical Foundation made the quality decision.

**8. Have you consulted with the National Malaria Programme in your country about this distribution and what was their response? Please provide the name, position and contact details of the person/s with whom you have liaised.**

We liaised with the local government health authorities in these communities and they are extremely delighted and have pledged their maximum co-operation.

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

Increasing awareness on the benefits of using bednets has been one of our cardinal objectives. Hence reaching these people in their homes through our established channels will make this aspect quite easy for us. We over the years used the local TV and Radio stations to reach them as well as personal visitations and distribution of leaflets printed in their local languages. The mothers simply present their children between 0-5 years of age. We register them to avoid duplication.

**10. Please describe how the bednets will be distributed, by whom, 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? Please indicate over what time period (typically, the number of days or weeks) the distribution will occur.**

This will be done Vass Medical Foundation personnel. It will be focussed and information ad education as part of the exercise. Time period is purely a function of the quantity of Treated Nets available for distribution.

**11. What post-distribution follow-up is planned to assess the level of usage (hang-up percentage) of the nets? How long after the distribution will this assessment take place? Will you provide us with the findings? What will you be able to do subsequently to increase net hang-up if relevant?**

Post-distribution follow-up shall be done the Vass Medical Foundation personnel. This could be from initially every month to three-monthly visits.

**12. Please give the name and contact information for the (government) head of the district health management team for the/each area. Please ensure you include contact information.**

This will be supplied in due course.

**13. Please confirm the nets will be distributed free-to-recipients, a requirement for us to fund nets.**

Definitely, nets will be given out free of charge as this is the hallmark of our objectives.

**14. Please confirm you will send us, post-distribution, at least 40 digital photos per sub-location, taken at the distribution/s, to be added to our website as we report on the distribution to donors.\***

We shall do so.

**15. Please indicate if you will be able to provide video footage from each sub-location. This is not mandatory but is preferred and aids reporting to donors and encourages further donor giving.\***

This will be done.

**16. Please confirm you will send a Post-Distribution Summary when the distribution is complete.\***

This shall be done.

**17. Please provide your name, role and organisation and full contact information.**

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\*Information on providing photos, video and a Post-distribution Summary is included in the attached document.

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**THANK YOU!**

**Additional Information:**

Nets for Josie Campaign/Vass Medical Foundation  
Josie Russell Children's Health Centre, Benin City, Nigeria

Historical Narrative

Dr. Victor Ojanelo began raising money for the Josie Russell Children's Health Centre in 2002, through an appeal on the in-flight magazine and video of Virgin Atlantic Airlines. A second appeal was made in 2005. Together, they raised £215,000. Dr. Ojanelo used these funds, supplemented by proceeds from the sale of surgical products by the for-profit arm of his business, Vass Medical Supplies, to construct the Josie Russell Children's Health Centre.

The land for the Health Centre, 22.5 hectares, was donated by Idumwowa Village in Edo State near Benin City. Construction began in March 2006. To date, the ground has been cleared and leveled, the foundation laid, the walls constructed, electrical wiring installed, and the roof built. The walls are now being plastered and the windows will soon be added.

The Clinic will have a staff of six: 2 doctors and 4 nurses. Advertisements have already been made for these positions, and resumes collected. Interviews will begin shortly. Next month, the clinic expects to get the donation of medical equipment from the Bron y Garth Hospital, near Porthmadog in North Wales, when it moves to a new site.

Dr. Ojanelo expects to complete the Health Centre by the end of the year and open it for operation by the end of January 2008. As the only free clinic in the district, Dr. Ojanelo anticipates receiving up to 500 kids a day for treatment.