



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
400	Ghana	Hohoe, Volta Region	July 2008	Pro-Link Ghana

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.)

Hohoe, a small rural village in the Volta region of Ghana, will receive these nets. Long/lat: 7deg8'55'N, 0deg28'30'E.

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

Hohoe is a town with a population of 50,000.

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

Yes, this is a very high risk area for malaria. The general hospital in Hohoe estimates that 47% of all inpatients have malaria. According to the WHO, 100% of the population is susceptible to malaria.

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.

According to the District Health Directorate ,Malaria is considered as the most frequently referred Disease at the Out-Patient Departments in theDistrict. It constitutes 49.46% of the reported cases of the Ten Top Diseases in the district. The Mortality Rate for the district is 2.1.

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 distribution will be primarily targeted at individuals living with HIV/AIDS, especially to children with HIV and children of individuals with HIV, who are being treated through the services of Pro-Link (www.prolinkghana.org). These individuals are very vulnerable and their HIV/AIDS incidences could be significantly improved with protection from malaria.

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

In the 1990's, a blanket program pledged to provide pregnant women with ITN's at the general hospital in Hohoe, but have since ceased providing nets since the early 2000's. There is no known existing bednet distribution in the area.

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.

There is an immense need for bed nets in the area. I have since collaborated with Pro-link to raise donations to purchase ARV treatment for HIV and bed nets for malaria in a combined effort to alleviate and reduce the rate of both diseases (<http://ashleyschoettle.tripod.com>). Pro-Link's contact person is Christine Kafe, the head of Hohoe's Pro-Link organization, and the website is www.prolinkghana.org.

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.

I have contacted the person in charge of the malaria programme at the District Health Directorate, Mr David Doh, tel: +233 0208373170, about the distribution and he was so happy because money was not forthcoming to get bed nets for a distribution and said they would give us the full support.

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

The nets will target approximately 100-200 individuals currently registered with Pro-Link and benefiting from ARV treatment and nutritional treatment programs. The nets will also target these individuals' families and children.

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.

The bed nets will be distributed by the employees at Pro-Link, who will provide nets to individuals living with HIV/AIDS (there are 74 HIV positive persons and 67 orphans registered in Pro-link's database) in an effort to alleviate the symptoms of both diseases. The distribution effort will be part of Pro-Link's sustainable health and counselling programs and will include education/prevention about malaria and HIV. This distribution will take place over a period of 1 month to ensure that all patients affiliated with Pro-Link are provided with nets. We work with over 20 communities as well as schools so the number of beneficiaries ie pregnant mothers and child under fives are so many, but we can identify very poor families and provide them with these nets. So, in addition, we will distribute nets in selected schools and communities to children under five and pregnant mothers.

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?

Ashley will be in contact with the heads of Pro-Link, who will do a follow-up assessment 1-2 weeks after the initial distribution, and again 2-3 after that to ensure the nets are used properly. I will then forward these findings to Against Malaria. I will stay in contact with Pro-Link to ensure that constant education about nets and malaria is provided in the case of misuse of the nets.

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.

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13. Please confirm the nets will be distributed [free-to-recipients](#), a requirement for us to fund nets.

Yes, confirmed

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.*

Yes, photographs will be taken at the distribution.

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.*

Yes.

16. Please confirm you will send a [Post-Distribution Summary](#) when the distribution is complete.*

Yes.

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.