

**Indian Red Cross Society,
Kanyakumari District Branch
Update AMF ITN distribution**

Location: Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District
Tamil Nadu, India

Date: September 30th 2008

Tamil Nadu Integrated Community Recovery Program

Total Nets Distribution	Distributed as of 30th September 2008	Balance Nets	Remarks
20000	5496	14504	Distribution started in all predefined circles except 5 th Circle.

Details of net distribution:

Circle	Area covered	Total Planed	Net Distributed	Balance
Circle 1	Anjugamam	3515	809	2706
Circle 2	Chothavillai, Panankottanvillai, Illanthavillai, Sethupathiyoor	958	914	44
Circle 3	Aruthenganvillai, Kannakurichi, Easanthangu, Manavalakurichi	3236	348	2888
Circle 4	Palapallam	4595	900	3695
Circle 5	Sasthankarai	1883	5	1878
Circle 6	Keezhkulam, Udayamarthandam, Thengapattinam	3114	765	2349
Circle 7	Thuthur	2693	1755	938
	Total	19994	5496	14498

Pre-distribution Activities:

- Malaria prevention messages and use of ITN has been promoted.
- Community Volunteers (Integrated Program Technician and Community Facilitator) are getting specific session on prevention of Malaria and use of ITN based on John Hopkins University (JHU) ITN awareness materials.
- Day before the distribution volunteers (IPTs, CFs) are distributing the token to all households based on the house hold list.

- Dissemination of Malaria prevention and use of ITN messages is being done through traditional media activities in some villages.

Images of Logistics:



ITNs being loaded for Distribution by IRCS Staff

Distribution Activity:

- The place for the distribution is pre decided with the community committee
- Community Volunteers are given task to inform the community about the date and time of distribution.
- The following activities take place at the distribution site before starting the distribution by the Integrated Program Specialist (IPS):
 1. Explanation on advantages of Insecticide Treated Nets.
 2. Orientation on how to use the Insecticide treated mosquito net
 3. Demonstration on the Hang - Up of the nets
 4. Feed back from community member to ensure their understanding.
- Net distribution takes place in the presence of the village community committee.

Images from field:

Circle: 1 - Anjugramam



Circle: 2 - Panankottanvillai, Illanthavillai,



Circle: 3 - Kannakurichi



Circle: 4 - Palapallam



Circle: 6 - Thengapattinam



Circle: 7 - Thuthur



Follow up:

First follow up has been started by the volunteers and staff in some areas to check the proper use of ITNs.



Challenges:

There were a couple of calls from the community members complaining itching on face after use of ITN. They were instructed them wash the face with lot of clean water and not to use net till staff visit. Project Coordinator Mr. Antony Edward Singh and Community Health Officer Ms Jasmine Mini & Support Officer, Ms. P.N Viji (Incharge Ajugramam) visited these two people on very next day and seen them and discussed about the problem they faced.



It was reported that net has been used directly without following the instruction of use the nets after 24 hours of opening the pack and leaving it out. Staff again explained about the use of nets. Both the persons followed the procedure. There was no reporting of any itching or any other problem afterwards .

Best Practice:

In all the areas net distribution is being done with the help and in the presence of community committee of Integrated Recovery Project of Indian Red Cross Society,

Kanyakumari District Branch. Plan of distribution has been discussed with the all community committees in target areas. To make the distribution smooth and comfortable in communities' dates of distribution needs some adjustments. IRCS staff is working with community committee to finalize the dates of further distribution in target areas.

Next Plan:

After considering the community committee plans Indian Red Cross Society, Kanyakumari District Branch will be able to distribute 4000 nets by 15th of October. Final completion dates of distribution will be provided in next update.

Distribution photographs and video footage are being captured as desired.