

Namulonge, Uganda
Free Net Distribution Report
November 2008



Project Restore Inc.

Project Restore Inc. was incorporated in April 2008 out of a heart beat of compassion for a world that is clearly broken. Project Restore wants to see hope, justice and dignity restored for those affected by the great global crises of our modern day; extreme poverty, hunger, lack of clean water, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

Project Restore is based in Edwardsville, IL and is a humanitarian development and relief agency which, through its financial, material and technical resources, will support, rehabilitate and enhance the quality of life and well being of communities and citizens in our community, our nation, and in developing countries worldwide with particular attention to the extremely deprived. This will be done without reference to ethnic, political, or religious association, and in a manner that will encourage self-reliance and self-determination.

Namulonge, Uganda Free Net Distribution Project

UNICEF reports that Malaria is an endemic in 95% of Uganda and is one of the main causes of mortality for children under the age of 5. UNICEF also estimates that only 22% of children under the age of five years old are sleeping under a mosquito net, and only 10% of those nets are the insecticide treated mosquito nets.

Project Restore traveled to the rural village of Namulonge, Uganda in November 2008. The village of approximately 3,000 residents is located an hour north of Uganda's capital of Kampala. Project Restore, through its partnership with Against Malaria Foundation, distributed 400 Long-Lasting Insecticidal Mosquito Nets (LLINs).

The four bundles, consisting of one hundred nets per bundle, of LLINs were picked up by Catherine Keck of Project Restore from Richard Ssebutinde at the Malaria Consortium Office, 2 Sturrock Road, Kampala Uganda on Monday, November 24, 2008. The four bundles were then transported to the village of Namulonge, Uganda by car.



MALARIA EDUCATION

Prior to the distribution of the LLINs, a teacher from the Namulonge Secondary School, Isaac Kibuuka, gave a lesson on malaria education. The content of this session was;

- What is malaria?
- The seriousness of the disease
- Signs and symptoms of malaria
- The importance of sleeping under a treated net
- Net Utilization: the process of proper net hanging, how to use it, how to maintain it, how to wash and dry the nets



Distribution Process

The net distribution took place on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 in the court yard of the Namulonge Secondary School.



Distribution Process - Continued

The Namulonge village health care provider, Nausubuga Immaculate, compiled a list of individuals from the village that were eligible to receive a net. Eligibility target groups for distribution were:

- Students from the Namulonge Secondary School
- Pregnant women
- HIV/AIDS
- Elderly
- Disabled

Each individual had to sign for their net



Distribution Process- Continued

The Net distribution of the 400 LLIN was easily completed in the village of Namulonge.



Post Distribution

After the net distribution, Project Restore volunteers assisted some of the elderly villagers with the hanging of their LLIN in their homes.



Conclusion

In conclusion, Project Restore would like to thank the leaders of the village of Namulonge who assisted in the net distribution effort. Due to their prior planning and individual notification, the net distribution went extremely smooth and without incident. The leaders also did an excellent job at defusing and handling those individuals who did not qualify to receive a net.

Thank you very much to the Against Malaria Foundation that made it possible and affordable for Project Restore to purchase the LLINs for the people of Namulonge. Lastly, Project Restore would also like to thank Janice Wall and ALL those who helped make this distribution program a success!

Those in the community of Namulonge that benefited from the Malaria net distribution were very appreciative. However, due to budgetary constraints, only 400 LLINs were distributed to a village of 3,000 residents. Project Restore would like to continue the Malaria Net distribution effort for this village.