



Summary

| # of LLINS | Country | Location | When | By whom |
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| 2000 | Malawi | Singo Village, Nkhatabay District | 2009 | St Nicholas Parish Church, Prestwick (Church of Scotland) |

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.)

Singo Village and surrounding area,
Nkhata Bay District, Northern Malawi
Longitude: 34 deg 16' 0E
Latitude: 11 deg 37' 60S

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

This is a rural area with an approximate population of 3840 which includes the village and a 7km radius from it, comprising hamlet type pockets of houses. This information has been provided by Rev Joseph Chimembe and verified using MBendi, Global Information Services Provider.

The population of the Traditional Authorities in this area (Mankhambira, Mkumbira and Nkhata Bay Boma) is approximately 41,500 (aged 18 years and over only). This information has been provided by Rev Joseph Chimembe and verified using the Malawi Census.

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

This is a high risk malaria area due to proximity to rubber plantations and the lake. The area is also close to the Limphasa rice scheme which is a swampy area and the temperature is quite hot and wet most of the year, providing a conducive environment for mosquitoes to breed.

4. Baseline malaria case information. How many reported cases of malaria and malaria deaths were there in this specific area in the most recent period available? We are looking for data from health clinics in the area. Month by month information is strongly preferred. We are NOT looking for regional level/national level information. Please cite your source. Baseline malaria case information forms the basis of comparison post-distribution.

In the Nkhatabay District there were 72956 reported cases of malaria and 313 malaria related deaths between Jan 2006 and Dec 2008. The data for Singo village is too difficult to isolate from the OPD register because they are captured in the database as patients within the main hospital catchment area, rather than by specific location.

This information was sourced from Dr Chimota Phiri, Head of Nkhatabay District Hospital, which is approximately 4.5km from Singo Village.

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 aim is for blanket coverage of the village and housing pockets within an approximate 7 km radius.

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

There is a government programme to distribute free nets to the groups that are at highest risk (i.e. pregnant mothers and under five children) but the coverage is quite low. About 900 nets in total have been distributed in the whole area and all of these are not LLINs. The Government has recently procured LLINs for future distribution for these most vulnerable groups, as opposed to the retreated nets previously issued.

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 area was chosen as part of The Church of Scotland Ayr / Bandawe Presbytery Partnership: St Nicholas Church in Prestwick has formed a close link with Phiri Church, which includes 9 rural Prayer Houses each serving their community. The main church/prayer house is situated at Singo Village. (Contact details are the same as those provided for Q19.)

8. Have you consulted with the country's National Malaria Programme 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 have not consulted directly with the National Malaria Control Programme, however, we have consulted with Jeffrey M. Mwala, Acting Synod Health Director, CCAP Synod of Livingstonia Health Department, who consults with them.

Mr Mwala has confirmed that malaria protection forms part of their health programme and his office will work closely with

Dr Phiri to provide support in the monitoring of use and care of the LLINs provided.

Contact details provided for the National Malaria Control Programme have been given as: Mr Zoya, P.O Box 30377, Lilongwe C, Cell: 0888873131.

9. 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.

The District Health Manager is Dr Chimota Phiri, Nkhatabay District Hospital. Mobile Telephone Number as provided is 265 999 216721. Fax Number is 265 1 352 227/272.

Email addresses are: [wachimota AT yahoo.com](mailto:wachimota@yahoo.com) or [hmisnkhatabay AT nkhatabay.idsrmw](mailto:hmisnkhatabay@nkhatabay.idsrmw)

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

All nets will be distributed free to recipients. The programme will be supervised through the District Health Office and they are fully aware sponsored nets are distributed free to all participants.

11. Please describe all pre-distribution activity, including how the size of the target group and number of nets required will be ascertained and how the local community and leaders will be involved in this phase of the work?

The information concerning the size of the target group and number of nets required has been provided by the District Health Manager, Dr Chimota Phiri who heads up the Nkhatabay District Hospital, in conjunction with Rev Joseph Chimembe, Phiri Church, Singo Village. Population sizes and housing numbers have also been verified, to the level available, from the Malawi Census.

The Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) will be responsible for the household by household list recording the number of occupied beds and they will also be responsible for the distribution.

The HSAs are a cadre that the Malawi government has introduced to oversee the implementation of preventive health activities at community level and each HSA is responsible for about 1000 people making it easier to reach several individuals within the same area.

12. Please describe how the bednets will be distributed and by whom. Please give detail. Please indicate over what time period (typically, the number of days or weeks) the distribution will occur.

The nets will be distributed as a focused effort, to be arranged through the district health team and HSAs.

There will be three distribution areas and distribution will be carried out by the HSAs in conjunction with the Communities

Committees appointed by the Synod Health Department, and church members for easy documentation and follow up.

With proper communication this exercise will not take more than one week.

13. Please describe the malaria education component of the distribution. Please give a detailed answer.

Education talks and bednet demonstrations will be given for each distribution area. These will be carried out by the HSAs who will be responsible for malaria prevention education component because they already have visual aids provided by the National Malaria Control Programme.

14. Please confirm: a) you will conduct immediate post-distribution follow-up to assess the level of usage (hang-up %) of the nets; b) this take place within four weeks of the distribution; c) you will provide us with the findings.

The Health Surveillance Assistants will conduct post distribution follow-up and evaluate level of hang-up against the number of nets distributed, and will ensure this takes place within 4 weeks of the distribution. The District Health Officer will provide the findings, including subsequent action if required.

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

We confirm we will send a Post Distribution Summary when the distribution is complete. The District Health Officer will provide the information.

16. Please confirm you will send us, post-distribution, at least 60 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 confirm we have requested at least 60 digital photos of the distribution, which will then be sent to you post distribution, to be added to your website. Reverend Joseph Chimembe will provide the digital photos.

17. Please confirm you will provide at least 15 minutes video footage from each sub-location. It does not need to be 'broadcast' quality and can be taken with a handheld digital video camera.**

We confirm we have request at least 15 minutes video footage from the distribution, which will then be sent to you post distribution. Reverend Joseph Chimembe will provide the video footage.

18. Please confirm: you will carry out longer-term Post-Distribution Reviews (PDRs) to assess the level of usage (hang-up %), correct usage and condition of the nets; b) this will take place 6, 18, 30 and 42 months after the distribution of the nets; c) you will provide us with the findings.**

We confirm longer-term PDRs will be carried out to assess the level of usage, correct usage, and condition of the nets at 6,18, 30 and 42 months after the distribution of the nets.

This will be arranged through the District Health Officer. We will send reminders at the appropriate times. We confirm we will then provide you with the findings.

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

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*Sub-locations are mutually agreed and are typically a portion of the total distribution ie A 20,000 net distribution, for photo and video reporting purposes, might be divided into 5 sub-locations.

**Information on the provision of photos, video, Post-distribution Summary and Post-Distribution Reviews is included in the attached document.

Ends—

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