



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
1000	Uganda	Part of Ruhanga Parish Itojo Sub-County Ntungamo District	Oct 2010 - Nov 2010	Uganda Lodge Community Development Initiative.

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.)

The nets will be supplied to four adjoining villages bordering the swamp land in Ruhanga Parish in the sub county of Itojo, in Ntungamo District, Uganda. It is close to the equator. Latitude 0 degrees, Longitude 31 degrees. Nyamahni, Migorora, Kasizii and part of Ruhanga Cell are the villages.

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

Ruhanga Parish is a rural area with a couple of very small trading centres. The larger trading centre of Itojo the sub-country HQ and the district hospital are about 4/5 Kms away from the centre of our chosen area. The total population of Itojo Sub county is 19,110 (Community Information system /MOH 2008), but initially (due to funding restraints) we are looking to cover the villages of Migorora, Nyamahani, Kasizzi and the parts of Ruhanga village closest to the swamps. (2000 people in approx 400 homes)

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

This is designated as a high risk area. Malaria is the biggest cause of morbidity in Ntungamo district according to the Annual report on Malaria Control, of the District Health Officer, Ntungamo district, January - December 2009. Fifty percent of admissions to the local district hospital are due to malaria. Many of the homes are built near swamp land which act as breeding grounds for the malarial mosquito.

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.

This information has been collected through interviews with the District Health Officer for Ntungamo District and the Medical Super Intendent Itojo Hospital in April 2010.

21,604 cases of malaria were reported in December 2009 for the whole of Ntungamo district. (Weekly Epidemiological Surveillance data Ntungamo District). In January 2010 Itojo Hospital- the local district hospital for the sub county- tested 911 people admitted for malaria.

There were 8 deaths from Malaria among patients admitted to Itojo Hospital in January 2010. The District Health Officer has reported a month on month increase in malaria in the first 3 months of 2010 compared to 2009. In 2009 for the whole of Ntungamo district, there were 54 deaths, compared to 21 deaths for January - March 2010.

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 of nets will be to all people in the area mentioned above as it is felt that this will reduce the amount of malaria in the area by a greater amount than if un-connected subsections of the community are selected. Pre distribution education will also cover all groups.

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

The existing ITN use in Ntungamo district is 15% of all households (not people), ie it is even lower for individuals. There have been a few localised initiatives for ITN bednet distribution eg Africare- distributes to its workers families only, the First Lady (prime ministers wife) initiative, and a local women's group have distributed a few nets.

The Global Fund for TB, Malaria and Aids only funds AIDS initiatives in this area ie no malaria funding (see Annual report on Malaria Control, of the District Health Officer, Ntungamo district, January - December 2009).

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.

This area consists of mainly subsistence farmers with low incomes and low protection from mosquitoes in their houses eg no mesh on windows. Most of the chosen area borders the swampland which breeds mosquitoes. Net ownership is very low, and where nets were observed in houses they were frequently in poor condition.

The decision has been made in conjunction with Dr William, District Health Officer for Ntungamo District, Dr Ringaniza Sel - Principal Health Inspector Malaria FPO, and Mrs Ann McCarthy, (+447867513588) and Mr Denis Aheirwe of Uganda Lodge Community Development Initiative.

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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.

The planned distribution is in line with the MOH Health Sector Strategic Plan 2005/6- 2009/10. Target 2 states that "Increase the proportion of households having at least 1 ITN from 15% to 70%".

Dr William District Health Officer for Ntungamo District and Dr Ringaniza Sel - Principal Health Inspector Malaria FPO are the local representatives of the National Malaria Control Programme and are fully in support of the ITN distribution.

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.

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

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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?

Prior to the distribution the DHO has agreed to undertake a radio promotion and sensitisation programme for the relevant parishes. Radio ownership in the area is 97% (2007 data).

The number of nets will be calculated using the most recent population figures (2008) for each parish in Itojo sub-county. Ruhanga parish - 4501 population. Our current funding would allow us to purchase 1000 nets for the 400 or so homes (2000 people) who live closest to Uganda Lodge and this would protect most of the young students who attend our own Nursery School - now over 90 each day.

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.

It has been agreed with the DHO that the bed nets will be distributed via the Local Council 1 administrative structure. Each parish will be selected in turn. It is expected the distribution will take 3-4 weeks. Volunteers from Uganda Lodge will assist.

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

Malaria education will be undertaken by the DHO using radio broadcasts. Volunteers from Ruhanga Lodge/village health workers will provide further education to communities using portable DVD players and a DVD resource titled "Bed nets can save lives" published by Thare machi education in local language. The portable DVD players will be loaned by Uganda Lodge.

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.

We confirm we will conduct immediate post distribution follow up within 4 weeks using the existing mechanisms used by the DHO. This will be sent to Against Malaria Foundation. This work will be assisted by western volunteers at Uganda Lodge.

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

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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.**

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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 will provide at least 20 minutes video footage from each sub-location.

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 we will carry out longer-term Post-Distribution Surveys at 6, 18, 30 and 42 months post distribution.

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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