

## Post Distribution Report – Danyi n Digbe in Togo

# of LLINs	Country	Location	When	By Whom
500	Togo	Danyi N'Digbe	Jan 2007	Danyi's Children

### 1. Introduction

The distribution took place in the village of Danyi n'Digbe in Togo. This village is located in the southern quarter of Togo, near the border with Ghana and about 45 minutes north of Kpalime, on the Danyi plateau.

The distribution took place in January 2007 and was undertaken by David Aviram, Lauren Weiss Aviram, Julie Mirlicourtois and Ryan Scott. The distribution took place on or about January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of 2007. We began the distribution on the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup> in the town center and completed it on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Process

The first thing we did was to hold a village meeting, during which we explained the benefits of using long lasting mosquito nets. We explained it and we put on a play / demonstration to entertain the people in attendance (and ourselves). After we completed this presentation, we began the distribution.

Before we began the distribution, everyone in the village had to be entered onto a list that was administered by the village elders. The elders / chiefs wrote down who the receiving party would be for each household. The representative of the household then waited in a line where Dave, Lauren, Julie and Ryan were handing out the nets. To minimize the chance of resale of the nets, we ripped open each net bag before handing it off to each villager.

The entire town meeting and distribution lasted approximately 5 hours.

### 3. What was done well

Documenting who was in the village was undertaken by the chiefs / elders of the village. Completing this step before distribution was essential to a (mostly) calm and orderly distribution

The play was a big hit. The kids really loved it and it got lots of people engaged, since many children also took part in the play.

### 4. Challenges – lessons learnt

Begin a net distribution early in the day. Things went more slowly than we expected during the first day of distribution and the situation got chaotic as the sun started to go down. When we told everyone that we would continue the distribution on the following day, many people began to panic.

### 5. Conclusion

Overall, the distribution was a success. Danyi n'Digbe is a difficult place to get to in a French speaking and somewhat closed country. As a result, moving the nets into the village required some special handling.