

REPORT FOR MOSQUITO NETS DISTRIBUTION

HELD IN ZONE 1,2 and 3

OF TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY MALEMIA, TRADITIONAL  
AUTHORITY CHAMBA AND TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY NKULA.

IN ZOMBA AND MACHINGA DISTRICTS.

29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010 TO 23<sup>RD</sup> November 2010



We are pleased to report that MACOBO has distribute its nets through zones for easy reaching it's beneficially and give more time its volunteers to travel and reach the villages identified.

The exercise was conducted in this way because malaria alone has affected the performance of Malawian people in areas of community development and due to poverty among rural Malawians; death occurs regularly among fewer than five years children due to failure of parents to understand the root cause of such preventable deaths among these children.

### **OBJECTIVE OF NET DISTRIBUTION**

1. To support aged people with treated nets as to reduce deaths from 5 as of 2009 to 1 in every two months due to severe malaria.
2. To support orphans headed families with treated bed nets who usually absent themselves from class caring after each other due to malaria.
3. To support young pregnant mothers who run away from under five clinics due to HIV test as phase 1 for pmtct.
4. To support disabled victims who are always left behind in development issues due to their physical disability.
5. To support known PLWHAs due to multiple illnesses, which they experience due to low body immunity system though on Arts.

The exercise took place from 25<sup>th</sup> of September to 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2010, the first distribution was held at Chitenjere 1 from 8am followed continuation of distribution in the area of Nsiwira village, then next Sunday distribution proceed to other villages listed on the distribution sheet with the exact number of the beneficially.

### **REASONS FOR TARGETING THE BENEFICIAILLIES MENTIONED IN OBJECTIVES.**

1. It was observed that elderly people dies silently with multiple diseases due to their perseverance with internal pains and its not well known whether they all report to their guardians of their pain experience since majority of this age group found dead in their shabby shelters alone. Through police report in most cases indicates that majority of them dies with severe malaria combined with pneumonia. Due to carelessness of their relatives.
2. Due to high HIV death rate here, numerous Malawians died with deadly disease and create more orphans some born with HIV others not. Information about AIDS care was not enough to trickle down to rural community and by this problem resulted in discrimination and many ignorant parents were in fear caring the orphans hoping also to experience such AIDS death if give hand to such orphans. It was also noted that though some sleep together in one house although share same food but still there is secrete ill-treatments among these children update. All orphans still sleeps on poor beddings and no access to good blankets and no bed nets, this forces MACOBO to reach them and warn any misconduct of their guardians towards the nets given to them direct.

3. Victims with disability left alone to benefit in other things because we think are nothing to the development issues of their families, we approach them since perhaps unable to walk but can contribute through their mouth ideas that promotes family living standard.
4. It is well known that those living with HIV are easily affected by other diseases due to low in body immunity, one of the dangerous cases is malaria which mostly lead to death.

### IDENTIFICATION OF BENEFICIALLY

MACOBO trace these people through their community leaders who showed us village register and were marked already with x as the poorest in the village. The areas we identified are one of the sites of abandoned estate and most of women have children who don't know their father, some parents died of AIDS pandemic. Distribution per house was also done according to people living in the house and divides number of nets so as to accommodate more people to benefit. The exercise was done through coupons we designed in order to make sure that there is total transparency and make sure that real beneficiably has get since were under pressure for bed nets due to mosquitoes during summer seasons and too rainy seasons.



**Orphans child headed family**

As for aged we also separate them from others deliberately since most of them were unable to walk to the site of distribution because of physical fitness due to age. Our role was to distribute door to door as only safest way of protecting them from others who can get on their behalf resulting not to give them.



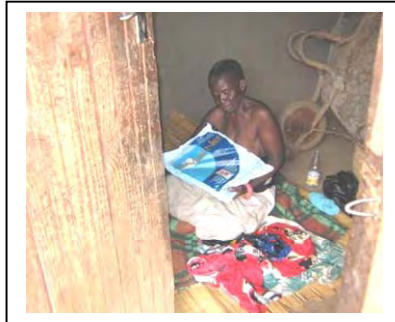
**Mrs. Chidothi orphan care centre**



Aged with her 2 orphans.

Some of the aged beneficiably from different locations

The organization also reached disabled people in the same way as we did with others who cannot able to approach us at distribution point. The exercise was a tiresome because we set the plans in order to please them that they are also important citizens despite their disability and to make sure that they are real disabled victims.



Some of disability people

The program was also work hand in hand with hospital especially to check if they provide nets to mothers with fewer than five years old, this was so because some women has a tendency of willing to have many things at once so the check of health passport book was to see if they ever received net or not. The exercise was done with health surveillance assistance. As on picture below.



## MODE OF DISTRIBUTIONS

The program has taken time because volunteers were using bicycles donated by Macs, as one true way to show that we are there for poor people and people should use nets properly since they spend their time (volunteers) cycling to their zones to distribute and demonstrate proper usage this was done regardless that the organization has no vehicle to use through out. After the distribution they contribute their little money to cook food and eat together.



**MAP TO SHOW AREAS BENEFITED NETS USED BY NUMBERS INDICATED ON BOUNDARY.**



routes cycled marked with black mark.

**CONDITION OF ROAD NET WORK**

Most of the rout used during the distribution was very bad even a vehicle cannot pass through because of bumpy and big drainages but this also help us to have an extra experience possessing the goodness of reaching out and touch, which proves that many are poor in Malawi and has no any work to earn living.



People living with HIV were not left behind; these people were given at first time of distribution as to provide maximum protection to their health conditions.

## **SUCSESSES**

The areas we distribute nets, everybody is complementing the strong function of nets, no presence of cockroaches, even rats, and no noise of mosquitoes.

We are the first organization to distribute the nets of such best quality and still on demand in other areas out side our catchment area. All beneficiially has killed two birds with one stone, meaning to say that these nets are strong indeed as other houses has no store room, we saw that they sleep with bags of maize and also lots of mice which destroys clothes and the food, the nets has alleviate such problems by killing all insects and rats resulting to experience of decay dead rats.

## **SECURITY**

Before the exercise started we had a meeting with community leaders, from all areas of the project and we agreed to arrest any body found selling these nets or misuse and the agreement were approved and known by the district commissioners from Zomba and Machinga.

## **CHALLENGES**

- Distribution was not finished on the marked dates for phase 1 due to lack of confidence among community leaders some leaders identified their own relatives and leave the real beneficiially this made us to dispersed every corner to check the real.
- The exercise is on bicycle ride so other times volunteers get tired and demand enough time to rest.
- Since the exercise was on voluntary basis mostly complain of hunger so we always reach other area at time due to problems from their houses.
- Insults from others failed to benefit the nets, but this promises encouragements because they always make sure that real beneficiially must get their nets.
- Heavy overhead sun will slow the distribution of the nets which means that weather is very hot from 8am as our scheduled time is being delayed with 30mins due to this condition as well as distribution of free fertilizer coupons to disadvantaged community by the government is also affecting our work, for example one other zone we are not started because of the excuse from the traditional authority's office that we should first give them chance to buy cheap fertilizers before program closed.

<b>QUANTITY OF MOSQUITO NETS DISTRIBUTED</b>			
<b>LOCATION 1: TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY MALEMIA IN ZOMBA DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Villages identified:</b>	<b>Nr. Of Nets to be Distributed</b>	<b>Quantity of Nets per beneficially</b>	<b>Total Nets Distributed</b>
Disi	241	1 for 2	241
Chitenjere	1030	1 for 2	1030
Malunga	240	1 for 2	240
Ndaje	140	1 for 2	140
Nsuwira	200	1 for 2	200
Mtambo	120	1 for 2	120
Machemba	210	1 for 2	210
Chipire	205	1 for 2	205
Jauma	114	1 for 2	114
			<b>2,500</b>
<b>LOCATION 2: TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY CHAMBA IN MACHINGA DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Villages identified:</b>	<b>Nr. Of Nets to be Distributed</b>	<b>Quantity of Nets per beneficially</b>	<b>Total Nets Distributed</b>
Mkanda	1484	1 for 2	1484
Misewe	1245	1 for 2	1245
Maulidi	771	1 for 2	771
			<b>3,500</b>
<b>LOCATION 3: TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY NKULA IN MACHINGA DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Villages identified:</b>	<b>Nr. Of Nets to be Distributed</b>	<b>Quantity of Nets per beneficially</b>	<b>Total Nets Distributed</b>
Mgwira	265	1 for 2	265
Msoma	272	1 for 2	272
Mawiriga	201	1 for 2	201
Chitimba	180	1 for 2	180
Mpango	480	1 for 2	480
Kawamba	220	1 for 2	220
Nkalawire	880	1 for 2	880
Mang'anda	135	1 for 2	135
Chowe	94	1 for 2	94
Kalanje	245	1 for 2	245
Msusa	292	1 for 2	292
Mbuliro	236	1 for 2	236
			<b>3,500</b>

## **NEXT QUICK PLANS**

MACOBO Against Malaria Committee will be following door to door all beneficially in order to see how they are using these well treated nets in every two months and will also check with hospitals the benefited villages, approaching the hospital with Malaria. This will tell us true picture of how they are using the nets and our role will be counseling them of proper usage all nights and encourage them to abide any weather type as only way to prevent the disease. Malawi has two seasons namely; summer and winter and this year it was noted that the last summer season had an increase in malaria.

Through health passport books it was noted that family of 6 people 4 went down with malaria almost 3 times in 2010 year alone, MACOBO noted this through 9 household interviews from all 3 zones.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We are still thank Macs for such wonderful donation to MACOBO which has come in time whilst we are approaching period of Malaria and rain season this coming months. Mosquito nets is very expensive in Malawi and it's wonderful to give such expensive nets to people who have been struggling with malaria for many years, through their own behalf community receive the nets express their extended thanks for such expensive donation and flying colors to Bridget for un tired push on AMF to speed the donation to Malawi. We promise we will not despair you and we will continue to request more support for macobo and we are expecting your office to send team to Malawi and see how they are using the nets and for them to hear compliments from them.

Respectfully yours,

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