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Mwanza Orphanage Project Report for the Against Malaria Foundation

Background

Kids Aid Tanzania (KAT) has been working in Mwanza, Tanzania since 2005. In conjunction with the Lions Club of Ilemela, Mwanza, it undertook the distribution of 3,100 nets, obtained through the Against Malaria Foundation, amongst people living in the Bugarika squatter settlement in January 2011. Since publication of the Bugarika report on the AMF website the Bugarika dispensary statistics have shown a reduction of 88% in the number of children under 5 years of age attending the dispensary with malaria. In addition, a further 400 nets, which were left over, were distributed to various orphanages in the area.

In visiting the orphanages, all registered NGOs, we found that, unlike in the Bugarika settlement, all were aware of the need for nets, how to care for them, and already had them either for all, or the majority, of the children in their care. However, they were of variable quality and there was no evidence that any future government plans for Olyset net distribution in the area would include such organizations. The need for a further 320 nets was identified at this time and these were distributed in December 2011. Because all the orphanages are mainly dependent on limited overseas charitable funding it was accepted that the Olyset nets would replace existing nets as they became beyond repair rather than hung immediately.

In January 2012 KAT trustees visited Mwanza and were able to visit most of the orphanages and street children's centres which had been recipients of nets either at the first distribution in January 2011 or the second in December 2011. Their findings follow

Hisani Centre for Women's and Children's Rights

Hisani is a Tanzanian owned NGO which cares for some 120 children at its orphanage in Buswelu village. It has a long association with Kids Aid Tanzania and was used as the base for storing the nets used in both distributions. Most of the Hisani children share beds and 75 nets were distributed in January 2011, sufficient to provide one net per bed space. The trustee visit in January 2012 showed that use of the Olyset nets had begun during the year.



Watoto wa Africa Organisation

Watoto is also a Tanzanian owned NGO with which Kids Aid Tanzania has a long association. It cares for 86 children in dormitories which were paid for by KAT. As with Hisani, bed sharing is common and 50 nets were distributed in January 2011, sufficient to provide one per bed space. A number were found to be in general use in January 2012.



Forever Angels

This NGO is run by a British woman and is a home for 55 abandoned and vulnerable babies and toddlers. 80 Olyset nets were provided in January 2011, sufficient for all the cots and staff members. They will eventually be used to replace the current cotton nets over the cots, which presently get only light use.



Upendo Daima

This NGO is managed by a Dutch lay missionary under the auspices of the Catholic Archdiocese of Mwanza. It operates on two sites. The first is the Malimbe Family Home which houses 60 former street children who have been unable to be reintegrated into their families. 60 nets were delivered in January 2011 and had begun to be used when KAT trustees visited in January 2012. The second is the Back Home House where up to 30 street children are in residence whilst attempts are made to reintegrate them into their families. 30 nets were delivered in December 2011 and some were observed to be in use on the January visit.



Islamic Yatima Foundation

This Moslem Foundation accommodates 200 boys and girls at its orphanage. 100 nets were delivered in January 2011 and a further 100 in December 2011. It was not possible to arrange a visit during the 2012 visit.



Kuleana Street Children's Centre

This Tanzanian NGO provides food, education and accommodation for 60 street children whilst attempting to get them reintegrated into their families. Its Director is Tanzanian, assisted by a British project manager. 60 nets were delivered in December 2011 and a number of these met an immediate need.



The Bethany Project

The Bethany Project is run by a British charity and is located at Magu, about 60 miles north of Mwanza. It cares for some 120 children. 120 nets were allocated and collected from the Hisani orphanage distribution centre. Their arrival at the Project is shown in the photos below.



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