

**CONCERN UNIVERSAL AND BALAKA DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Universal LLIN distribution report for week October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Summary of week's activity**

This report therefore gives information of the distribution activity that has been carried out in the week commencing Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup> 2013.

There has been a deviation from the initial distribution plan; we opted to immediately cover Phimbi and Phalula Health facilities since the area can be impassable when the rains commence hence it could have been difficult to attend as scheduled previously.

Below is the table of distribution by health centre covered during the reporting week.

Health Centre	Total Number of Villages	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distributed	Gap
MWIMA	58	11	1163	4870	2728	907	1822	1815	7
NAMANOLO	31	31	7324	34504	21549	6653	14392	12808	1584
PHALULA	64	64	5524	24048	14429	4981	9434	9097	337
PHIMBI	81	40	2730	10958	6425	2067	4353	4105	248
<b>Total</b>	234	146	16741	74380	45131	14608	31823	27825	2176

During the week we disbursed in four of the health facilities, Namanolo and Phalula have been completed. We also completed the remaining villages under Mwima. We also commenced covering almost half of the villages under Phimbi.

During the week's distributions we have covered 87.4% of the total number on nets planned to be distributed.

There was a high turnover of nets not received in Namanolo due to duplication. Despite the data cleaning there were still cases of duplicate registers, some of them allegedly deliberate in an attempt to receive more nets than necessary so they could resell them. Those nets were reallocated to beneficiaries who were skipped during the registration process and the respective register books updated.

In Chatama village the distributions of 889 nets was not carried out due to chieftaincy wrangles. The beneficiaries showed up but they were divided on which of the two brothers would lead them consequently we postponed the distribution pending on their amicable solution to the wrangle.

In Phimbi, four of the villages did not show up as they report to a different group village head. Arrangements have been made to reschedule the distribution for next week when we will be doing distributions in a cluster closer to them.

Last week only covered 47 of 58 villages under Mwima Health Facility, and this week we have completed the remaining 11 villages. Below is the table depicting the total coverage for Mwima Health Facility.

Mwima Health Facility	Total Number of Villages	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distributed	Gap
This Week	58	11	1163	4870	2728	907	1822	1815	7
Last Week	58	47	4913	18162	11892	3226	8672	8288	384
<b>Total</b>	58	58	6076	23032	14620	4133	10494	10103	391

We hence have completed distributions in Mwima health facility. Thereby achieving a 96.2% coverage of the total nets required for the complete health facility coverage.

Next week, Net distributions will be made in areas under Phimbi health facility (completing the remaining 40 villages), Utale 1 and Utale 2, Kwitanda, Chiyendausiku and Kankao Health Facilities.

To date, we have distributed 58,016 which represent 38.72% of the total nets to be distributed.

Efforts underway being implemented to hasten the distribution process so that the remaining 61% can be done in the remaining two weeks.

### **Challenges and lessons learnt**

Despite the undergone verification process and duplicate data cleaning a substantial number of beneficiary duplications was found. Where the duplicates existed, the nets were distributed to the new village dwellers who have moved into the village or did not register in the initial exercise.

Another reason for the mismatch is the long delay between the registration process and the beginning of the distribution, which allowed for some households to migrate to other villages. Whenever it was possible to check the identities of the new household members the nets were reallocated.

We faced some curious challenges trying to identify some of the beneficiaries in Yao tribe areas since most women, who usually attend the distribution on behalf of the household head, didn't seem to know their husbands names and had to be reminded by their village leaders.

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