

Quote from Concern Universal regarding the 20,000 net distribution in Kalinde and Nambazo, Phalombe, Malawi



"The distribution went very well (20,000 nets distributed in 63 communities)...the two most significant positives to come out of this distribution round were:

1. The awareness generated and publicity raised during the Against Malaria Foundation (AMF) distribution **of 20,000 nets has led to the delivery of an additional 100,000 nets in Phalombe District**. The Government of Malawi pledged these nets in late November and, true to their word, these nets have now arrived and are being distributed by the District Health Office. Together with the 29,600 nets donated by Against Malaria Foundation this brings the total of nets distributed to 129,600- a fantastic number given that Phalombe has a population of 339,000. This highly vulnerable District of malaria (low initial levels of net coverage and high malaria prevalence rates- especially along the lakeshore) is now well served with LLINs.

2. The District Health Office, a key partner of Concern Universal during the AMF distributions, is **using exactly the same methodology and processes for this distribution of 100,000 nets** that CU introduced for the AMF distributions. I was speaking to the District Health Officer today who was telling me that the capacity built and lessons learnt during the AMF distributions mean that they have been able to do a first class job of this latest significant distribution.

This brings home very clearly the point that net distribution and behavioural change work have to go hand in hand. Behavioural change work without the availability of nets to distribute will have far less impact than combining the two strategies. We are incorporating the lessons learnt from this Mid-Term report and focusing on those indicators where we have made less progress and are confident that the final evaluation in 2012 will show very positive results (especially with this latest net distribution)."

More information: http://www.againstmalaria.com/distribution_toplevel.aspx?ProposalID=175