



Summary

# of LLINS	Country	Location	When	By whom
250,000	Malawi	Ntcheu District	Oct 11-Feb 12	Concern Universal

Further Information

1. Please describe the specific **locations & villages** to receive nets and the number to each? Please provide longitude/latitude information. (Important note: If the distribution is approved, approval will be for the nets to be distribution to these specific locations. Location changes will only be considered, and may be refused, if due to exceptional/unforeseen circumstances.)

The nets will be distributed to every village in Ntcheu District. Ntcheu is composed of the following administrative areas (2008 population figures in brackets): TA Phambala (55,000), TA Mpando (51,000), TA Kwataine (41,000), S/C Makwangala (85,000), S/C Champiti (16,000), Njolomole (55,000), Chakhumbira (26,000), S/C Goodson Ganya (107,000), Masasa (25,000), Ntcheu Boma (15,000).

2. Is this an **urban or rural** area and how many people live in this specific area?

This is a rural area with an est. population of 515,000 (taking account of population growth since the 2008 census).

3. Is this a **high risk malaria area**? If yes, why do you designate it as high?

Yes, Ntcheu is a high risk, malaria endemic area according to the malaria epidemiological map for Malawi. 40% of all hospital admissions in Ntcheu District are due to malaria.

4. Baseline malaria case information. How many **reported cases of malaria and malaria deaths** were there in this **specific** area in the most recent period available? We are looking for data from health clinics in the area. Month by month information is strongly preferred. We are NOT looking for regional level/national level information. Please cite your source. Baseline malaria case information forms the basis of comparison post-distribution.

Figures from Ntcheu District Hospital show that, in the twelve months to July 2011, 109,972 malaria cases were reported in under five children with a further 133,768 cases reported in the rest of the population.

Malaria cases for Ntcheu District Hospital between July 2010 to June 2011

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Total
Under5s	7,117	6,426	6,335	6,990	7,808	9,731	11,601	9,903	14,046	11,145	10,929	7,941	109,972
Over 5s	9,744	9,716	8,935	9,199	8,624	9,323	14,758	13,559	18,144	10,644	10,299	10,823	133,768

5. Is this distribution of nets 'blanket coverage' of an area/village or to a select/vulnerable group? If the latter, please describe this group.

This is a blanket coverage distribution.

6. What is the existing level of ITN use in this area? Are there existing bednet distribution programmes in this area?

According to national estimates produced by the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) 20% of total sleeping spaces are currently covered by useable LLINs. The only net distribution programme in the area is the targeted distribution through health facilities. This programme is often affected by intermittent availability of nets at facility level.

7. Why was the area/villages chosen for bednet distribution and who made this decision? Please provide the name, position and organisation of the person/s making the decision.

This area was selected by CU, AMF and the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP). As part of the proposed national blanket distribution of LLINs, NMCP has agreed that CU and AMF will be solely responsible for net distribution in Ntcheu District as part of the national efforts to fight malaria. Contact, John Zoya, NMCP Coordinator, Cell: +265 888 873 131 email: zoyaj AT yahoo.co.uk

8. Have you consulted with the country's National Malaria Programme about this distribution and what was their response? Please provide the name, position and contact details of the person/s with whom you have liaised.

Yes. Consultations have been made the National Malaria Control Programme and they are supportive. Contact, John Zoya, National Malaria Control Programme Coordinator, Cell: +265 888 873 131 email: zoyaj AT yahoo.co.uk

9. Please give the name and contact information for the (government) head of the district health management team for the/each area. Please ensure you include contact information.

Macloud Kadam'manja, Ntcheu District Commissioner, cell: +265 888843978 email: nuassembly AT globemw.net

10. Please confirm the nets will be distributed free-to-recipients, a requirement for us to fund nets.

The nets will be distributed free to recipients.

11. Please describe all pre-distribution activity, including how the size of the target group and number of nets required will be ascertained and how the local community and leaders will be involved in this phase of the work?

Village based data for beneficiaries will be collected by HSAs and analysed. The survey will record at household level the number of used sleeping spaces and the number of usable nets. Village registers will be printed that will show total

number of beneficiaries and the nets required. Pre distribution village based education campaigns using local drama performances, songs and health talks shall be conducted in the villages to educate community members on the importance of LLIN usage and correct usage (hang up). Briefing meetings will be conducted with community leaders and volunteers for purposes of mobilising communities for data collection and net distribution.

12. Please describe how the bednets will be distributed and by whom. Please give detail. Please indicate over what time period (typically, the number of days or weeks) the distribution will occur.

A blanket distribution will be employed whereby all households in all villages in Ntcheu District will be targeted. The ratio of one net per sleeping space will be used. Village health committee member, village development committee members, health workers and CU staff will be involved in the distribution exercise. Distribution will take place over period of eight weeks from December 2011 to February 2012.

13. Please describe the malaria education component of the distribution. Please give a detailed answer.

CU is implementing an ongoing Local Development Support Programme, funded by Irish Aid, in Ntcheu District, in which malaria control is one of the components. Areas promoted are malaria control and prevention, advocacy on use of nets, community treatment of malaria by health surveillance assistants at village and Information Education and Communication (IEC) through drama, health talks and home visits. The project will continue with these education sessions with emphasis on ITN usage and hang up.

14. Please confirm: a) you will conduct immediate post-distribution follow-up to assess the level of usage (hang-up %) of the nets; b) this take place within four weeks of the distribution; c) you will provide us with the findings.

We shall conduct post distribution follow up visits to assess the level of correct usage of LLINs and will provide you with the findings.

15. Please confirm you will send a Post-Distribution Report when the distribution is complete.**

We shall send a Post Distribution Report to AMF when the distribution is complete.

16. Please confirm you will send us, post-distribution, at least 60 digital photos per sub-location*, taken at the distribution/s, to be added to our website as we report on the distribution to donors.**

At least 60 digital photos will be sent per sub-location taken at the distribution site.

17. Please confirm you will provide at least 15 minutes video footage from each sub-location. It does not need to be 'broadcast' quality and can be taken with a handheld digital video camera.**

We confirm we shall provide 20 minutes of video footage from each sub-location.

18. Please confirm: you will carry out longer-term Post-Distribution Surveys (PDSs) to assess the level of usage (hang-up %), correct usage and condition of the nets; b) this will take place 6, 18, 30 and 42 months after the distribution of the nets; c) you will provide us with the findings.**

We also confirm that we shall carry out a longer term post distribution survey to assess the level of LLIN usage. These will be undertaken as part of the assessment of the larger project at 6, 18, 30 and 42 months after the distribution.

19. Please provide your name, role and organisation and full contact information.

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*Sub-locations are mutually agreed and are typically a portion of the total distribution ie A 20,000 net distribution, for photo and video reporting purposes, might be divided into 5 sub-locations.

**Information on the provision of photos, video, Post-distribution Summary and Post-Distribution Reviews is included in the attached document.

Ends—

THANK YOU!