

**Update on Integrated Mass Distribution of ITNs
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Background: The Measles-Malaria Partnership* supports mass distribution of ITNs in Africa during immunization campaigns and other child survival activities, through coordination of partners, technical leadership and information exchange. Weekly conference calls review partner activities, country progress, and identify opportunities for support. Considerable attention is paid to operational excellence and documenting results.

Country	Date	# of ITNs	ITN Donors	Integration
Ghana	Dec, 2002	15,000	ExxonMobil	Measles, Vit A
Zambia	July, 2003	75,000	CIDA, PSI	Measles, Vit A, meb.
Mali	Dec, 2004	12,000	Izumi	Measles
Togo	Dec, 2004	930,000	CIDA, IFRC	Measles, Vit A, meb.
Chad	2004	100,000	ExxonMobil	Routine outreach
Eq. Guinea	Sep 2005 ff	100,000	ExxonMobil	Measles
Mozambique	Dec, 2005	400,000	CIDA	Measles
Niger	Dec, 2005 ff	2,000,000	GF, IFRC, CIDA	OPV (vouchers)
Malawi	Dec, 2005 ff	100,000	ExxonMobil	Routine clinics
Completed total:		3,732,000		
Angola	July, 2006	762,000	GF, PMI, ExxonMobil	Measles, Vit A, meb.
Rwanda	Aug, 2006	1,150,000	GF	Measles, Vit A, alb
Indonesia	Aug, 2006	2,500,000	ARC	Measles, Vit A,
DRC	Sept, 2006	700,000	WB	Measles+
Kenya	Oct, 2006	3,400,000	GF	ITN-only campaign
Ethiopia	Oct, 2006	7,200,000	GF, CIDA, WB	Measles+, CHW
Uganda	Nov, 2006	1,800,000	GF	Measles campaign, CHW
Nigeria	Oct, 2006	300,000	GF, ExxonMobil	Measles+
S. Leone	Nov, 2006	1,400,000	CIDA, GF, WB	Measles, Vit A, meb.
Madagascar	Aug, 2007	1,000,000	GF	Measles+
Zambia	To Apr, 2007	2,300,000	GF, WB, MACEPA	ITN-only campaign, CHW
Pending Total:		22,512,000		

(CHW = Child Health Week, alb=albendazole, meb=mebendazole, OPV=oral polio vaccine, +=underdetermined additional interventions,)

Impact: Our data shows that 1.25 children use each net and we assume nets last three years, giving 3.75 child-years of protection for each net. Using the Cochrane estimate that ITNs prevent 5.5 deaths per 1000/child years of use, completed activities will result in ~14,000,000 child-years of protection and prevent ~77,000 childhood deaths and pending activities will provide ~84,000,000 child-years of protection and prevent ~464,000 childhood deaths over three years.

Other issues:

1. Partners are preparing scientific publications on mass distribution of ITNs in Ghana, Togo and Niger
2. Partners are evaluating whether a multi-country proposal should be submitted for Global Fund Round 6, to cover ITN costs for selected countries targeted for 2007/8 measles campaigns. WHO/AFRO is identifying county interest.

*Partners include American Red Cross, IFRC, CDC, UNICEF, Canadian Red Cross, RBM Secretariat, WHO/HQ, WHO/AFRO, CIDA, Global Fund, UNF, UNFIP, ExxonMobil, Millennium Promise, Millennium Project, LDS Church, PSI