



Uganda: a woman receives her free nets

PROJECT BRIEF

NetWorks

The aim of the project is to support countries in the development of efficient, comprehensive and sustainable programmes to ensure high ownership and use of long lasting insecticidal nets and other malaria prevention technologies

Project Outline

NetWorks is a five-year USAID/Washington global project that partners with country missions to improve and establish sustainable access to and use of long lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs). NetWorks aims to build sustainable LLIN systems that bridge the key technical areas of advocacy, policy, distribution, monitoring, and communications in malaria endemic countries.

NetWorks has been designed to be flexible yet comprehensive and dynamic in order to help empower national governments, USAID missions and their partners (civil society and the private sector) and other development partners to create sustainable systems to allow access, enable ownership and promote appropriate use of LLINs and other malaria prevention technologies.

Through a unique, strategic process, NetWorks provides an adaptive approach to rapid analysis, stakeholder coordination and policy refinement, distribution networks, demand creation and promotion, monitoring and ongoing evaluation.

High and sustained LLIN coverage is currently the primary route for malaria prevention in most sub-Saharan African countries. NetWorks is uniquely situated to facilitate this process, due to its strong capacity in both the distribution and communication components, and thus to develop the technical tools to ensure appropriate technical advice for quality implementation.

The prime recipient for this project is Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP) with Malaria Consortium as one of the main implementing partners.

COUNTRY

Global
2010: Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan and Uganda

DONOR

USAID

LENGTH OF PROJECT

Five years
October 2009–2014

PARTNERS

Johns Hopkins University
Center for Communications Programs (JHU/CCP),
Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA), International Procurement Agency (IPA),
National Malaria Control Programmes

Aims and Achievements

1. Develop and promote appropriate policies at both the international and national levels to encourage sustained, high levels of LLINs and related technologies ownership and use.
2. Develop, promote and support efficient and effective distribution approaches to ensure sustained high level coverage of LLINs and related technologies in communities, particularly among the targeted populations.
3. Increase demand for and use of LLINs and related technologies to promote sustainable high levels of LLINs ownership and use.

4. Design, conduct and analyse strategic operational research to pilot, document and scale-up innovative best practices that contribute towards achieving and maintaining high levels of ownership and use of LLINs and related technologies.

This project has a direct impact up on efforts to:

- ✓ *Combat malaria*
- ✓ *Strengthen health systems*
- ✓ *Provide operational research outputs*
- ✓ *Encourage behaviour change through communications*
- ✓ *Provide health support to at-risk populations*



Nigeria: assessing the durability of nets



Ghana: children in Primary 6 receive free mosquito nets

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