

DP162 Phalombe, Malawi (Concern Universal)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	18 Apr 2010	Both Malawi proposals look fine to me
	12 Apr 2010	I would be grateful for some clarification Is there any explanation for the increase in cases of malaria cases between 2007/08 and 2008/09, that is from 35% to 39%? Are these cases of malaria diagnosed clinically or laboratory confirmed? There seems to be a significant burden of malaria amongst older children over 5 years yet the groups targeted to receive nets do not include them. Are there other ITN interventions targeting over-fives specifically? How will People Living with HIV be reached? Will CU link up with specific CBOs providing services for this group?
	10 Apr 2010	I am happy with this.

DP159 Mwanza, Tanzania (Kids Aid Tanzania/Lions Club Ilemela)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	30 Apr 2010	<p>I am just checking with Dr. Mwita's office in Dar on this one because there are two huge national distribution campaigns rolling accross Tanzania at present, and one wonders whether this is necessary this year. I would like a second opinion from the NatNets office.</p> <p>Rob says: Nick Brown very much aware of plans. I spoke personally to Dr Mwita about this distribution and he is fully supportive but would welcome that email/conatc with him form you too.</p> <p>Don says: In that case, it is a go from my point of view. A particularly disadvantaged segment of the community that may well be left out from such campaigns. Prof Mwaluko is legendary in African health systems. I support this. Although we should look extra carefully at any TZ applications over the next 6 months given the huge distribution that is underway.</p>
	27 Apr 2010	<p>Mwanza high risk</p> <p>Squatters disadvantaged</p> <p>Lions club reputable</p> <p>They have spoken to Mwita NMCP manager</p> <p>No reason not to support</p>
	28 Apr 2010	<p>In principle I think the application should be supported. However I unclear about the distribution strategy. Is there any data on the number of people per household and the approximate number of sleeping places? I think this would help in deciding how many nets to distribute per household.</p>
	06 Apr 2010	<p>Proposal looks fine. Usually I am not big on net distribution in urban areas but in very high risk countries like Uganda some urban areas might suffer considerable risk.</p>
	03 May 2010	<p>I have read this and would support it.</p> <p>However, I am rather surprised as the NMCP report high coverage and usage of ITNs in Tanzania. And the area is not remote that it would not be accessible.</p> <p>It would be interesting to hear why this area does not have nets through the national programme and to see how and what the receipients would do using this support to address these challenges so that ITNs are provided through the normal system. This will make sure that control measures are sustainable and AMF goes beyond just donating nets, by improving the health system.</p> <p>Rob to Julie (6th May): Thanks for the email and the concerns. There has been a reasonable amount of liaising with the NMCP in Tanzania (I spoke directly with Dr Mwita and also with Nick Brown at NatNets and we have had email contact) and Don de Savigny also followed up recently</p>
	28 Apr 2010	<p>My concern here is whether there is much malaria in the area. This is an urban site, which looks hilly (and therefore breeding sites confined largely to the base of the hills) and one would expect low transmission. There are no reliable data presented that tells us that malaria is a problem here.</p>

DP158 Chikumbi District, Zambia (Baraka Community Partnership)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	30 Mar 2010	<p>I approve the proposal. I note that this is part of an on-going activity.</p> <p>I think that even though relationships with the NMCP and the local clinic are not well established data on nets distributed etc should be shared with these institutions.</p>
	29 Mar 2010	<p>See no major issues with the proposal other than there are difficulties engaging the national programme.</p> <p>Given that there is track record here, is the difficulty with national programme with respect to this proposal or also previous distribution by the BCP?</p>
	26 Mar 2010	<p>Looks fine, although i do not know this part of Zambia.</p>

DP154 Soroti, Uganda (International Midwife Assistance)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	13 Feb 2010	Seems reasonable
	23 Feb 2010	I have no major comments. I'm okay with the proposal
	23 Feb 2010	I am happy with this proposal although a little surprised that they were paying 11 USD for a net.
	19 Feb 2010	Seems like a good cause, although I have not heard of this clinic before

DP149 Malen Chiefdom, Pujehun District, Sierra Leone (Global Minimum (Gmin))

Advisor	Date	Comment
	09 Dec 2009	This is a sound proposal. I know Pujehun and this is a highly endemic area.
	08 Dec 2009	I agree. This looks all in order and I support rapid approval. By the way, the Health Metrics Network is using Sierra Leone as a fast track country to kick start the health information system. I will let them know about this effort.
	08 Dec 2009	Quick read and from your message an approval from me
	09 Dec 2009	This is fine. I approve the request.
	10 Dec 2009	I'm just back from The Gambia. This looks good to me.

DP144 Namulonge, Uganda (Project Restore)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	14 Nov 2009	No problems with this one.
	09 Nov 2009	Seems fine to me and if we've supported this project before see no reason not to support again
	02 Dec 2009	This is fine

DP142 The Wallalan Hamlets, Gambia (NMCP The Gambia)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	20 Oct 2009	I support [redacted] on this one. These were the villages where the first ITN studies were done and it would be good to see them rewarded in some way. We chose them because they were some of the poorest villages in The Gambia where few people used nets in contrast to much of the rest of the country. I also visited them a couple of years ago, shortly before [redacted] did, to explain to them the important impact that the study done in their villages has had. They remembered the trials well and even [redacted] military trousers! Things have improved with more houses with corrugated roofs but they are still very poor.
	18 Oct 2009	On the road at present so cant download proposal. But I know about this and have tried for over a year to get this one assembled by Margaret, MRC and NMCP in The Gambia. These villages were the FIRST african ITN clinical trials sites over 20 years ago. The work in these villages led to the trials on mortality and the rest as they say is history. I visited Walalan again after many years with my family last Easter and I was amazed that while so much of the Gambia has progressed and been targeted for impressive ITN campaigns - these small hamlest off the beaten track had been neglected and remain so desperately poor. It would be a fabulous effort for AMF to get engaged in helping ensure these villages are completely protected with LLIN. I would happily pledge 2000 GBP from a contingency fund generated from consultancies and talks I have here in Kenya if someone sent instructions on how to wire the money. If it wasnt for Wallalan and its neighbours I'd have nothing to give a talk on and no one would want me to consult... Probably best not broadcast this - some may blame Wallalan for Bob Snow.... As such - full support and it would be great to get this one across the line in 2009 - 21 years since the trials ended in Wallalan
	05 Nov 2009	I fully support this request particularly as the NMCP is working towards universal access and were fully involved in developing the proposal. I was unclear as to why the post-distribution surveys would be limited to only a random sample of 20% of nets given the relatively small number of nets that will be distributed.
	19 Oct 2009	2. why are additional nets being requested via AMF when there are already nets being distributed? 11. well thought out procedures.
	16 Oct 2009	As one of the people who carried out the early trials of bednets in The Gambia, I strongly endorse this proposal. I know all involved with the distribution and they are all reliable characters. I am happy to contribute \$50.

DP139 Karagwe District, Tanzania (WILMA)

Advisor	Date	Comment
	07 Jul 2009	It is interesting they are aiming at supplementing existing distribution programmes and thus increasing coverage. As we have discussed previously, this is now thought to be a good idea as net coverage overall begins to go up and we need to move more in this direction rather than just focussing on the high risk groups. This is a small request obtained at topping coverage from previous rounds of distribution in an area of high risk. The proposal is well written. I have no problems in supporting this project.
	08 Oct 2009	Have not heard of this group before, and if you have checked their legitimacy, then this one looks fine. It will benefit from a hang-up survey later, and will be an interesting setting since it will get IRS, national ITNs, pregnancy vouchers, and AMF nets. There should be a dramatic effect as has been seen in Zanzibar. However they have underestimated the national net coverage from old statistics. I would support this one.
	16 May 2009	When I read the proposal I was a bit worried as they did not seem to have much on the ground presence (eg if they could not get figures on malaria because the medical officer was out, they must have only visited one time), but when I read the email string it made more sense. Generally, it seems a reasonable plan, but should not be approved until question 6 is answered. Your own point below on the 7 million to be distributed in June supports this need. In q9 it appears they will only interview 15 households which may not be very informative. I was not sure how the distributed surveys would work in relation to literacy levels. Finally the gap till June 2010 for the net use survey is long – usually it would be done by 6 months. I guess they only visit once a year, in which case it is better than nothing, but maybe the local organizer could do something earlier. Depending on the response to q 6 I would say it could be approved.
	29 Jun 2009	This looks fine – no objections with this one moving ahead
	03 Aug 2009	I am okay with this. I think the strategy to work alongside the NMCP is well described. The HH survey that will be done will be useful for determining the number of nets needed which may vary from the 825 requested. Will this figure be finalised after the NMCP campaign?
	04 May 2009	I am happy with this. Just one quick question regarding the household interviews- do they have approval from the TZ scientific research committee? This might be necessary...
	03 Aug 2009	My concern again that the choice is made on familiarity and convenience rather than need....increasing resource flow to areas with resources.