

## CONCERN UNIVERSAL AND DEDZA DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Universal LLIN distribution report for week 1<sup>st</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> September

Concern Universal Malawi in conjunction with Dedza District Council are conducting a Universal Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Net (LLIN) distribution program in the district as part of the National Malaria Control Programs' universal net distribution supplementary effort. Currently CU has received 240,000 LLIN Nets required to cover Dedza District. Against Malaria Foundation has provided the nets to be distributed in this exercise. The programme commenced in January 2013.

### SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S ACTIVITY

During the week 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September the following activities were carried out.

- Ferrying the nets from the warehouse to the following health facilities: Nakalazi, Kachindamoto, Mtakataka, Police College, Mua, Kaundu, Golomoti and Mganja Health Facilities.
- Sensitising the community on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Distributed 43,126 nets to beneficiaries under Nakalazi, Kachindamoto, Mtakataka, Police College, Mua, Kaundu, Golomoti and Mganja Health Facilities.

### RELEVANT DATA AND NUMBERS

Below is the table of distribution by health centre covered during the reporting week.

Health Centre	Total Number of Villages	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distributed	Gap
Nakalazi	16	16	5,769	26,974	12,951	2,964	2,537	2,380	157
Kachindamoto	20	19	2,288	11,076	5,136	1,308	3,827	3,648	179
Mtakataka	52	50	4,765	20,803	10,419	2,285	8,134	7,699	435
Police College	11	5	1,066	4,555	2,258	278	1,980	719	1,261
Mua	23	23	5,769	26,974	12,951	2,964	9,987	9,531	456
Kaundu	62	60	4,708	22,487	10,078	3,187	6,898	6,814	84
Golomoti	62	61	8,208	37,571	17,820	6,130	11,697	10,668	1,029
Mganja	9	9	1,348	5,742	2,845	1,125	1,721	1,667	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>33,921</b>	<b>156,182</b>	<b>74,458</b>	<b>20,241</b>	<b>46,781</b>	<b>43,126</b>	<b>3,655</b>

During this first week of distributions, we distributed LLIN nets in the planned eight health facilities of Nakalazi, Kachindamoto, Mtakataka, Police College, Mua, Kaundu, Golomoti, and Mganja. Disbursements were conducted and concluded in all villages of Nakalazi, Mua and Mganja. In Mthembanji village under Kachindamoto Health Centre, Kakhobwe village under Golomoti Health Centre and Liwimbi and Kachaso villages under Mtakataka Health Centre we were unable to conduct the distributions due to funerals. Kachaso village, under Mtakataka health facility, was not covered during the distribution, as the beneficiaries didn't turn up to claim their nets hence the nets were returned to the warehouse.

In Police College Health Centre, we only managed to carry out the distributions to 5 out of the 11 villages due to logistical challenges and the remaining 6 villages will be considered during the mop up exercise.

During the week we distributed 43,126 nets out of the 280,057 required to achieve universal coverage, which represents 15% of the total district coverage. The nets distributed covered 92% of the weeks planned distributions. The remaining 8% will be covered during the Mop up exercise.

#### **CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED**

The major challenge encountered during this week's distributions was the misplacing of villages in clusters, which required us to transfer the nets and distribution registers to the clusters where the villages have presented themselves. This delayed our distribution process but we still managed to reach and carry out the distributions to the affected villages.

Many villagers demonstrated their appreciation regarding the manner in which the net distributions were conducted, which they described as the most transparent ever done. This was achieved due to the involvement and participation of the local leaders and provision of a copy of the distribution register to the respective village head.