

CONCERN UNIVERSAL AND BALAKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Universal LLIN distribution report for week October 28th to November 02nd

SUMMARY OF THE WEEKS ACTIVITY

During the week 28th October to 2nd November the following activities were carried out.

- Sensitising the communities on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Distributed 11,700 nets to beneficiaries under Balaka District Hospital healthy facilities.
- Ferrying nets from warehouse to the distribution points.

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
Balaka D.H.	104	67	11,893	53,105	32,032	16,560	14,285	11,700	2,585

During the week we disbursed to all the remaining 67 villages under Balaka central health facility. There were high turnover of nets not distributed during the week especially in the villages of Kaumphawi (821 nets) Mponda (1,441 nets) and Ngonga due to absenteeism of the beneficiaries.

To date we have distributed 141,274 nets of the 149,824 covering 94.3% of the total district needs hence remaining with around 5.7%, which will be distributed during the mop up.

Below is the table depicting total distributions for Balaka health facility?

Health Centre	Total Number of Villages	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distributed
Balaka 1 st week	104	37	5,037	21,387	12,092	5,234	6,617	6,580
Balaka this week	104	67	11,893	53,105	32,032	16,560	14,285	11,700
Total	104	104	16,930	74,492	44,124	21,794	20,902	18,280

CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNT

There was a high number of absenteeism during the urban distribution, which resulted in some members receiving the nets on behalf of others. This absenteeism was explained by the unavailability of the beneficiaries due to professional reasons. There were some complaints from beneficiaries whose nets were received by representatives claiming that the nets weren't handed over. Handing over of nets to representatives was cancelled since it was clear that, unlike in rural areas where all community members know each other and certify the representative's identification and the nets were handed over to the legitimate beneficiaries, nets were being misappropriated. This angered some community members and a large number of nets were returned to the

warehouse pending mop up exercise. As another example of the challenges faced this week one health worker assigned to facilitate the distribution process, in the community under his supervision, was caught by the beneficiaries trying to steal about 25 nets. He was reported reported to the authorities and discharged of his duties. This episode disrupted the distribution process and CU staff had to intervene to keep the population from beating the health worker.

For the urban distributions we anticipate to conduct them during the weekend to assure that most of the household owners are free from their daily work related activities. We will also conduct a megaphone announcement campaign sensitising the community on when the next mop distributions are to take place in order to have the beneficiaries be aware of the distribution day and time to reduce absenteeism.

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