

What is malaria?

- Malaria is an acute illness caused by malaria parasites.
- Malaria is carried when the malaria carrying mosquito bites a healthy person.

What are the Effects of Malaria?

- Severe malaria impairs children's learning and the functioning of their brain.
- Absenteeism among children which affects school performance.
- Spending money on treatment.
- Loss of productive time while managing malaria.

Who is more vulnerable to Malaria?

- **Children below 5 years:** This is because their bodies are not strong enough to fight malaria.
- **Pregnant women:** This is because their bodies are weakened by pregnancy and cannot fight malaria well.
- Travelers from malaria free countries.
- People living with HIV.

What is the Universal LLINs Distribution Campaign?

- The Government of Uganda is planning an 8-month campaign to reduce malaria. This is a government initiative to reduce the prevalence of malaria by making sure that all Ugandans sleep under insecticide treated mosquito nets.
- The Government of Uganda is distributing 24 million nets throughout the country.
- Funding is from the Government of Uganda, the Global Fund, DFID, Against Malaria Foundation, USAID/President's Malaria Initiative, and The AIDS Support Organization.

Who is responsible for the campaign process?

This campaign is led by the Ministry of Health with support from the district local governments and malaria implementing partners.

What is the role of local governments in this Campaign?

- Local governments are responsible for:
 1. Mobilizing resources and communities to participate actively in the campaign.
 2. Educating their communities and monitoring the distribution exercise.

What type of nets are being distributed?

The type of nets being distributed are the "Long Lasting Insecticide treated Net" (Treated Mosquito Nets).

How does the Treated Mosquito net work?

- Unlike the ordinary bed net, the treated mosquito net is coated with insecticide.
- The insecticide on the net repels the malaria mosquitoes or kills them when they rest on the net.

How long does the net last?

The life time of treated mosquito nets is three years or 20 washes.

How safe is the insecticide used?

- The insecticide used for Treated mosquito nets is safe and approved by the World Health organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health.

Are young children and pregnant women safe under a treated mosquito net?

- YES! Young children and pregnant women are safe under a treated net.
- The amount of insecticide used to treat a net is so little that it cannot harm an adult or a child.

Do I need to re- treat my Treated mosquito net?

- These nets are impregnated with an insecticide during manufacture, and therefore do not need retreatment.

What does universal coverage mean?

The definition of universal coverage in Uganda is one mosquito net for every two persons in a homestead.

What do I have to do to get a treated mosquito net?

- Register all your household members with your VHT/CMD
- School children, the sick in hospitals should be registered since they are part of the household.

Should visitors in the household be registered?

- Visitors will be registered in their permanent homes of residence, as well as school going children in boarding section.

Where do I pick my treated mosquito net from?

- Ask your VHT member and LC1 Chairperson for details about places where nets will be distributed.

How long is the distribution exercise?

- Distribution of the Treated Mosquito nets will be done for only one day in your area.
- Ensure that you pick your Mosquito net on that day.

Are there any side-effects of using a treated Mosquito net?

- Side effects from Treated Mosquito Nets are rare,
- Side effects rarely occur. However, some of the mild side effects that may occur include; sneezing, sore eyes and itching skin. These usually happen if the net is not aerated before use.
- If the side effects persist for more than 3 days, seek medical advice.

Who should sleep under this net?

- Ideally everyone in the family should sleep under
- Everybody should sleep under a treated mosquito net every night.
 - It is important that pregnant women and children under five are considered first.

How do I hang the treated mosquito net?

- The net is rectangular, like the shape of your sleeping area/bed.
- Use the 4 loops on the net to tie the net above the sleeping area
- Lower it and tuck the edges under the mattress or sleeping mat to keep mosquitoes away.

Why do mosquitoes still move/rest around my treated mosquito net?

- Mosquitoes do not die immediately, if they come into contact with the insecticide.

and starve to death although new mosquitoes will continue to enter your house.

When should the treated mosquito Nets be used?

- Everyone should sleep under a treated mosquito net every night, all year round even when there seems to be no mosquitoes around.

What do I do when I get a new net?

- Before using the new net, spread or hang it in a shade for fresh air to pass through it for one day.
- Do not hang the new net under direct sunlight.
- Hang the net over the sleeping place and use it every night.

How should I care for my treated mosquito net?

- A mosquito net just like any cloth, it gets dirty, and it can tear or burn.
- When dirty, wash it using water and bar soap, hang it in a shade, not in direct sunlight.
- When holes appear in the net, sew them using a needle and thread.
- Avoid using the net close to open fires.

What else is government doing to manage malaria?

• Indoor Residue Spraying (IRS):

This is the spraying of insecticide on the inside walls of the houses to repel and kill mosquitoes that spread malaria.

• Larval Source Management:

This is the application of chemicals on stagnant water to kill mosquito eggs before they become adult mosquitoes.

• Case Management:

Test by RDT/ Microscopy and treat with malaria medicine as advised by a health worker.

- Prompt treatment of other child illnesses such as pneumonia and diarrhea

• Malaria prevention and treatment in pregnancy:

All pregnant women receive three doses of SP and IPTp in their first, second and third trimester in addition sleeping under treated mosquito nets.

- Continuous sensitization and education of communities to increase the utilization of nets and proper malaria treatment.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON UNIVERSAL COVERAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LONG LASTING INSECTICIDE TREATED MOSQUITO NETS (LLINS) CAMPAIGN

Chase Malaria. Sleep under a treated mosquito net every night

