Universal LLIN distribution report for week 1st September to 5th 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 1st to 5th 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	Total	Villages	Number of	Population	Number of	Usable	Nets	Net	Gap
Centre	Number of	distributed	households		sleeping	LLIN in	required	distributed	
	Villages				spaces	place			
Nakalazi	16	16	5,769	26,974	12,951	2,964	2,537	2,380	157
Kachindam	20	19	2,288	11,076	5,136	1,308	3,827	3,648	179
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Mtakataka	52	50	4,765	20,803	10,419	2,285	8,134	7,699	435
Police	11	5	1,066	4,555	2,258	278	1,980	719	1,261
College									
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
Total	255	243	33,921	156,182	74,458	20,241	46,781	43,126	3,655

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 heath 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 of 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 the 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.

Universal LLIN distribution report for week 8th September to 12th September

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S ACTIVITY

During the week 8th to 12th September the following activities were carried out.

- Ferrying the nets from the warehouse to the following health facilities: Dzindevu, Kanyama, Chikuse, Mjini, Chiphwanya and Mayani Health Facilities.
- Sensitising the community on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Distributed 36,355 nets to beneficiaries under Dzindevu, Kanyama, Chikuse, Mjini, Chiphwanya and Mayani Health Facilities.

RELEVANT DATA AND NUMBERS

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

Health Centre	Total Number	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping	Usable LLIN in	Nets required	Net distributed	Gap
	of Villages				spaces	place			
Dzindevu	55	45	7531	30793	16708	3411	13304	9564	3740
Kanyama	63	58	4818	18868	9887	3299	6589	5711	878
Chikuse	56	46	6217	25904	13303	5134	8287	7298	989
Mjini	109	90	3532	15653	7703	1941	5755	4952	803
Chiphwanya	38	36	2911	12477	6411	2229	4245	3485	760
Mayani	66	54	5891	25462	13810	6900	6905	5345	1560
Total	387	329	30,900	129,157	67,822	22,914	45,085	36,355	8,730

During this reporting week, we distributed 36,355 LLIN nets in six of the seven planned health facilities of Dzindevu, Kanyama, Chikuse, Mjini, Chiphwanya and Mayani. We did not carry out distribution to Kalulu health facility because all the HSAs in the area were having a meeting with the local Leaders. The distributions to this health facility will be addressed at a later date. The relatively high number of non-distributed nets during this second week was attributed to poor communication to the recipients causing uncertainty regarding the respective distribution dates. Funeral occurrences in some of the villages also led to the postponing of the respective distributions, which will be considered during the mop-up exercise.

During the first two weeks we have distributed 79,481 nets of the 280,057, which represents 28% of the total district coverage. The nets distributed covered 80% of the weeks planned distributions. The remaining 20% will be covered during the mop-up exercise.

Summary of Distribution Coverage

	Total Number of Villages	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distribute d	Gap
Week 1	255	243	33,921	156,182	74,458	20,241	46,781	43,126	3,655
Week 2	387	329	30,900	129,157	67,822	22,914	45,085	36,355	8,730
Total	642	572	64,821	285,339	142,280	43,155	91,866	79,481	12,385

CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED

Some villages were not informed about the distribution dates by the HSAs. We have resorted to double check with the local leaders if distribution dates have been communicated to them.

In some cases we had to shift the distribution centre from a village where a funeral was taking place to a nearby village in order to be able to proceed with the distribution, causing considerable delays due to time spent reallocating nets and gathering the villagers.

The north-eastern region of the District has a high illiteracy level, which was pointed out as a possible cause for beneficiary identification issues. Some people are know among fellow villagers by a name other than the one they used during the registration process making the beneficiary identification process challenging as it strongly relies on social control.

Universal LLIN distribution report for week 15th September to 19th September

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During the week 15th to 19th September the following activities were carried out.

- Ferrying the nets from the warehouse to the following health facilities: Kaphuka, Tsoyo, Kasina, Mdeza and Chitowo Health Facilities.
- Sensitising the community on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Distributed 44,917 nets to beneficiaries under Kaphuka, Tsoyo, Kasina, Mdeza and Chitowo 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
Kaphuka	98	78	9,058	36,852	20,442	5,060	15,382	12,231	3,151
Tsoyo	93	90	5,030	20,302	10,800	4,406	6,393	5,968	425
Kasina	71	69	7,801	32,436	16,748	5,714	11,037	10,701	336
Mdeza	72	72	3,710	15,072	7,984	2,058	5,926	5,815	111
Chitowo	61	59	7,375	31,133	15,560	4,604	10,994	10,202	792
Total	395	368	32,974	135,795	71,534	21,842	49,732	44,917	4,815

During this third week of distributions, we distributed LLIN nets in the planned five health facilities of Kaphuka, Tsoyo, Kasina, Mdeza and Chitowo. We did not manage to conclude distributions in all villages under each health facility due to various challenges that were encountered.

There were 20 villages under Kaphuka that did not receive the nets because of poor communication as their HSAs were attending performance appraisals and failed to communicate the distribution dates to their respective villagers. These villages will be considered during the mop up exercise.

During the week we distributed 44,917 nets of the 49,732, which corresponds to 90% of the planned week's distributions. To date we have covered 44% of the total district coverage since we have so far distributed 124,398 of 280,057 nets.

Summary of Distribution Coverage

	Total Number of Villages	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distribute d	Gap
Week 1	255	243	33,921	156,182	74,458	20,241	46,781	43,126	3,655
Week 2	387	329	30,900	129,157	67,822	22,914	45,085	36,355	8,730
Week 3	395	368	32,974	135,795	71,534	21,842	49,732	44,917	4,815
Total	1,037	940	97,795	421,134	213,814	64,997	141,598	124,398	17,200

CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED

The major challenge during the week was duplication of registration in a way that some beneficiaries seem to have been deliberately registered in more than one village. The registration data was corrected and the affected beneficiaries only received the nets they were entitled to according their respective village data.

As September is the month of election for festivities, such as weddings and initiation ceremonies, some villages ended up missing the distributions. We will arrange to reschedule their distributions to a later date or during the mop up exercise.

Universal LLIN distribution report for week 22nd September to 26th September

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S ACTIVITY

During the week 22nd to 26th September the following activities were carried out.

- Ferrying the nets from the warehouse to the following health facilities: Mphanthi, Maonde and Mtendere Health Facilities.
- Sensitising the community on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Distributed nets to beneficiaries under Mphanthi, Maonde and Mtendere Health Facilities.

RELEVANT DATA AND NUMBERS

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

Health	Total	Villages	Number of	Population	Number of	Usable	Nets	Net	Gap
Centre	Number of	Distributed	households		sleeping	LLIN in	Required	Distribut	
	Villages				spaces	place		ed	
Mphanthi	29	28	2,859	11,789	6,039	2,590	3,442	3,135	307
Maonde	45	45	4,486	19,695	10,036	4,019	6,017	5,188	829
Mtendere	132	30	15,223	65,934	33,750	7,688	26,060	6,828	19,232
Total	206	103	22,568	97,418	49,825	14,297	35,519	15,151	20,368

During this fourth week of distributions, we covered three of the four planned health facilities (Mphanthi, Maonde and Mtendere).

We did not manage to conclude distributions in all villages under Mtendere health facility as well as to Lobi HC due to the breakdown of the lorry used to ferry the nets from the main warehouse to the health facilities.

We have planned to carry out the distributions to the missing villages, along with Lobi HC during the coming week.

We did not manage to distribute in one village under Mphanthi health facility due to a funeral and we will arrange the distributions in this village during mop up period.

During the week we distributed 15,151 out of the 35,519 required nets, which represents 42% of the planned week's distributions. To date we have covered 49% of the total district coverage since we have so far distributed 139,549 of 280,057 nets.

Summary of Distribution Coverage

	Total Number of	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping	Usable LLIN in place	Nets required	Net distributed	Gap
	Villages				spaces				
Week 1	255	243	33,921	156,182	74,458	20,241	46,781	43,126	3,655
Week 2	387	329	30,900	129,157	67,822	22,914	45,085	36,355	8,730
Week 3	395	368	32,974	135,795	71,534	21,842	49,732	44,917	4,815
Week 4	206	103	22,568	97,418	49,825	14,297	35,519	15,151	20,368
Total	1,243	1,043	120,363	518,552	263,639	79,294	177,117	139,549	37,568

CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED

The major challenges we encountered during the week had to do with logistics. The breaking down of the lorry used to ferries nets from the warehouse to the health facilities caused major delays as we had to use the two vehicles meant to transport personnel to carry the nets to the health facilities. This was however financially inefficient as well as time consuming as the vehicles are smaller and had to make several trips in order to allow us to proceed with the distribution of around 15,000 nets. Our distribution team vehicles, which have been used continuously since the beginning of the distributions, were also showing signs of maintenance need.

Efforts to replace the broken down lorry with another one from the District Assembly proved futile as it was already allocated to other assignments. However, it will be made available to us in during the following week in case of need.

Universal LLIN distribution report for week 29th September to 3rd October

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S ACTIVITY

During the week 29th September 3rd October the following activities were carried out.

- Ferrying the nets from the warehouse to the following health facilities: Mtendere, Lobi, Chongoni and Kalulu Health Facilities.
- Sensitising the community on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Distributed nets to beneficiaries under Mtendere, Lobi, Chongoni and Kalulu 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 Distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping	Usable LLIN in	Nets Required	Net Distributed	Gap
	Villages				spaces	place			
Mtendere	132	102	15,223	65,934	33,750	7,688	26,060	17,696	1,536
Lobi	54	53	5,833	24,794	11,974	3,730	8,245	8,002	243
Chongoni	60	58	5,565	22,846	12,109	2,521	9,586	8,418	1,168
Kalulu	46	46	2,651	10,875	5,364	2,660	2,763	2,671	92
Total	292	259	29,272	124,449	63,197	16,599	46,654	36,787	3,039

During this fifth week of distributions, we distributed LLIN nets in the catchment areas of the four health facilities of Mtendere, Lobi, Chongoni and Kalulu.

At Hinda Cluster, under Chongoni health center, the distributions to Mchila and Chule villages had to be deferred to a later date due to the unruly behaviour of the village's members who appeared to be drunk. We liaised with their community leaders in order to assure that the rescheduled distributions occur without disruptions.

Under Lobi health facility we failed to conduct the distributions in the village of Chapulika due to funeral and the village will be contemplated during the mop up.

In the reporting week we completed the distributions of the remaining 102 villages under Mtendere.

During the week we distributed 36,787 of the projected 39,826 nets, which represents 92% of the planned distributions. To date we have distributed 176,336 of 280,057 nets, representing 63% of the distribution.

Summary of Distribution Coverage

	Total	Villages	Number of	Population	Number of	Usable	Nets	Net	Gap
	Number of	distributed	households		sleeping	LLIN in	required	distributed	
	Villages				spaces	place			
Week 1	255	243	33,921	156,182	74,458	20,241	46,781	43,126	3,655
Week 2	387	329	30,900	129,157	67,822	22,914	45,085	36,355	8,730
Week 3	395	368	32,974	135,795	71,534	21842	49,732	44,917	4,815
Week 4	206	103	22,568	97,418	49,825	14,297	35,519	15,151	20,368
Week 5	160	259	14,049	58,515	29,447	8,911	39,826	36,787	3,039
Total	1,403	1,302	134,412	577,067	293,086	88,205	216,943	176,336	40,607

CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED

The major challenge we encountered during the week was the unavailability of our lorry, which had broken down during the previous week and was still being repaired. A government lorry was made available to fill in the gap but it wasn't exclusively at our service, as it was also needed to carry out its official duties.

Universal LLIN distribution report for week 6th October to 10th October

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S ACTIVITY

During the week 6th to 10th October the following activities were carried out.

- Ferrying the nets from the warehouse to the following health facilities: Mikondo, Kafere Matumba and Chimoto Health Facilities.
- Sensitising the community on nets usage.
- Communicating to relevant communities the distribution schedule.
- Conducted nets distributions to beneficiaries under Mikondo, Kafere, Matumba and Chimoto Health Facilities.

RELEVANT DATA AND NUMBERS

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

Health Centre	Total Number	Villages Distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping spaces	Usable LLIN in	Nets Required	Net Distributed	Gap
	of Villages					place			
Mikondo	73	70	4,662	18,856	9,017	2,606	6,411	6,233	178
Kafere	82	79	2,648	11,871	5,897	2,703	3,196	3,114	82
Matumba	116	114	10,164	42,592	20,434	5,006	15,434	14,912	522
Chimoto	83	83	8,219	33,484	16,708	6,812	10,073	9,987	86
Total	354	346	25,693	106,803	52,056	17,127	35,114	34,246	868

During this sixth week of distributions, we distributed LLIN's in the four health facilities of Mikondo, Kafere, Matumba and Chimoto.

During the week we did not manage to conduct distributions to 8 villages mostly due to due to funerals. These villages were Ngombe and Zalandikana under Matumba health facility, Mlowana, Driver and Kachikoti under Kafere and Mpango, Chikomba and Nathowa under Mikondo.

We managed to attend to all the villages under Chimoto Health facility.

During the week we distributed 34,246 nets representing 98% of the projected 35,114 for this distributions. To date we have covered 75% of the district with a total of 210,582 out of 280,057 nets distributed.

Summary of Distribution Coverage

	Total Number of	Villages distributed	Number of households	Population	Number of sleeping	Usable LLIN in	Nets required	Net distributed	Gap
	Villages				spaces	place			
Week 1	255	243	33,921	156,182	74,458	20,241	46,781	43,126	3,655
Week 2	387	329	30,900	129,157	67,822	22,914	45,085	36,355	8,730
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Week 5	160	259	14,049	58,515	29,447	8,911	39,826	36,787	3,039
Week 6	354	346	25,693	106,803	52,056	17,127	35,114	34,246	868
Total	1,757	1,648	160,105	683,870	345,142	105,332	252,057	210,582	41,475

CHALLENGES AND LESSON LEARNED

During the distribution week we did not encounter new challenges.