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Dear Donors,
January 2012, MaNdate 12 was held in many locations in Uganda. We had a net distribution in the Acholi Quarter Camp for Internally Displaced Persons -IDP (see photo on right). This was a follow-up from July 2010 when we gave 3,000 nets to the entire camp. We also went back to Nalweyo in Kibale District where we gave out an additional 1,200 nets. We had visited there in July 2011. This time we visited six different villages within Nalweyo that were deep in the bush. (photo bottom left). We also gave out nets from the Think Humanity Health Center (bottom right photo) in Hoima town and 1,000 nets were also distributed to underdeveloped communities about five kilometers from Hoima in Kanenankumba Local Council (LC) and Butajwa/Habitant LC. Other beneficiaries were; the lower staff of the Refugee Desk Officer (RDO) and Community Development Program student volunteers in Kijungu-Hoima.



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Please continue to help us save lives!

Thank you volunteers for MaNdate 12
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Think Humanity asks that you continue to provide donations for bed nets. People in Nsozi and Kiboga are also vulnerable communities who are suffering from malaria. Those are the next communities to help once we get funding.



A young child receives a bed net from the Think Humanity Community Health Center in Hoima



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Thank you and honor us!

Process



Think Humanity always purchases the highest quality nets recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). We purchase Olyset Nets, made in Tanzania. The nets are purchased in Kampala at wholesale price, however due to inflation in Uganda, we had to pay almost \$2 more for each net. Some nets were stored outside Kampala in Kireka at the IDP Camp and the remainder of nets were transported and stored approximately 200 miles away from Kampala at our TH Headquarters/Health Center in Hoima.



Nets stored at the THCHC in Hoima

Before we give out the nets we educate the people on how to use a net correctly, how to care for the net and ways one can help prevent malaria. We also take all nets out of their packaging. We do this for two reasons; 1) to protect the environment. -We remove each net, collect all bags, take them back with us to our headquarters and dispose of them properly and, 2) we remove the packaging so that nets cannot be resold. -(See net demonstration pictured on right.)



Bed net demonstration in Kireka.

The names of the beneficiaries are chosen by the IDP/Refugee Camp chairmen or by the Local Council (LC) in villages. The beneficiaries are told in advance that their name is on the list. A Think Humanity manager calls off the names and the people come up to receive their net. The village leaders are there to identify the proper person. Once they receive their net, their name is crossed off the list and they are asked to leave the area. We try to keep everything very orderly and organized.

January 2012

We arrived in Uganda in the middle of the night, but we held our net distribution in Kireka first thing the following morning. The distribution was held just below the hill where the Acholi Quarter Camp -IDP is located. (pictured directly above)

We left for Hoima the next day and four days later we traveled to Nalweyo in Kibale District, approximately one and a half hours away from Hoima. The nets were transported with a lorry. (see pictured below) Many volunteers jumped on the back of the truck and we traveled on the dusty, bumpy road. We also had a second vehicle.

We arrived in Nalweyo early in the morning and met with the local council chairman and other local volunteers. There were speeches and then we divided into six groups. After we all returned, we each gave a brief report on how our location's distribution went. Some went more smoothly than others, but all in all, it was a very positive experience. Our final distribution was held in Hoima at the TH Health Center and it was very organized as well. Later, after we left Uganda, more nets were distributed to other locations nearby Hoima.



Thank you again to all that donated towards MaNdate 12. Thanks also to the volunteers in the USA and Uganda.

Bed nets continue to be one of the most cost-effective interventions we have in medicine.

Be Blessed, Beth Heckel, TH Founder/Director