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In this issue we report back on activities in Uganda and fundraising in the UK.

Scouts Against Malaria (SAM) provided the Ugandan Scout Headquarters with £500 to run a pilot of what we hope will become the model for the SAM campaign in Uganda.

The following is extracted from the report back from the Ugandan Scouts.



Scouts walk through the community to create awareness



Scouts brief and hand over the mosquito net

"The Uganda Scouts Association and Treasure Life Center (TLC), a youth group located in the Kampala slum of Kamwokya did a pilot roll out in the campaign against malaria. Expectant Mothers and Children below the age of 5yrs were selected due to their vulnerability to Malaria which can cause them early deaths or Cerebral Malaria.

Prior to the campaign TLC Identified 150 households with Children below the age of 5yrs and Expectant mothers. On the day of the pilot, The Scouts Brass band engaged the community with instrumental music as the Scouts created awareness about malaria. After the awareness campaign, distribution of the insecticide mosquito treated nets was then carried out in 65 out of the 150 households.

ARCHIVEMENTS

- *There was successful community sensitization of about 1000 people on Malaria control, prevention and treatment*
- *133 long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets were distributed and set-up in 65 households.*
- *We were able to successfully demonstrate some of the scout values through the net distribution and community sensitization*

CHALLENGES

- *We were not able to reach the identified 150 households with the nets*
- *There was a poor road network making accessibility to some homes hard*
- *Limited resources yet the need was anonymous*

CONCLUSION

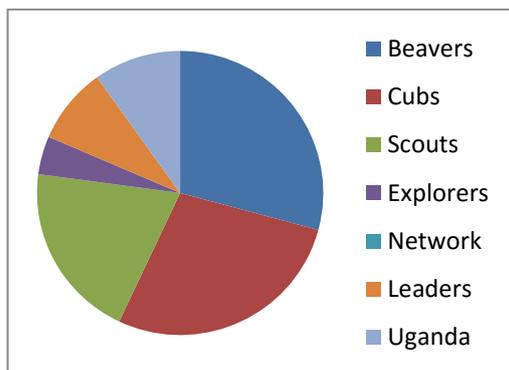
- *The start of SAM project has shown the need for malaria sensitization in Uganda and the ability of scouts in Uganda to play a pivotal role in the fight against malaria.*
- *It is only the beginning of Scouts action and commitment of giving back to their communities. "*

As a result of this successful pilot a further £1000 has been sent to Uganda.

UK news

The following Scout Groups in eleven Scout counties have gained SAM badges: Bourne Valley, Wheatley Scouts, 21st Whitley Bay, 1st Petworth, Rossendale, 1st Southbourne, 7th Warrington West, 9th Guildford, 1st Larkfield, 3rd Alton, 6th Bramshill, 1st Horsell, and 6th Newport.

We have sent out 507 SAM badges, including 50 to Uganda and have raised just over £3000. All sections other than Network have raised money for SAM, so come on Networks, get fundraising!



SAM Box

We are working on the creation of a box of SAM activities for campsites. It will contain laminated instructions for games, sheets for colouring, laminated information about mosquitoes, and laminated badge requirements. We will also be creating a virtual SAM box on the website.

Resources

The Guardian Newspaper has some useful articles on malaria at <http://www.theguardian.com/society/malaria>.

The Buzz and Bite campaign have a number of short cartoons about malaria see <http://www.malariacampaign.ca/> many if not all are also available on YouTube.

If you want further information about SAM and how to obtain the badge, please visit our website www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk or email us at info@scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk