Not Just Nets

CHALLENGE:
A child in Africa dies from malaria every minute.

Malaria is preventable and curable. Malaria interventions like Africare’s have helped countries achieve substantial progress toward Millennium Development Goals and have saved an estimated 3 million children in Sub-Saharan Africa since 2000. However, malaria still kills more than half a million people on the continent annually. Young children and pregnant women are the most vulnerable to the disease, and children under 5 account for 85% of Africa’s malaria deaths.

AFRICARE’S SOLUTION:
Communities can be empowered to control malaria themselves.

Africare has implemented successful malaria control programs in Angola, Benin, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. In Benin, Africare pioneered the community case management model, extending health services to remote areas by training local communities to diagnose and treat simple cases of malaria themselves. The pilot model reduced malaria deaths in children under 5 by 84%, and now the program is being implemented nationwide.

Africare has coordinated the distribution of nearly 8 million insecticide-treated nets in Benin to help the country achieve universal coverage.

Complete Expertise:
Africare is an expert in four proven and highly effective malaria interventions covering all phases from disease prevention to treatment after infection:

- Preventing Infection with Long Lasting Insecticide-Treated Nets
- Preventing Transmission with Insecticide Indoor Residual Spraying
- Protecting Mothers and Newborns with Intermittent Preventive Treatment in Pregnancy
- Treating Infected Children with Artemisinin-Based Combination Therapy
Africare/Benin helps villages establish motorcycle taxi rates acceptable to caregivers and drivers. Women’s groups are then provided with funds to transport severely ill children to clinics, saving lives and boosting the local economy.

In October 2014, the President of Benin Boni Yayi awarded Africare the Presidential Medal of Honor for all Africare’s successful malaria control work in the country.

Programmatic Integration:
Africare does implement stand-alone malaria projects; however, we also integrate malaria control activities into maternal and child health programs and projects focused on other development areas such as Agriculture & Food Security and Water, Sanitation & Hygiene.

About Africare
Africare, the largest and most experienced international non-governmental organization (NGO) focused exclusively on Africa, is committed to improving lives and building futures. In more than 40 years of partnering with local communities, NGOs, governments and the private sector, Africare has invested over $1 billion through thousands of projects in more than 35 African countries.

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