

SEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT VISION HOPE SCHOOL

“Building the community we want to be”

Hi Alison Hall

RE: MALARIA EPIDEMIC IN NORTHERN UGANDA

In response to what we talked about on Friday, it is true that the disease has invaded the whole of the region of the country. Malaria is so strong that it is deterring a lot of development at activities.

After you running me yesterday I started together information so that when I report to you, I would talk from the informed point of view. I made sure that I get the following people and get the right information from them.

1. The LCI
2. VHT (Village health team) of the area.
3. The incharges of the health centres within Lamogi Sub County.
4. And some of the opinion leaders in the area.
5. A medical personnel from big hospital (Lacor).

On Saturday I moved round to all of them and these one what they told me about the malaria.

The LCI Jimo

“Almost all the households in my area in my area have sickness. And if they are taken to the hospital, the result of the testing from the doctors in the hospital shows that they are malaria parasite positive. Although most of the cases has not yet resulted in to death, the epidemic is determining progress of the people”.

The VHT

“Everybody in my house is sick. All my children can not go to school because they are sick. Very many people are coming to me for drugs but I have nothing to give them. The disease is too much in the land.

The incharge Parabongo HCII

“ There are many cases of malaria in the health centre. About 250 patients report to the health centre everyday. When we test them, 70% is always malaria parasite positive. Most of them come when they have very high fever that sometimes results into convulsion in the case of children below the age of five. The patients are too much in the hospital that drugs brought does not last long. It gets finished very fast.

Opinion leaders in the area

“Government, NGOs and well wisher, shall come to rescue the people from malaria. They should come to work from door to door”.

A medical personnel from Lacor Hospital out of 10 patients that come to get my service, 8-9 have malaria cases. They come vomiting, with high fever headaches and other opportunistic diseases that escorts malaria.

After collecting all these information I deduced that malaria is serious in the region. And the recommendation that all of them came out with is that.

1. Sensitization of the community members on malaria should be done.
2. The use of mosquito Nets be encouraged.
3. Mobilization on home hygiene and sanitation be done in the community.
4. Indoor residual spraying be done as was in the past.

During my discussion with them I was thinking that seeds for development could do with recommendation the 1,2 and 3 on area of operation will be on.

- (a) The school children (Vision Hope).
- (b) The nine farmers groups we are working with.

And the mode of our work shall be like this.

- We shall pay one medical personnel and two VHTs to work for us for one month on the school children and the farmers groups at the cost of 1,200,000/= to pay for their transports, feedings and out of pocket their work

will be basically on sensitization on malaria, testing malaria cases and giving treatments to mill cases. They shall also refer serious cases.

- We shall buy malaria drugs for 1,500,000/= to help treat the tested cases. These drugs shall be administered by the medical personnel and the VHTs.
- We shall also assign demon and all the group leaders to work seriously on home hygiene and sanitation. This is because according to the recommendation from the medical personnel, mosquitoes that cause malaria hives in busy places near the homes and at night they come to bite people and transmit malaria parasites to the blood streaming their breeding places will have been destroyed.
- Atleast we shall give the nets to these who have made their homes hygiene enough.
- We should also put some 1,500,000/= for other cost to make the programme a success.

In conclusion, Alison, that is what I have found on the ground and the suggestion on how we should handle it inorder to make it a pleasure.

NB: Feeding the children at school should also continue so that the children be strong enough to resist the disease.

Thank you.

Yours

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