

DP151 Hospitals Nationwide, Tanzania (Red Cross)

Advisor

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Date

Comment

13 Oct 2010 Tanzania (a-DP151-Tanzania-HospitalsCountrywide-10,000-RedCross.pdf). The proposal is very good. I would approve.

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14 Oct 2010 Tanzanian Red Cross Hospital 10,000 nets- I was under the impression that the Red Cross were persona non grata with WSM owing to their singular lack of effort to follow-up distributions. I might be wrong but if not then the answer is simple – no. If this isn't the case then they are also being disingenuous because there are a number of hospitals located at altitude or in areas of exceptionally low risk and I fail to see why these hospital beds should be protected. I think I would also need some convincing on the type of net used for putting over a bed that needs constant access for patient monitoring etc. I would ask for more detail and also ask them to provide a map of hospital locations and indicate where greatest malaria risk is – puts ball back in their court to do more.

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30 Oct 2010 This is fine though it is unclear why only 10,000 nets are being requested even though there are 32,345 beds

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12 Oct 2010 From my perspective all requests look reasonable and should be supported

2. Tanzania; excellent idea to provide nets for the hospitals I note questions 14-18 are awaited. It would also be good to find out Government policy (and why nets for hospitals have not been requested from GFATM)

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15 Oct 2010 All fine

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13 Sep 2010 I think this is a good cause.

Please note that hospitals often have more patients than beds and therefore, patients are often on mattresses on the floor. This is the case in Muhimbili national hospital and the situation is worse in rural health facilities.

Would it be possible to consider providing resources for mosquito screens on windows/doors rather than individual bednets? I acknowledge that this will be logistically more difficult but I think this will ensure protection for all patients, with and without beds, as well as staff and relatives providing care to patients.

Response from Rob:

Hi Julie-

A good thought. The problem is most likely to be expense as across 200 hospitals, I would estimate* something of the order of 10,000 window openings and 2,000 doors. This may be an overestimate but is probably not too far wrong.

My initial reaction is to see if the screens idea can be picked up by someone else and this can be a partnership.

The question then becomes who would do this.

I will look into, and as a next step gather pricing.

Rgds

Rob

* Estimate based on following

- 20 beds per ward, 5-10 windows, 1-2 doors each.


- Average 150 beds per hospital

=> 50 windows, 10 doors per hospital

200 hospitals means

=> 10,000 window opening

=> 2,000 doors

 12 Oct 2010 Here are my thoughts on the proposals you sent me:

Tanzanian Hospitals. I am really surprised that none of the hospitals have nets. Is this really the case? Dar es Salaam has very low malaria in many parts of the city, but patients will be bothered by other mosquitoes in town. It will be important to make sure that these nets stay in the hospital so they need to give us some sort of assurance here.