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**Name of Project**  
Scouts Against Malaria

**Implementation Site:**  
Mvera-Malawi

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## **Overview**

Malaria continues to plague vast regions and populations of the world. It is endemic in more than 100 countries and causes at least one million deaths annually. Every hour nearly 100 children around the world die of severe malaria infections, with the vast majority of deaths in sub-Saharan Africa, where Malawi is located. It is estimated that between, 500,000 to 1 million episodes occur each year, imposing a stark human and economic burden on households, communities, and Malawi as a nation.

## **Introduction**

Scouts Association of Malawi with financial support from UK Scouts have embarked on a mission to help African countries fight malaria and contribute to the wellbeing of the people. In this regard, Scout Association is trusted with resources to manage a Malaria activity that entails identification and distribution of ITNs to most vulnerable group of population. The support has been coming from different Scout groups in the UK, and this intervention alone has been supported by the Scouts from County of Hertfordshire to the North of London with the effort of their international advisor Peter Makewell. The Scout Association of Malawi is always thankful to this kind support rendered to it to manage to reach to beneficiaries and communities that have a high prevalence rate of Malaria basing on the statics from the local healthy center, continue to support this initiative much as we reach and impact the Communities in need of this support this can not just go without being noticed and acknowledged.

## **Target Audience**

Scouts Association of Malawi has always priotised vulnerable population in our society that includes the elderly, and people with physical challenges. In this exercise 200 hundred individuals were targeted and due to covid-19 social gathering restrictions a few were gathered and the rest were given in their respective homes.

During the ITNs distribution some issue were uncovered affecting the target audience as the following;

1: Due to different disabilities, unable to do farming to provide for themselves as farming is the only means of survival.

2: People with albinism, unable to socialize due to some insecurities about their lives as it is believed that their bones bring fortune to people. They are confined to their homes in fear of being killed and this affect their education as well.

3: Due to limited sources to acquire finances, most of the elderly and people with physical challenges really on seasonal fruits to sustain them all year around.

**Pictorial focus of the ITNs distribution;**



Health Assistant at Chin'amba area under Mvera mission hospital greeting the elderly gathered.





**Scout Association Project Coordinator assisting in ITNs distribution together with Health Assistant Billy Mzumara**



**Group picture of the first recipients gathered together due to Covid-19 restrictions.**



**Male with albinism receiving his ITN from Health Assistant personnel**





People with physical challenges were part of the recipient on the day