

SCRIPT HEALTH EFFECTS DEMURIA BED NETS

© 2011, Ruud Elmendorp

Video Journalist

<http://videojournalist.nl>

ruud.elmendorp@videojournalist.nl

+254 715 936 738

+254 736 746 312

INTRODUCTION

Distribution of Demuria bed nets to have positive effect on malaria cases in Kenya's North Eastern Province.

BETA LENGTH 3'35"

SHOTS:

SOUNDBITE GIVING DEMURIA NET TO CHIEF

- *Mentor staff giving bed net to old man*
- *Tilt up demuria nets to face old man*
- *Lady praying next to hut*

VOICE OVER

The British NGO Mentor Initiative is performing a demuria bed net distribution to pastoralist communities in Kenya's North Eastern Province.

SHOTS:

- *Wide shot street with people walking*
- *Wide shot brick building health post*
- *Clients seating on bench*
- *Close face child*
- *Wide shot dusty road with woman walking*

VOICE OVER

They do that to prevent people from having to go to a health post like this in a village nearby the city Garissa. Here clients queue for consultation. Most of them come from pastoralist communities. Some have walked for hours to reach here.

SOUNDBITE DONKEY CART PASSING.

SHOTS:

- *Donkey cart passing by*
- *Wide pastoralist father with child on lap*
- *Close face boy*

VOICE OVER

When they're too sick to walk they will be carried to the clinic by improvised ambulances. This pastoralist father from the neighborhood is here with his 7-year old son Abdi.

QUOTE ABDULLAHI GULA [Somali]

For four days there is slime.

SHOTS:

- *Wide shot table with doctor and patient*
- *Close shot girl at table with malaria complaint*

VOICE OVER

Many clients fear it is malaria, due to poor health education. Also this girl thinks she has it, and she is not the only one.

SOUNDBITE SUSAN KANYINGI, doctor [from Kiswahili]

Pain, a lot?

SHOTS:

- *Taking blood from finger top*
- *Close shot malaria testing kit*

VOICE OVER

To protect against malaria drug resistance caused by wrong usage, the doctors insist on a test.

QUOTE SUSAN KANYINGI, doctor [English]

She feared it was malaria because she felt body weakness. That's why we tested malaria and it was negative.

SHOTS:

- *Two mothers waiting for turn*
- *Close face client outside*
- *Clients outside waiting*

VOICE OVER

And currently the malaria prevalence is low at two per cent, which is mainly because of the dry season. But with the rainy season on the corner the malaria cases are likely to surge.

QUOTE SUSAN KANYINGI, doctor [English]

Especially during the rainy days or when there are rains then they are off. And then again we are just near a river. So most of them may be they come from around the river region.

SHOTS:

- *Wide shot river*
- *Medium face Hawa Abdillahi*
- *Wide Hawa Abdillahi looking at the river*

VOICE OVER

Because of the current drought pastoralist communities went to places near that river. According to Hawa Abdillahi of Mentor Initiative this year's malaria prevalence might even surge higher.

QUOTE HAWA ABDILLAHI, clinical officer Mentor Initiative next to river

With all the human activity and the traffic going on, we have a lot of small paddles with water which is a good breeding site for the mosquitoes. So eventually they end up contracting malaria.

SOUNDBITE MENTOR TEAM WALKING IN PASTORALIST VILLAGE

SHOTS:

- *Distribution demuria bed nets to woman*
- *Wide two huts with a demuria bed net*
- *Close pan to inside of hut*
- *Fixing the net inside a hut*

VOICE OVER

So Mentor is distributing 13,000 durable demuria bed nets to pastoralist communities in the area. They are manufactured by the European company Vestergaard – Frandsen, and designed for use in tough conditions.

SOUNDBITE FIXING NET IN HUT

SHOTS:

- *Women getting briefing on the net*
- *Mentor team next to hut with cows on compound*
- *Wide shot ARGOS machine in health post*
- *Close shot health worker operating the machine*

VOICE OVER

But a net on its own is not likely to solve the problem. Mentor will keep educating the communities on how to use them, and has installed 21 so-called ARGOS machine in health posts across the region. The health workers can use it to send information on malaria to a central data base.

QUOTE ANNETTE GATHECHA, Mentor Initiative

Having collected data in real time we are able to prepare ourselves for any malaria epidemics that seem to be on the way.

SHOTS:

- *Wide shot huts pastoralist community*
- *Woman with demuria net entering in hut*
- *Close fixing net inside hut*

VOICE OVER

But since communities can be far away from the few health posts in the region, it is crucial that the demuria mosquito nets prevent them from contracting malaria in the first place.

SOUNDBITE VEHICLE PASSING BY

SHOT:

- *Vehicle passing*
- *Close shot demuria with code written on it*

VOICE OVER

To learn whether they are effective Mentor is going to revisit the villages. Each net is coded for that purpose.

QUOTE PHILIPPE ROUGIER, country director Mentor Initiative

Because we had this code it is easy to track and to know to whom it has been given, and what happened to the net. So this follow up will be done after six months and we continue along the year to understand what has been the usage.

SHOTS:

- *Small boy carrying baby goat*

VOICE OVER

And for this boy caring for his small friend it might help a lot, because malaria mostly hits young children.