

DRIVE AGAINST MALARIA

ExxonMobil donates 40,000 US \$ to

'Drive Against Malaria'

Breda, March 28, 2008 – David Robertson and Julia Samuël, chairman and secretary of Drive Against Malaria, have received a symbolic donation of 40,000 dollars (approximately 25,000 Euros) from Joost Van Roost, President of ExxonMobil in the Benelux. The donation from ExxonMobil is targeted for the acquisition and distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets and medicine in Cameroon.



F.l.t.r. David Robertson , ir. Joost Van Roost, Julia Samuël

In April and May of 2008, Drive Against Malaria will visit the low-lying coastal regions of West Cameroon, delivering more than ten thousand insecticide-treated mosquito nets to pregnant women and children under the age of five – the groups most affected by malaria.

The distribution will then be extended to the central and eastern provinces. The goal of the operation is to reach a total of 60,000 women and children to protect them from malaria. In 2007, Drive Against Malaria conducted comparable campaigns in Angola and the Congo, also with financial support from ExxonMobil. These campaigns resulted in the distribution of approximately one million nets last year. Samuel says: "The distribution of nets in Cameroon is vitally needed. Only 1% of the population sleeps under this type of long-lasting, treated net".



De overhandiging vond plaats op het hoofdkantoor ExxonMobil Benelux in Breda

Joost Van Roost, President of ExxonMobil in the Benelux, agrees about the importance of this initiative. "As one of the largest foreign investors in Africa, with thousands of employees, ExxonMobil has first-hand knowledge of how damaging malaria and other infectious diseases can be. Therefore, we are happy to support organizations such as TWF/Drive Against Malaria in the fight against malaria."

Julia Samuël, the secretary of Drive Against Malaria and a former TV presenter, explains that malaria is the number one killer in Africa: “Each year in Cameroon, 57% of all childhood mortalities are caused by malaria, mainly in hard-to-reach regions outside of the cities. It is there that we can be of most help, by distributing these life-saving nets, explaining how they work, and providing access to effective Artemisinin Combination Therapy. Thanks to this medicine, highly recommended by the World Health Organization, children up to five years of age can be treated for malaria without any side effects. Support from the business community is crucial for our campaigns. David Robertson and I are incredibly happy with this help from ExxonMobil, through which we will be better able to help the people of Cameroon.”

On April 25, 2008, the first World Malaria Day, ExxonMobil will take part in various activities organized across the globe. These activities are intended to increase attention towards the malaria crisis, intensify the fight against this disease, and raise badly needed additional funds. ExxonMobil is therefore doing its best to ensure that more and more people are protected by treated mosquito nets, including offering support for initiatives in the African countries in which malaria protection is especially needed: Nigeria, Angola, Chad, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea.



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We thank you for joining us – and our many volunteers – in our fight against Malaria

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