

# SAVING LIVES

Safeguarding Africa's Most At-Risk Children



## MISSION REPORT

### **EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENT: Border Force Initiative**

**Malaria Prevention for  
Children Aged 3 to 7**

**ANGOLA/NAMIBIA  
BORDER LLIN: 550  
Individuals protected:  
2.137**

**LOCATION:  
Ohangwena Region,  
Northern Namibia  
Namibia – Angola Border  
Area Specific project  
site:  
Naeloo Early Childhood  
Center**

- **Families of Ouhongo  
Village**

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## THE CHILDREN OF OUHONGO FACE PERIL

### **Drive Against Malaria initiates urgent measures.**

#### **Malaria Prevention Emergency Initiative**

##### **1. Project Area and Context**

**Ohangwena Region, Northern Namibia – Angola Border Area Drive  
Against Malaria Foundation (DAM)**

In response to a notable surge in malaria infections in Northern Namibia, DAM is implementing a focused malaria prevention initiative and distributing bed nets in the Ohangwena Region, which is among the areas with the highest malaria risk in the country.

The mission is situated in Ouhongo Village, which lies near the border between Namibia and Angola, focusing specifically on children aged 3 to 7 from the Naeloo Kindergarten.

This intervention is a component of DAM's Border Force Project, which targets vulnerable communities in isolated border regions where malaria presents a significant risk.



## THREAT TO YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE BORDER REGION WITH ANGOLA

### Regional Situation

The Ohangwena Region is situated directly along the border with Angola and is marked by a constant movement of individuals between the two nations. This cross-border mobility facilitates the introduction and dissemination of malaria. Moreover, stagnant water persists in extensive areas of the region for a considerable portion of the year. While this is crucial for agriculture and livestock farming, it concurrently creates an optimal breeding environment for malaria mosquitoes.

Recent health data illustrate the gravity of the situation:

**56,130 documented malaria cases**

**95 malaria-related fatalities**

**Thousands of critical malaria cases necessitating medical intervention.**

**Young children, in particular, are among the most vulnerable populations.**

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FOR THESE CHILDREN, WE RAPIDLY TRANSFORM OUR MISSION PLANS INTO TANGIBLE ASSISTANCE.

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### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

During field visits conducted by the Drive Against Malaria teams, a significant shortage of protective mosquito nets was noted among vulnerable households.

Numerous children sleep without sufficient protection against malaria-carrying mosquitoes, despite residing in an area where malaria is a daily threat.

The implications of this are concerning.

Without prompt intervention, it is specifically the youngest children who encounter a heightened risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and mortality.

Drive Against Malaria has publicly alerted about the growing scarcity of mosquito nets in border communities.

Mosquito nets continue to be one of the most effective and economical methods for preventing malaria.



## WHERE NEED ARISES, DAM RESPONDS WITHOUT DELAY

### **Independence strengthens DAM.**

**A notable characteristic of Drive Against Malaria (DAM) is its capacity to swiftly deploy Land Rovers in regions where malaria outbreaks or other health emergencies are reported by the Ministry of Health and the Minister of Health in Windhoek.**

**Upon receiving reports concerning the malaria outbreak in the border region between Namibia and Angola, DAM promptly initiated a response.**

**The organization's independent operational structure enabled the prompt initiation of field verification, situation monitoring, and direct support for the affected community.**

**This ability for swift deployment constitutes a fundamental aspect of DAM's operational approach. A physical presence in the affected area facilitates the direct collection of information from the population, local health workers, traditional leaders, and other stakeholders. This approach generates a timely and precise understanding of the situation at the local level.**

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DAM POSSESSES THE CAPABILITY TO RESPOND SWIFTLY AND MAINTAIN AN OPERATIONAL PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

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THE EFFICACY OF INSTANT SUPPORT EXERTS A SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE.

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DAM SIGNIFIES PROMPT PRESENCE AND SWIFT RESPONSE WITH OUR LAND ROVERS TO REMOTE LOCATIONS.

**We can implement measures without delay.**

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**Direct field operations enable the following:**

- To assess the magnitude of the malaria issue;**
- To identify at-risk population groups;**
- To identify deficiencies in preventive products, including mosquito nets;**
- To evaluate local health requirements;**
- To identify risk factors for additional dissemination;**
- To gather epidemiological data for the purpose of future interventions.**

**In addition to data collection, the presence of DAM teams on-site enables the immediate implementation of preventive and supportive measures.**

**Depending on the circumstances, malaria education, screening, distribution of preventive materials, and treatment of malaria-infected individuals may be implemented, among other measures.**



## LOCAL TEAMS ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED.

### Rapid local collaboration is invaluable.

This integration of evaluation and prompt action fosters an effective and focused response.

An additional advantage of this approach is that impacted communities are actively engaged in delivering assistance, identifying issues, and formulating solutions.

This not only offers enhanced insight into the local context but also fosters increased support for preventive measures and health interventions.

The gathered data are subsequently utilized for enhanced planning, monitoring, and evaluation. By systematically documenting information on households, demographic composition, age categories, health risks, and current prevention measures, a comprehensive overview of the situation is established.

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DISTRIBUTION OF 550 NETS IS A FOCUSED INITIATIVE FOR MALARIA PROTECTION AIMED AT THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN.

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This mitigates uncertainties and facilitates evidence-based decision-making in forthcoming programs.

Furthermore, the operational flexibility of DAM enables swift collaboration with national health authorities, international organizations, and other humanitarian partners.

In numerous countries, representatives from partner organizations—including the UN—conducted joint field visits with DAM teams, enabling direct assessment of on-the-ground situations. These collaborative observations have consistently enhanced the understanding of the scope of local health issues and have expedited the creation of supplementary support programs.



PRESENCE AND INTERVENTION  
WHERE ASSISTANCE IS  
REQUIRED IN MALARIA  
EMERGENCIES

**Distribute 550 mosquito nets without delay.  
That represents the operational capability of  
direct field deployment.**

Through direct engagement, rapid deployability, and a strong emphasis on field data, Drive Against Malaria significantly enhances the timeliness of malaria responses, implements effective prevention measures with 550 mosquito nets, and safeguards 2,137 vulnerable individuals in remote and hard-to-access regions.

For over twenty years, this approach has been a fundamental aspect of Drive Against Malaria's mission: to reach communities that frequently remain overlooked by conventional aid services.

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FROM PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE TO  
DECISIVE ACTION -  
DAM PROTECTED  
2,137 RESIDENTS

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## MOTHERS ARE RECEIVING A BEDNET FOR THE FIRST TIME.

**A malaria infection can have lifelong effects on an untreated child.**

In the absence of net protection, a perilous situation emerges, leading to an increased risk of malaria transmission that can have lifelong implications for a child's health.

When support and resources diminish, children frequently bear the brunt of the repercussions. DAM continues to advocate for the prioritization of malaria prevention and the distribution of mosquito nets within humanitarian aid and development initiatives.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE MISSION**

The principal aim of this mission is to mitigate the risk of malaria among young children in Ouhongo Village by means of the strategic distribution of high-quality, insecticide-treated mosquito nets.



DAM RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

A SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGE OF NETS WAS EVIDENT HERE.



The specific objectives are as follows:

- Safeguarding at-risk children from malaria infections
- Mitigating malaria transmission among families
- Supporting local and national initiatives for malaria control
- Promoting awareness of malaria prevention within the community.
- Facilitating cross-border malaria control initiatives between Namibia and Angola.

**TARGET AUDIENCE - CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 7 YEARS**

The intervention centers on:

Naeloo Kindergarten and Ouhongo Village Target Audience:

Children aged 3 to 7 years.

Educational and support personnel

Family members who derive indirect benefits from the protection offered by the nets.

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# MALARIA PROTECTION FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

## Children First

At the time of implementation, more than 65 children were enrolled in kindergarten. Epidemiologically, this age group is classified among the most vulnerable populations for severe malaria infections and malaria-related mortality.

### Activities Conducted

In the course of this intervention, Drive Against Malaria procured and distributed 550 high-quality, long-lasting, insecticide-treated mosquito nets endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The chosen nets possess the following characteristics:

The World Health Organization has granted approval.

**Durable impregnation**

**Incorporating pyrethroid and PBO technology**

**Effective against insecticide-resistant malaria vectors**

- Protection duration of no less than five years
- Extra-large square format, ideal for use by a whole family.
- Distribution also occurs through the Naeloo Kindergarten.
- As the children do not remain at school overnight, the mosquito nets are personally distributed to the mothers and guardians at the conclusion of the school day.
- During the distribution, they also receive practical guidance concerning:
  - Proper installation of the net
  - Daily utilization
  - Net maintenance
- The significance of sustained malaria prevention.
- This approach guarantees that protection encompasses not only the child but also the entire family.



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550 HIGH-QUALITY NETS ARE  
DIRECTLY DISTRIBUTED BY DAM

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## THE INFLUENCE OF THE MISSION

## GRATEFUL MOTHERS AND THE NARRATIVE BEHIND THE FIGURES

### Extension of coverage

#### Impact of the Mission

The immediate effects of this mission encompass:

Protection of at-risk children from malaria

Extension of protection to entire households through the use of extra-large nets.

Mitigation of exposure to malaria-carrying mosquitoes during nocturnal hours

Enhancing understanding and awareness of malaria prevention.

Enhancing the community's resilience to future outbreaks

Furthermore, the treated nets aid in diminishing the local mosquito population, as mosquitoes that encounter the nets are exterminated.

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This not only offers individual protection but also effectively disrupts the malaria transmission chain. With a protection period of no less than five years, this intervention provides enduring health benefits for the community.

The Narrative Behind the Figures Beneath every figure lies a child.

In Ouhongo Village, children attend school each morning brimming with energy. They engage in play, acquire knowledge, and envision their future.

However, many of them return each evening to a home where protection against malaria is inadequate or entirely lacking.



EVERY BEDNET HAS A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN EVERY FAMILY.

**It safeguards the future.**

**For every father and mother, a net signifies immense reassurance and relief.**

**For a family, it signifies reduced illness, decreased medical expenses, and fewer restless nights. For the children, it signifies the distinction between life and death.**

**This mission has once again demonstrated that effective humanitarian assistance does not necessarily rely on intricate infrastructure. Every relief operation that includes mosquito net interventions has a significant impact. A mosquito net draped over a child's bed in a malaria-endemic region significantly influences the child's future.**

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FOR EVERY FATHER AND MOTHER, A NET SIGNIFIES IMMENSE REASSURANCE.

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**CONCLUSION**

**DAM's Emergency Mission for Malaria Prevention in the Ohangwena Region has effectively delivered targeted assistance to one of the most at-risk populations in a high-risk border area. The mission has effectively tackled an urgent shortage of protective mosquito nets, enhanced the resilience of families, and made a substantial contribution to the battle against malaria in Northern Namibia and Southern Angola. Drive Against Malaria persists in its commitment to assist vulnerable border communities through effective, evidence-based, and life-saving interventions. Because no child should be vulnerable to a preventable disease.**



## THE DAM INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATED EFFICACY

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THE LEADERS FOR THE AFRICAN  
POPULACE AND THE ADVOCATES  
FOR THEIR WELL-BEING.

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**Malaria control encompasses more than merely managing the disease.**

**What distinguishes this initiative is its simplicity. There is no need for complex infrastructure or protracted procedures. It offers a tangible tool that is immediately deployable and has demonstrated effectiveness. A protective net over a child's bed can be the decisive factor between illness and health.**

**At the forefront of this initiative are two dedicated activists and leaders: Dr. Julia E. Samuel and Mr. David M.C. Robertson.**

**They are not only the leaders but, above all, the warriors for the health of the African populace.**

**Malaria prevention transcends mere disease control; it represents an investment in the future. It fosters the healthy development of children, ensures uninterrupted school attendance, and alleviates families from the burden of preventable healthcare expenses.**

**In Ohangwena, safeguarding commences with a robust intervention.**

**A mosquitonet.**

**For a child, it will signify everything.**

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