



# THE MONTHLY

## United to Beat Malaria (formerly *Nothing But Nets*)

### IMPACT REPORT

The Monthly brings you closer into the world of United to Beat Malaria, our global partners, and the people and communities impacted by our work.



A displaced family in Nigeria's Borno State learns about an upcoming malaria prevention campaign in their camp. This campaign gives each household the option to receive indoor residual spraying (IRS) in their homes. With support from United to Beat Malaria, IRS campaigns have safely protected over 400,000 Borno residents from malaria in each of the past two years, focusing on Borno's displacement camps and host communities. The opt-in rate was 99% this year.

### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

#### Malaria Prevention Campaigns Reach Millions inside NE Nigeria amid Humanitarian Crisis

##### CONTEXT

The world's longest-running humanitarian emergency, the insurgency crisis in northeast Nigeria has entered its 13th year. Initiated by Boko Haram and more recently by Islamic State, the crisis has left [8.4 million people - including 2.2 million displaced - in need of humanitarian assistance](#). Borno State continues to be the epicenter of this conflict.

The conflict's indirect effects - mass displacement, disruptions to food supply and essential infrastructure, over 40% of health facilities destroyed or damaged - have been far more lethal than the fighting itself.

Of all lethal threats in the region, [malaria continues to be the most deadly](#), accounting for [18% of all recorded deaths and 37% of all reported sickness in Borno](#). The WHO emergency surveillance system indicated that the malaria mortality rate in Borno could be as high as 50%.

The extreme healthcare barriers have fueled this crisis and placed a **heavy burden on malaria prevention campaigns**, which reach millions of people each year across this massive region. In recent years, the Borno government has worked with global partners to launch [seasonal malaria chemoprevention \(SMC\) campaign](#) that reaches over 2 million young kids annually. While the SMC campaign focuses on children under-5, other campaigns aim to protect the entire population - including a [UNICEF-led bed net and treatment distribution campaign supported by United to Beat Malaria](#).

In addition, we've supported [indoor residual spraying \(IRS\) campaigns](#) that have focused on Borno displacement camps and host communities - areas where bed-net usage is low due to the cramped conditions and tented housing, which is not ideal for hanging nets (see photo above).

##### ACTION

For the second straight year, United to Beat Malaria teamed up with the MENTOR Initiative and Bayer to launch indoor residual spraying (IRS) campaigns in camps for internally-displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities across Borno. Conducted in advance of the peak malaria season, the 2022 IRS campaign safely protected over 75,000 homes with 456,667 occupants from malaria.

Before the spraying began, teams of sprayers conducted door-to-door outreach to educate residents about the positive benefits and safety of IRS (see photo above). Of all the homes visited, **99% elected to participate in the IRS campaign**.

For this project, Bayer contributed "dual-action" IRS spray, **Fludora® Fusion**, a groundbreaking insecticide product that safely protects homes from malaria for up to one year and kills mosquitoes on contact, including pyrethroid-resistant mosquitoes.

We anticipate this IRS campaign will dramatically reduce malaria transmission in the three IDP camps. Earlier this year, MENTOR conducted an epidemiological study to assess the impact of last year's IRS campaign. This study concluded that, in 2021, **malaria rates dropped by 57.42% in the Monguno district during peak malaria months (July-October)**, compared to 2020. Monguno was home to 44% (182,749) of all 2021 campaign participants. This data clearly shows that the campaign had a significant impact in reducing morbidity and saving lives.

We look forward to sharing the results of the 2022 IRS campaign. To learn more about our work in northeast Nigeria, visit our [YouTube playlist](#) and [Exposure page](#).

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In addition to our support of the IRS campaign, United to Beat Malaria is also supporting a [UNICEF-led project in northeast Nigeria](#) to provide insecticide-treated bed nets, anti-malarial treatments, and training of laboratory personnel. The project aims to **protect 636,538 people** across Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa states. To learn more, watch this [video](#).



It means a lot to the community, to the individual and families, if malaria is eradicated.

### GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

#### Indigenous communities in Belize are winning a decades-long fight with malaria

Famous for its pristine beaches and unspoiled rainforests, **Belize may soon become the next country to receive its malaria-free certification** from the World Health Organization (WHO). It's been over [three years since Belize last reported a non-imported case of malaria](#), a disease that once was endemic throughout the Central American country.

Malaria was particularly entrenched in the heavily-forested southern Belize, home to an array of migrant and indigenous communities. By expanding access to vital malaria tools and technical support to these hard-to-reach areas, Belize's government and partner NGOs - like United to Beat Malaria - have empowered these communities to lead local elimination efforts.

**United to Beat Malaria has supported these elimination efforts** by funding anti-malarial treatments, bed nets, and rapid diagnostic tests, delivered by our on-the-ground partner, the Pan-American Health Organization.

For International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (August 9), we highlighted the elimination efforts of Mayan communities in southern Belize. [Check out the video below to learn more.](#)



Mayan communities in Belize  
Indigenous People's Day 2022  
United to Beat Malaria

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### CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

#### August is National Make-A-Will Month! Leave a Legacy that Protects Children's Futures



Did you know that August is National Make-a-Will Month? Many supporters like you have considered including United to Beat Malaria and other charitable organizations in their estate plans. It's a simple and meaningful step you can make now to **ensure your long-term commitment in the fight against malaria** or other global injustices.

Thank you to those who have already included us as a beneficiary. If it's something you're considering, please **contact Candice Woods** at [cwoods@beatmalaria.org](mailto:cwoods@beatmalaria.org) with any questions you may have about planned giving.

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Your support protects families and saves lives.

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