

Community Health

Malaria and STDs/HIV/AIDS prevention continue to be the primary focus of the Project's Community Health Outreach Program.

Roll Back Malaria

The initial phase of the Roll Back Malaria program in Chad has been completed with the final distribution of anti-mosquito bed nets. By the end of 2002, the two NGOs contracted by the Project to implement much of the program had:

- Distributed over 37,000 bed nets to Project area villages.
- Conducted 370 malaria education programs in 141 villages, reaching 122,000 residents in the Oilfield Development Area and along the Project-upgraded road.



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HIV/AIDS & STDs A year long, multi-village STDs/HIV/AIDS prevention and education program was completed in Cameroon in the fourth quarter of 2002. Sessions were held in Nanga Eboko, Batchenga, Ngoumou, and Dompta. (The program was in addition to the STDs/HIV/AIDS awareness program targeting the Project's truck drivers in Douala and Ngaoundal.) The Cameroonian NGOs LLEFE, CRAGERNA, and CAMNAFAW were contracted by the Project to conduct various portions of this village education effort.



STDs/HIV/AIDS prevention and education programs like this one have been conducted in Cameroonian villages, with support from the Project's Community Health Outreach Program.

Annual Summary: Community Health

In addition to the events described above for the fourth quarter, the following key developments took place in the first three quarters of 2002.

**First Quarter
2002**

- Field work began on the Roll Back Malaria program in Chad, including village education sessions and the distribution of anti-mosquito bed nets.

**Second Quarter
2002**

- In Chad, the two NGOs implementing the Roll Back Malaria initiative, AMASOT and ACODE, had so far conducted malaria education and bed net distribution programs in 87 villages.
- In Cameroon, 35,000 anti-mosquito bed nets were ordered for the Roll Back Malaria program, and a Cameroonian NGO was chosen to distribute the nets.

- The theatrical group Les Benjamin began touring the villages of southern Chad with a unique drama-based approach to HIV/AIDS education.

**Third Quarter
2002**

- The Project agreed to provide start-up support for an interim government clinic to serve the communities in the vicinity of Pump Station 2.



A government nurse examines a patient at the Project-supported clinic set up in mid-2002 in Gbengboy, near Pump Station 2 in the highlands of northeastern Cameroon. The government is providing staffing for the clinic, and the Project has provided a rented temporary location, examination room furniture, basic start-up medical supplies, and electricity. The clinic replaces the good Samaritan health care that had been provided by the Project's road construction contractor at its camp, which was shut down following the contractor's demobilization from the area. Eventually, the government plans to build a permanent clinic in the area.

