

Mosquito Nets Distributed to Zanzibar Seaweed Farmers

Special Nets to Fight Malaria Purchased with Contributions from FMC BioPolymer Employees

FMC BioPolymer employees exceeded their year-long goal of collecting enough money to supply 1,000 mosquito nets to seaweed farmers in Tanzania. Employee generosity, combined with a matching contribution from FMC, resulted in the purchase of more than 2,000 of the specially treated nets.



These anti-malaria nets save lives by reducing the incidence of the disease for families who harvest seaweed to supply FMC's carrageenan business. FMC is also working closely with USAID to supply the same type of nets to other seaweed farmers.

The distribution of nets was done in coordination with the U.S. Government's "President's Malaria Initiative" (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/malaria/>) that focuses on education about malaria, spraying house walls with insecticide, subsidizing mosquito nets to high risk groups (pregnant women and young children) and providing medicine.

Photo: Arif Mazrui, owner of Zanque Aquafarms, an FMC seaweed supplier, assists with distribution of the mosquito nets to villagers in Zanzibar.

