

Experience in Working with VHTs / CMDs on Malaria Control -NGO Experience

PACE

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Who is PSI...PACE?

Population Services International

- ✓ Malaria
 - ✓ Reproductive Health
 - ✓ HIV
 - ✓ Child Survival (Safe Water, ORS & Zinc)
 - ✓ Health Services and Behavioural communication
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- 1998, PSI International present in Uganda
 - 2003, PSI Uganda formed
 - 2009, PSI Uganda matures into a local NGO called **PACE** (Programme for Accessible Health, Communication and Education)

PACE the Partner



Significance of VHT/CMD Involvement

- Primary partners
- Opinion leaders / role models
- Govt structures – no need to re-invent
 - Community buy-in
 - HMIS foundation

Programs with VHT/CMD involvement

- Global Fund R2 – Distribution of over 1 million free LLIN's in 44 districts nationwide
- MMV Pilot Program to increase access to ACT's in the private sector.

Roles of VHTs / CMDs

LLIN Campaigns

- Micro-planning
- Door to door registration of eligible beneficiaries
- Mapping convenient/accessible distribution points
- Identification of strategic storage
- Distribution
- Follow up “Hang up, Keep up”

Training of VHTs / CMDs



VHT carrying out beneficiary registration



Community Sensitization pre-Free LLIN distribution



Demonstration use of LLIN



Role in the ACT with a leaf program

- Socio-community mobilisation
- Radio talk shows
- Continuous health education
- 'Village Police (*pharmacovigilance*)

Opinion leaders..



Communication..



Lessons Learned

They are adults:

- Motivated by self esteem & recognition
- Non imposing facilitator preference
- Learn better in quiet & comfortable environment
- Participatory approach
- Practical sessions
- Need on going support

Challenges

- Sustainability Vs Motivation
- High turnover

Where do we go?

- Standardisation of rewards
- T-shirts or money?
- They are key partners!
- Could explore volunteering for a specific period

Q&A

Thank-You

