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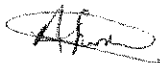
To: Millennium Promise Japan

From: Health Coordinator,

Millennium Villages Project,

Ruhiira, Uganda.

Re: Letter of Appreciation:

On behalf of Ruhiira Millennium Villages Project (MVP), allow me to extend our sincere appreciation to the people of Japan for their support to the people of Uganda and Ruhiira community in particular.

Ruhiira MVP health sector received 800US Dollars from Millennium Promise Japan as a contribution towards malaria prevention. In August 2012, 100 Sackets of indoor residual spray and 100 bottles of outdoor residual spray against malaria vectors and a pump were procured. The exercise for both indoor and outdoor residual spray started one week ago and about 400 households are expected to benefit from this project. The chemical is effective for 3 to 6 months. This exercise is jointly conducted by Government and MVP staff.

The MVP site in Uganda is located in south western district of Isingiro and consists of approximately 50,000 people living in 11,000 households; spread over 77 square kilometers in eight villages. The climate is sub humid and tropical with two rainy seasons each year. Malaria is still among the leading cause of death in Ruhiira Millennium Villages Project, Uganda.

Ruhiira MVP has distributed bed nets to all sleeping sites in the project area. It has also ensured accessibility of diagnostic and treatment of malaria at household level by Community Health Workers. However, the challenge of mobile sleeping sites of children in some households and reluctance of some household members to use bed nets still exists. The appropriate solution to these challenges is the use of regular indoor and outdoor residual spray. Ideally, indoor residual spray is effective if the exercise is conducted every six months in all 11,000 households, though MVP still has the challenge of inadequate funds to purchase the required chemicals.

The Ruhiira MVP family would like to applaud Millennium Promise Japan for its great contribution and we look forward to the continued collaboration.