

Malaria Project's Takes a Community Capacity Enhancement Thrust

According to the United Development Programme (UNDP)'s response to HIV/AIDS training manual, "the answer to community development lies within the community". The ELCZ Malaria project has realised this and it has vowed to revive community health structures so as to bring a community answer to Malaria issues. Innovative ways of working with communities to generate an effective response to malaria had to be put in place.

Malaria Prevention has some socio-cultural dynamics which only the community itself can solve. The issues to deal with seeking treatment from traditional healers, misuse of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets among others are some of the reasons why Community Capacity Enhancement is seen as an answer to Malaria Prevention and Control.

In Hwange district, one of the target districts, twenty five Community Health Workers were identified through the Local Leadership and Health facilities. These are going to be trained in Malaria Prevention and Control with an emphasis on Behaviour Change Communication. The Community Health workers are going to work on a volunteer basis and will receive bicycles from the Malaria project for use in their work.



Truck full of bicycles to be distributed to Community Health workers after training