

# CUMULATIVE REPORT

## BED NET PROGRAM 2025



*“There is no difference between saving lives and extending lives, because in both cases we are giving people the chance of more life.” ~ Aubrey de Grey*

**YVONNE MUENI - PFC SEWING PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

# HISTORY

The Partners for Care (PFC) bed net program was launched in **2019** after Sammy Mwangi, PFC's Executive Director, and Connie Cheren, PFC's Founder/President, presented at a Mobility Worldwide volunteer appreciation in Columbia, Missouri.

Inspired by their vision, an audience participant heard Connie and Sammy talk about the need for bed nets and donated **\$10,000** to purchase bed nets.



Partners for Care distributed **1,000** bed nets and shared the stories with the donor. The donor then increased their funding and the program has achieved significant scale and impact throughout Kenya, directly contributing to malaria prevention and mortality reduction.

# PRODUCTION

From the initial donation supporting the distribution of 1,000 bed nets, the donor has now supported the production and delivery of **134,938** long-lasting insecticidal nets.

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# DISTRIBUTION

The program prioritizes those most vulnerable to malaria: children under five, expectant mothers, the elderly, and people living with disabilities, following the World Health Organization(WHO) guidelines listed below:

- Children under five: Receive preventive medicine (Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention, Perennial Malaria Chemoprevention, Post-Discharge Malaria Chemoprevention) and malaria vaccines (RTS,S/R21) during routine immunizations.
- Pregnant women: Receive Intermittent Preventive Treatment (IPTp) at each antenatal visit and sleep under insecticide-treated nets.
- The elderly: Considered at high risk of severe disease; require prompt diagnosis and treatment.
- People with disabilities: Entitled to equal access to prevention and treatment services by removing physical and informational barriers.
- Emergency-affected populations: Displaced communities need immediate access to nets, medicine, and healthcare during crises.



In this program, we distribute bed nets to malaria-prone areas, including the three islands at the Kilifi coast (Kirepwe, Caterpillar, and Dongokundu), where malaria is a serious problem and to every person who receives a mobility cart.



Our Kilifi team led by Peter Gunga, use boats to access these areas, to distribute bed nets, training on the use of the nets, and even building rope beds..



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## IMPACT

In this area, malaria cases have reduced by **70%** according to the 2025 dispensary health records, a very significant and encouraging decline.

## BENEFICIARIES



*"The bed net has made a huge difference for my family. I feel more secure. My child is healthier, and I no longer worry about the dangers of malaria. We can now all be more productive.~Khadija Charo, resident Kilifi County*

*"It has been a long time since my children or I have had malaria. The bed nets provided by Partners for Care are true lifesavers. Now, I can save the little money I get instead of spending it all at the hospital."~Zubeda Musa, resident Kilifi County*



*"The bed net is like a magic shield against mosquitoes. I am glad I do not have to worry about getting sick anymore. It helps me stay strong and healthy."~Nyevu Karisa, student Kilifi County*

*There are no government clinics in our area, and private healthcare is too expensive for most of us here. Whenever my children got malaria, I had no choice but to walk for hours to find treatment.*

*The day I received a bed net from Partners for Care, I felt a wave of relief. Now, my children no longer fall sick from malaria. For the first time, I have peace of mind, knowing my family is safe while we sleep.*





*"We are very happy to receive the bed nets. Sleeping under the bed net allows my family to stay healthy and I can focus my energy on other activities. My children can go to school and continue studying. Thank you for remembering us. We are grateful for the support." Mama Chao, a beneficiary from Maweni village, Kilifi County.*

*The bed net has been a game-changer for me and my family. We no longer wake up with itchy mosquito bites and I feel safe knowing that I am protected from malaria.*

*Thank you for this life-saving intervention.*

*Karisa, a beneficiary, Kilifi County*



## **EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SEWING**

The bed net initiative also empowers women by providing employment through the PFC sewing workshop.

### **REBECCA NJOKI**

My name is Rebecca. I am 36 years old. After finishing secondary education, I had mental health challenges. Despite my struggles, I continued seeking opportunities to improve my life. A chance encounter in 2018 changed everything!

Passing by the PFC gate, security guard Bonifas Imbusi introduced me to their sewing school. Hesitant at first due to my condition, lack of medication, and my financial constraints, I decided to take the chance. I enrolled and graduated with sewing skills that transformed my life!



Today, I work at the PFC workshop sewing bed nets with passion. I no longer lack medication and can support my family - a responsibility I deeply cherish. Sewing keeps me occupied, is a form of therapy, and provides a sustainable livelihood.

I am incredibly grateful to the Almighty and PFC, for giving me an opportunity to build a better future!

## LEBTUS EYATOLI



I am a mother of five from Kakamega county, the eighth of twelve siblings. My life has been filled with challenges. I lost both parents in primary school and could not continue my education due to financial struggles. To survive, I worked on other people's farms to support myself and my siblings.

Later, I got married and had five children, but life became even harder when my husband abandoned us. I struggled to provide for my family and often wondered how we would survive. In 2018, a friend who was a student at PFC Sewing School told me about the program. I enrolled in May and graduated in December, gaining valuable sewing skills.

Now, I work at the PFC Workshop, sewing bed nets. This job has become my lifeline, allowing me to support my children. Without the skills I learned and this opportunity, I do not know how I would have managed. I am deeply grateful to PFC and their donors for giving me a chance to build a better life for my family.

## MERCY WANJIRU

Even as a professional accountant, I struggled to find work. The opportunities were not there. In 2019, I chose a new path. I enrolled in the PFC Sewing School -which has given me great success in helping my own family and many others near and far!

During the COVID pandemic, I sewed thousands of face masks and currently, I help my family and community by sewing bed nets at the PFC shop. These small acts make a big difference in many lives! Using my skills for the greater good, creates ripples of positive, lasting change that extends far beyond me.

My experience testifies that perseverance and adjustment can lead to triumph even amidst difficulties. Reflecting on this, I am reminded of Michelle Obama's words: 'Success is not measured by wealth, but by the impact you have on others. I am grateful to PFC!



## LYDIAH KATUMO



Being part of the PFC sewing program has been life-changing for me. It is not just about the skill I have gained, but the chance to earn a living with dignity."

Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamed of learning to sew.

Soon after hearing of the PFC sewing school, I registered for class, determined to see my dreams come true. Five months later, I graduated! Better yet, I wore a beautiful graduation gown I had sewn myself.

Now, I work at the PFC sewing school, doing what I love while earning a good living. I can even help pay for my sister's education so she can also see her dreams come true!

Sewing bed nets has given me purpose. It is more than just fabric and thread; it is about weaving a better future for myself, my family, and my community.

Thank you for the opportunity!

## GRACE KIAMA

Being the firstborn in a family of five was a heavy responsibility. When my siblings and I had to drop out of school because we could not afford the fees, my childhood ended. I became the provider, taking on any manual job I could find just to put food on the table.

Then, in 2022, hope found me at Mwhoko Church of Christ, where I worship. I learned about the PFC Sewing School and their waiver program. It felt like a lifeline, and I knew I had to take it. I worked tirelessly, and by December of that year, I held my graduation certificate—a testament to a new beginning.

Now, I spend my days at the PFC workshop, sewing bed nets. My two-year-old daughter, Natasha, is my constant companion, as I cannot afford a caregiver. She plays beside my sewing machine, finding joy in the tennis balls and toy cars from the equipment boxes. I am deeply grateful to PFC. They did not just teach me a skill; they gave me a way to earn a living with dignity.



## THANK YOU

A special and heartfelt thank you to the donor, whose foundational support made this program possible. He and his wife's generosity have been a cornerstone of an initiative that is transforming lives.

To date, the bed net program has protected thousands across the country. Families are shielded from the fear of costly malaria treatments and devastating loss. Children are given the simple, profound chance to grow up healthy.

Together, we are doing more than fighting a disease, we are nurturing healthier communities and securing brighter futures.

