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Julius Berger Donates LLINs to Additional Five Thousand Households in Kaduna and Kano

Nigeria's leading engineering construction company, Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, has under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) in October 2021 extends its malaria prevention support to an additional five thousand households in Kaduna and Kano States. These households were reached through the donation of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLIN) and Guide to Malaria Prevention pamphlets to five primary schools within the states.

This gesture is in continuation of the company's malaria prevention campaign, which has over the years benefited many communities where it has ongoing projects.

The schools in Kaduna that benefited from this recent CSR outing are L.G.E.A Primary School, Dullu Tafa in Kagarku Local Government; LEA Primary School, Kanfanin Zangon Aya in Igabi Local Government and Bashir Abubakar Primary School, Anguwan Dankali in Zaria.

In Kano, Sha'iskawa Islamiya Primary School in Garun Malam Local Government and Central Primary School Wak in the Bebeji Local Government Area of the state are the schools that benefited. Each school received a total of one thousand long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLIN) paired with a Guide to Malaria Prevention pamphlets.

Expressing appreciation on behalf of L.G.E.A. Primary School Dullu Tafa, the Head Teacher Mr. Funom Bawa said, ***"These insecticide-treated nets distributed to the student will help reduce malaria infections in the community as well as absenteeism in the school... What Julius Berger has done today will go a long way and you can tell from the joy expressed by the students that they value what is given to them because insecticide-treated nets are expensive and for someone to receive one free of charge is cause for celebration"***.

Malam Yusuf Aliyu who is the Head Teacher, Sha'iskawa Islamiya Primary School, Garun Malam Local Government, Kano spoke on behalf of the school. He said, ***"This is the first time that any company will***

donate items to us here. It is a very good gesture, we appreciate it and the parents will too, when the children take the nets home to them..., malaria has been a big challenge here”.

Recent statistics put the prevalence of malaria in Nigeria at 23 percent and long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLIN) have been found to be both effective and sustainable at reducing malaria infections in communities.

The Julius Berger Nigeria Plc delegation on this Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) outing was led by Mr. Yusuf Ibrahim, Project Coordinator for the ongoing Abuja - Kano Road Reconstruction Project (AKR). He was accompanied by Mr. Michael Ashofor of the company’s Corporate Communications Department (CCD), Mr. Akeem Lawal who is Public Relations Officer (PRO) AKR Section 1, Mr. Muhammed Umar Community Liaison Officer (CLO) for AKR section 2, and Mr. Dahiru Umar who is the Public Relations Officer (PRO) for AKR Section 3.

Julius Berger Nigeria Plc continuously and proactively seeks opportunities to create value and impact people and communities on a larger scale. Its commitment to making a difference through socially relevant work is resolute.