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Why it is needed	The Anopheles mosquito—the type that transmits malaria—only bites at night, meaning that people are most vulnerable while they sleep. In endemic areas, a person can receive dozens of bites while asleep.
How it works	Bednets are hung from the ceiling above a sleeping space, creating a protective barrier around people while they sleep. A long-lasting insecticide is applied to each net, helping to repel and kill mosquitoes.
Impact	In the last ten years, nearly one million African children have been saved from dying of malaria—almost all from sleeping under bednets.
Cost	The average cost of protecting one person with a bednet for one year is US\$2.20. Additional resources support net distribution and education.

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