

## Study of the Use of Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

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### Article Information *Abstract*

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**Introduction:** The use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets is expected to reduce the incidence and morbidity of malaria, especially in the Papua region. **Objective:** This study aims to determine whether there is a relationship between the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency with the characteristics of respondents, knowledge, and treatment of mosquito nets. **Method:** Quantitative research with cross-sectional design. The research location is in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency. The study sample amounted to 116 heads of families with a simple random sampling technique. Research measuring instruments using questionnaires and data analysis using the chi-square test. **Result and Discussion:** The results showed that respondents had used insecticide-treated mosquito nets (85.3%) and female respondents (75.0%) with high school education or equivalent (64.7%), and most jobs as self-employed (37.1%). The knowledge level of respondents is good (85.3%) and respondents who perform mosquito net treatment and are qualified (66.4%). **Conclusion:** Based on the results of the chi-square test, the factor that has a significant relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village is treatment ( $p\text{-value} = 0.000$ ;  $PR=9.125$ ) and knowledge ( $p\text{-value}=0.005$ ;  $PR=4.737$ ). A factor that has no relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village is education ( $p\text{-value} = 0.233$ ;  $PR=2.813$ ), occupation ( $p\text{-value}=0.299$ ;  $PR=1.868$ ), and gender ( $p\text{-value}=0.363$ ;  $PR=0.555$ ).

**Keywords:** Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Net; Knowledge; Treatment;

## **Introduction**

Malaria is an infectious disease, caused by malaria parasites (*plasmodium*) transmitted by malarial mosquitoes of the *Anopheles* type (Puasa & Kader, 2018). Malaria is transmitted through the bite of a female *Anopheles* mosquito from a sick person to a non-sick person, a person who is sick with malaria can be a source of malaria transmission (Harijanto, 2000)

Based on data from the Ministry of Health, around 86% of malaria cases occurred in Papua Province with 216,380 cases in 2019. Followed by East Nusa Tenggara Province with 12,909 cases and West Papua Province with 7,079 cases (Mofu, 2022). However, there are still high endemic areas in central Indonesia, precisely in North Market Penajaman Regency, East Kalimantan Province (Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, 2020).

The mosquito nets distributed are insecticide-treated mosquito nets or *Long Lasting Insecticide Net* (LLIN) which are effectively used and protect the community from malaria transmission for 3 years (Indriyati et al., 2016). This mosquito net contains insecticides that are mixed or wrapped into fibers (Simanjorang & Kodim, 2017). Until now, there are eight districts in Papua whose *Annual Parasite Incidence* (API) rate reaches 67%, namely in Jayapura, Keerom, Sarimi, Boven Digoel, Yapen Islands, Mimika, Asmat, and Mamberamo Raya Regency (Dinkes Papua, 2020) in (Kalsum et al., 2018)

Nolakla Village has the highest number of positive cases among 6 other villages, namely Nendali, Ayapo, Asei Besar, Asei Kecil, Puay and Yokiwa located in the working area of the Puskesmas Harapan. The total positive cases are 9.92% of malaria cases from the total population living in Nolakla village, which is 27.59% of people. So, one of the efforts of the local government by distributing 1588 pieces of insecticide-treated mosquito nets to Nolakla village.

Through this effort, it is hoped that every mosquito net distributed can be used and treated properly, so that mosquito nets can provide good effectiveness in reducing the number of malaria cases in Jayapura Regency. Therefore, researchers are interested in conducting research on the Study of the Use of Insecticidal Nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency.

## **Method**

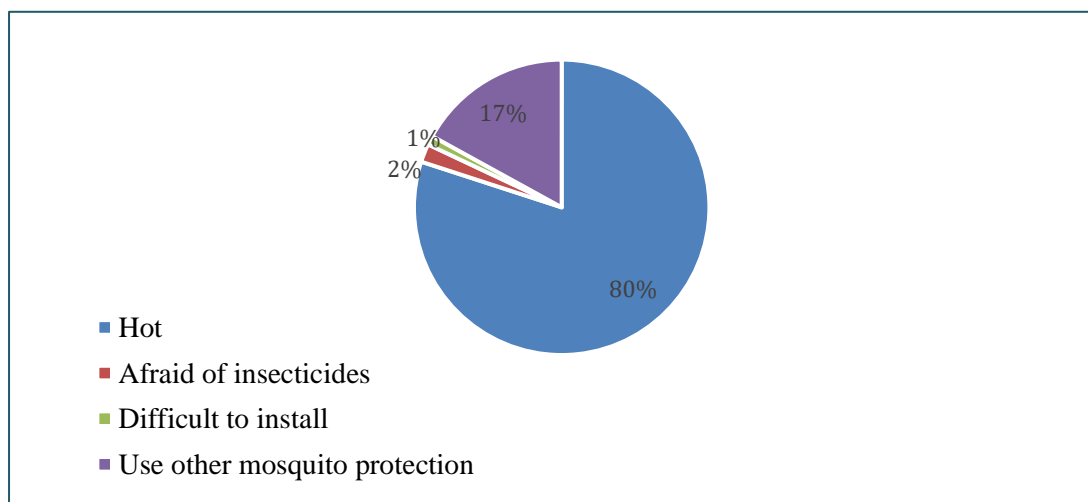
The research design is *cross-sectional* analytics. It was carried out in October 2021, located in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency. With the population for all recipients of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village amounting to 690 households. Samples were taken randomly with a *simple random sampling* technique totaling 116 households. Research using questionnaire measurement tools and analysis tests using *chi-square tests*.

## Result and Discussion

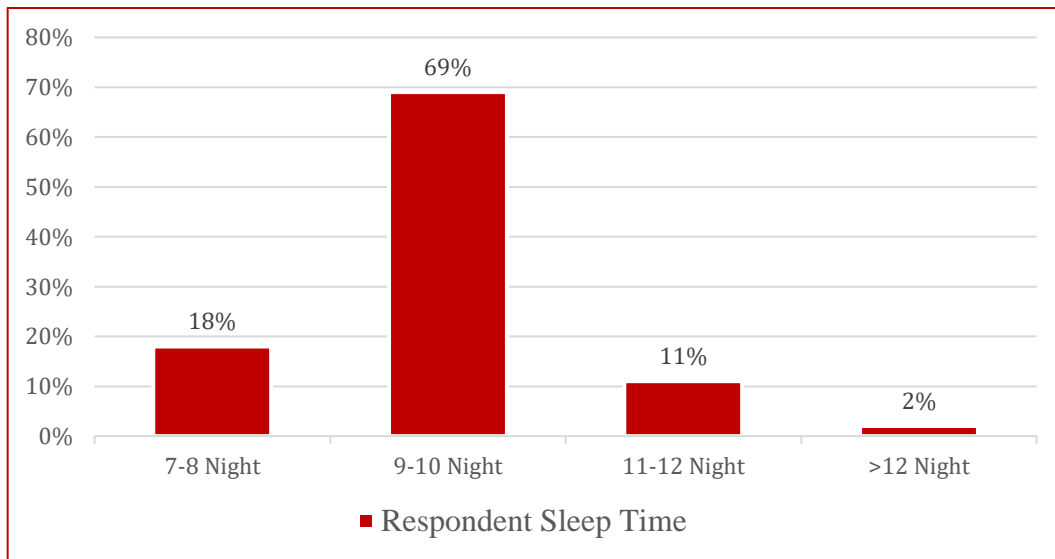
### Result

**Table 1**  
Frequency Distribution Characteristics of respondents in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

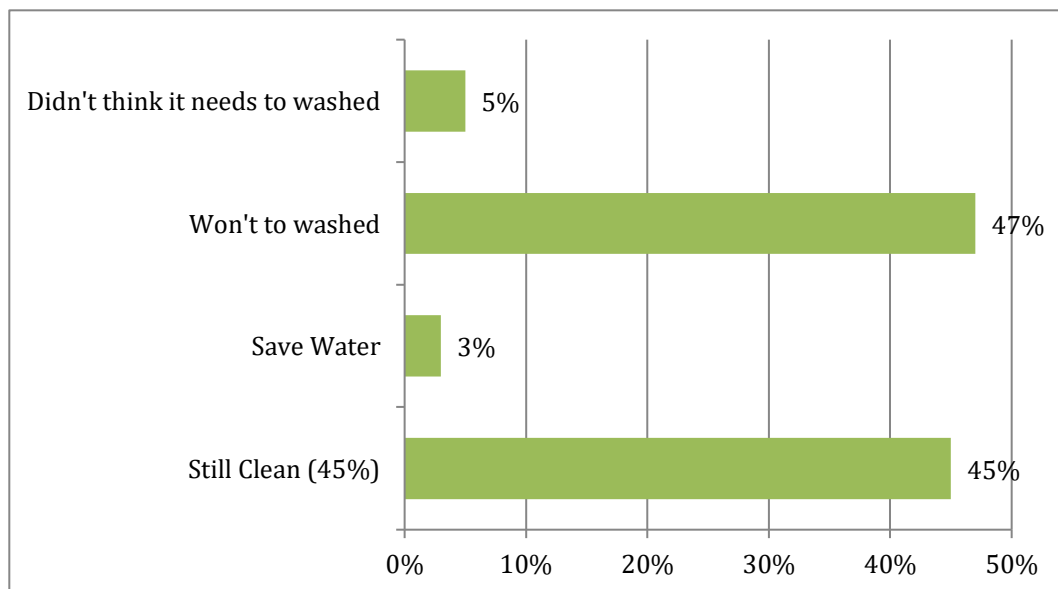
No	Variable	Frequency (n=116)	Percentage (100%)
1	<b>Gender</b>		
	Man	29	25.0
	Woman	87	75.0
2	<b>Education</b>		
	No school	4	3.4
	ES	3	2.6
	JHS	5	4.3
	SHS	75	64.7
	Diploma	4	3.4
	Undergraduate/post graduate	25	21.6
3	<b>Work</b>		
	Civil Severant/Military/Police	37	31.9
	Self employed	43	37.1
	Farmer/Fisherman/Laborer	18	15.5
	Does not work	18	15.5
4	<b>Knowledge</b>		
	Good	99	85.3
	Enough	10	8.6
	Less	7	6.0
5	<b>Use</b>		
	Yes	99	85.3
	Do not	17	14.7
6	<b>Therapy</b>		
	Qualify	77	66.4
	Not eligible	39	33.6



**Figure 1**  
Reasons not to use insecticide-treated mosquito nets



**Figure 2**  
 Sleep hours of respondents in Nolakla Village Area



**Figure 3**  
 Reasons respondents do not wash mosquito nets

### Bivariate Analysis

The results of the *chi-square* test stated that the factors that had a relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village were Knowledge (p-value 0.005) and Treatment (p-value 0.000). Meanwhile, factors that did not have a relationship were gender (p-value 0.363), education (p-value 0.233), and occupation (p-value 0.299).

**Table 2**

Relationship between sex and use of insecticide-treated nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

Gender	Use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets				Total		P-Value	PR 95% CI
	Yes		Do not					
	n	%	N	%	n	%		
Man	23	79.3	6	20.7	29	100	0.363	0.555 (0.185-1.665)
Woman	76	87.4	11	12.6	87	100		

**Table 3**

The relationship between education and the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

Education	Use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets				Total		P-Value	PR 95% CI
	Yes		Do not					
	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Higher Education	27	93.1	2	6.9	29	100	0.233	2.813 (0.603-13.123)
Lower Education	72	82.8	15	17.2	87	100		

**Table 4**

Occupational Relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

Work	Use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets				Total		P-Value	PR 95% CI
	Yes		Do not					
	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Work	85	86.7	13	13.3	98	100	0.299	1.868 (0.532-6.554)
Not Working	14	77.8	4	2.6	18	100		

**Table 5**

Knowledge Relationship with the Use of Insecticidal Nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

Knowledge	Use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets				Total		P-Value	PR 95% CI
	Yes		Do not					
	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Good	80	90.9	8	9.1	88	100	0.005	4.737 (1.615-13.889)
Less	19	67.9	9	32.1	28	100		

**Table 6**

Treatment relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency

Therapy	Use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets				Total		P-Value	PR 95% CI
	Yes		Do not					
	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Qualify	73	94.8	4	5.2	77	100	0.000	9.125 (2.730-30.501)
Not eligible	26	66.7	15	33.3	39	100		

## **Discussion**

The participation of respondents in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency in this study amounted to 116 people with the number of female respondents (75.0%) more than male respondents (25.0%). On average, respondents who have taken the last high school education or equivalent are 75 respondents (64.7%) and respondents who have a higher level of education, namely Diploma, there are 4 respondents (3.4%) and respondents who study at S1 / S2 / S3 universities there are 25 respondents (21.6%). Most respondents in Nolakla Village have good knowledge regarding insecticide-treated mosquito nets (85.3%). However, there are still some respondents who do not know the correct and qualified use of mosquito nets.

The results of the *chi-square* test showed no relationship between sex and the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets. This research is in line with research (Daulay, 2016) which shows that the female population is more dominant than men, in addition to the fact that men in the area are working, other observations illustrate that the female population uses mosquito nets more often and is more enthusiastic about participating in meeting programs than men.

The results of the *chi-square* test showed that there was no relationship between education and the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets. This study is in line with research (Septiyani et al., 2018) which shows that there is no relationship between education and the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

The *chi-square* test showed that there was no relationship between work and the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets. Where respondents who have jobs and use insecticide-treated mosquito nets as many as 85 respondents (86.7%) and respondents who do not work and use mosquito nets as many as 14 respondents (77.8%). This is in line with research with research by Iqbal Aryo (2015) which showed the results of analysis tests that there was no relationship between work and the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

The factors that have a relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in this study are knowledge and treatment of mosquito nets. There are several ways respondents in Nolakla village to prevent malaria, on average, answered by using insecticide-treated mosquito nets while sleeping at night, and respondents also answered the use of mosquito nets to prevent contact with malaria mosquitoes and insecticides function to kill malaria mosquitoes.

Knowledge is indeed the most underlying risk factor for health behavior change, but sometimes even though respondents know about insecticide-treated mosquito nets, they do not necessarily want to carry it out in the form of preventive measures, especially using insecticide-treated mosquito nets. Another study that is in line, Teisly (2018) with a *p-value* of 0.000 shows that there is a meaningful relationship between knowledge and the use of mosquito nets.

Respondents who have good knowledge can influence in using mosquito nets. One of the factors that influence respondents to prevent malaria is the level of knowledge that respondents have. This is in accordance with the theory put forward by Lawrence Green that knowledge is one of the determining factors for a person's behavior.

There are some people who do not really understand how to care for mosquito nets that meet these requirements because there is still uneven provision of information/socialization about good and correct mosquito net care by local health workers.

The results of another study that is in line with the use of mosquito nets in Bangka Regency also emphasizes the importance of socialization and counseling on the use of mosquito nets in the community, because the lack of socialization of the use of mosquito nets is well and correctly shown by the results of his research.

### **Conclusion**

The average respondent in Nolakla village is a woman with the most education, namely high school and has a job as an entrepreneur. The results of the *chi-square* test in this study showed factors that had no relationship with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, namely gender, education, and occupation. Meanwhile, the results of the *chi-square* test that show factors associated with the use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets are knowledge, and treatment of insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

It is recommended to the leaders of relevant agencies to further improve information and services to provide socialization to the community in the Jayapura Regency Area, especially in Nolakla Village, Jayapura Regency. From the results of the study, there are still people who do not understand and understand how to use insecticide mosquito nets properly and correctly. People complained that the frequent distribution of mosquito nets was carried out but sometimes without information on counseling on the use of insecticide-treated mosquito net in accordance with the procedures of the Ministry of Health.

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