

THE VALUE OF PREVENTING MALARIA IN TEMBIEN, ETHIOPIA

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SUMMARY

This study measures the monetary value households place on preventing malaria in Tigray, Ethiopia. We estimate a household demand function for a hypothetical malaria vaccine and calculate willingness to pay to prevent malaria as the area beneath this demand function to the left of household size. Willingness to pay is contrasted with the traditional costs of illness--the medical costs and time lost due to malaria.

Our results indicate that the value of preventing malaria with vaccines is about 36 USD per household per year or about 15 percent of imputed annual household income. This is, on average, about two or three times the expected household cost of illness. While the benefits from preventing malaria are large, the fact that vaccine demand is price inelastic suggests that it will be difficult to achieve significant market penetration unless the vaccine is subsidized.

Similar results are obtained for insecticide-treated bednets. Our estimates of household demand functions for bednets suggest that at a price that might permit cost recovery (6 USD per bednet), only one-third of the population of a 200-person village would sleep under bednets.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Motivation and Purpose

The purpose of this study is to measure the monetary value households place on preventing malaria in Tigray, a region in the north of Ethiopia. To persons familiar with malaria, the value of preventing it might seem self-evident. There are, however, at least two reasons why it is important to attach a dollar value to reductions in the disease (Gomes, 1993). The first is that, both within the health sector and outside of that sector, malaria prevention programs must compete with other programs for funds. Unless one can attach a dollar value to the benefits of preventing malaria, it is difficult for malaria prevention programs to be compared with other programs whose benefits are more easily monetized and to compete with them for funding. The second reason is that, in order to design and implement malaria prevention programs, it is necessary to measure what people are willing to pay for them.

To elaborate on the first point, the value of preventing malaria has typically been equated with the economic losses ("costs of illness") associated with the disease—the value of lost productivity plus medical costs. Economic losses, however, fail to capture the pain and suffering associated with malaria, and tend to place a low value on preventing the disease in children and the elderly. Previous studies suggest that the value of preventing malaria—what people are willing to pay to prevent the disease—may be larger than the economic losses associated with malaria (Whittington et al., 1996). We examine this rigorously to determine whether the private benefits of malaria control programs are larger than previously thought.

The first goal of our research is to measure what people in the Tigray region of Ethiopia would pay to prevent malaria in their households, and to contrast these estimates with the economic losses associated with malaria in the region. In order to measure what a household in Tigray would pay to prevent malaria we asked the household head (or spouse) whether he or she would purchase hypothetical malaria vaccines for persons in the family, at a stated price. The advantage of using a hypothetical vaccine is that it should capture all components of a household's willingness to pay to prevent malaria. In

the health economics literature, the value of avoiding illness is the sum of the various categories of damages associated with illness. Morbidity (1) reduces the time that a household spends on productive activities; (2) may necessitate medical expenditures; (3) may reduce leisure time; (4) may lead to expenditures to prevent illness; and (5) often yields disutility because of the pain and inconvenience it causes. If a respondent could purchase a vaccine that would prevent a household member from contracting malaria, the household could avoid all five components of the damages associated with morbidity from malaria. The vaccine would also eliminate risk of death from the disease. Household demand for a hypothetical vaccine thus captures all components of the value of avoiding malaria.

A second goal of the research is to compare the value of avoiding malaria with the traditional costs of illness, which capture only components (1) and (2) of the morbidity damages caused by illness. In order to compare the two measures, we asked people to recall the most recent malaria episode that (a) they experienced, and (b) that one of their children experienced, and then elicited the various components of the cost of illness.

A third goal of the research is to estimate what people would pay for an actual malaria prevention program—the use of impregnated bednets. Knowing what fraction of a population would purchase bednets at various prices is essential to the design of a bednet control program. In designing such a program one must balance the goals of cost recovery—which is necessary for a program to be self-sustaining—against the arguments for government subsidization of the program because of the externalities associated with the control of infectious disease. Knowing what percent of the population would purchase bednets at prices in the neighborhood of replacement cost allows a policy maker to calculate how large the bednet subsidy must be in order to ensure participation in such a program of any desired fraction of the population.

Organization of the Report

The remainder of this report has three parts. Part II (Research Design) begins with a description of the questionnaire design and the study area. It then describes the characteristics of the study population and their experience with malaria. We go on to calculate the costs of illness associated with the disease. This is followed by a formal model of a household's demand for a good (e.g., a vaccine or a bednet) that reduces time

spent ill with malaria. We use this model to derive an expression for a household's willingness to pay (WTP) to prevent malaria, which could be accomplished by purchasing vaccines for all family members. This model also yields an expression for the costs of illness (COI). Part III of the report contains empirical estimates of household demand functions for vaccines and for bednets. We present estimates of a household demand function for a malaria vaccine and use it to calculate WTP for malaria prevention. We then contrast these values with the traditional costs of illness. This section concludes with estimates of the demand for insecticide-treated bednets. Part IV of the report summarizes our findings and offers some concluding remarks.

II. RESEARCH DESIGN

Questionnaire Design

A three-part survey instrument was developed to measure both the COI associated with malaria and WTP for malaria prevention. (The questionnaire is contained in APPENDIX I.)¹ The first part of the survey asked questions about a household's current health status, knowledge of malaria, and past expenditures on malaria prevention and treatment. The second part presented the respondent with one of two contingent valuation scenarios--a hypothetical vaccine scenario or a bednet scenario. The third section of the questionnaire requested information on the socioeconomic characteristics of the household members, including education, income, assets, occupation, and housing construction.

Cost of Illness Questions

To measure COI, respondents were asked a series of questions about their most recent episode of malaria during the last two years. This included questions about the length and severity of the illness as well as questions about treatment sought and the costs of treatment. It also included questions about the time others spent caring for the respondent when he was ill and about intra-household labor substitution in response to the respondent's lost work time. Similarly, to measure COI for children and teenagers, respondents were asked about the most recent malaria episode experienced within the last two years by either a child or a teenager in the household. This was followed by questions about treatment, treatment costs, caretakers' time, and intra-household labor substitution.

The Vaccine Scenario

The hypothetical vaccine scenario began by emphasizing that such a vaccine is not currently and might never be available. The enumerator described a hypothetical vaccine to the respondent, available as either a pill or injection, which would prevent the recipient from contracting malaria for one year. The scenario checked respondent

¹ The questionnaire, translated into Tigrigna, was pretested prior to administration. The questionnaire was back-translated into English by a second interpreter to check for inconsistencies and inaccuracies in the local language version of the survey instrument. A summary of responses to the questionnaire is available from the authors upon request.

understanding of the benefits of the vaccine, and provided reminders of substitute goods and the budget constraint. It was also emphasized that a separate vaccine would need to be purchased for each member of the household in order to protect them from getting malaria for one year. The respondent was asked whether he would purchase one or more hypothetical vaccines at one of five randomly assigned prices. The lowest price was Birr 5 (0.8 USD) and the highest price Birr 200 (32 USD).² If the respondent answered ‘yes’ to the original choice question, he was then asked how many hypothetical vaccines would be purchased and to whom they would be given (e.g. adults, teenagers, children).

The Bednet Scenario

A separate sample of respondents received an insecticide-treated bednet (ITN) contingent valuation scenario. The bednet scenario coupled an explanation of how using a bednet reduces the probability of contracting malaria with an actual demonstration of a double-size polyester bednet impregnated with 1 percent Deltamethrin. This scenario also checked respondent understanding of how the bednet works, and provided reminders of substitute goods and budget constraints. Respondents were then presented with information about the costs of annual re-impregnation of an ITN over its 4-year expected life and were told that they could spread payments for the bednets over 4 months.

The respondent was offered the opportunity to purchase one or more bednets at one of five randomly assigned prices. Prices per bednet ranged from a low of Birr 8 (1.3 USD) to a high of Birr 100 (16 USD), with Birr 40 (6.4 USD) as the middle price. The highest price, which is lower than the highest price charged for the hypothetical vaccine, is based on an estimate of the maximum amount that one could conceivably charge for full cost recovery of an imported ITN. As with the hypothetical vaccine scenario, if the respondent answered ‘yes’ to this choice question, he was asked how many bednets would be purchased and for whom in the household they would be used (e.g. adults, teenagers, and children).

Choice of Study Area and Villages

Our survey was conducted in January of 1997. It was administered by 18 local interviewers, all of whom were secondary school graduates. Interviewers received two

² 1USD = Birr 6.3.

weeks of training in survey administration from the authors, with the help of local translators. The interviewers were directed by three field supervisors, who were affiliated with Mekelle College.

The survey was conducted in the Tembien sector of Tigray region in northern Ethiopia. We selected two districts (Tangua Abergelle and Kola Tembien) and then chose 18 villages in the 2 districts. The choice of villages was designed to provide some variation in malaria incidence. Because no official statistics on incidence were available, we used information on chloroquine distribution and village altitude as proxies for incidence. Chloroquine is the most widely used treatment for malaria in Tigray and figures on distribution are available from the Tigray Regional Malaria Control District. Mosquitoes are more likely to be present at lower than at higher altitudes, so villages were selected at altitudes varying from 1,000 to 2,000 meters. Twelve of the villages received the vaccine scenario and six the bednet scenario.

Our goal was to interview 50 households in each of the 18 study villages. Random sampling within each village was difficult because up-to-date household lists did not exist. Each interviewer was placed at a different location in the village and instructed to walk in a specified direction, interviewing every other household. To simplify the logistics of the fieldwork and to avoid spreading confusion in a village when respondents talked to one another, all households in the same village received the same scenario (vaccines or bednets).

A total of 889 field interviews were completed; however, 41 respondents (4.6 percent of our sample) were not familiar with malaria. These households were dropped from the sample, leaving 569 respondents who were offered the hypothetical vaccine scenario and 279 respondents who were offered the bednet scenario. Approximately 114 interviews were completed for each of the five hypothetical vaccine prices and 56 for each of the five ITN prices (see Table 1).

Characteristics of the Sample Population

Economic Characteristics

The primary activity in Tembien is subsistence agriculture, with the main crops being sorghum, teff, maize, finger millet, wheat and legumes. Seventy percent of households reported their main occupation as farming; ninety percent of households said

that they grow some crops. The combination of rainfed agriculture and unreliable rainfall (550-650 mm per year), however, results in low yields. The mean annual value of crop production for households that reported some agricultural output was Birr 658 (104 USD).

This was supplemented in most cases by income from livestock, especially cattle and goats. Livestock are also a form of investment. Oxen are the main energy source for cultivation and threshing, and donkeys are the main means by which produce is transported to local markets. In our sample, 55 percent of households owned at least one cow, 70 percent at least one ox and 34 percent at least one donkey. For households owning some livestock, the mean values of livestock holdings are presented in Table 2.

Although there are few off-farm income earning opportunities, 55 percent of households who answered the question "What was the off-farm income of all members of this household last year?" reported positive earnings. Mean earnings, for households who reported positive earnings, were Birr 558 (89 USD).

To compute household income, we added the value of off-farm earnings, crop production and the annualized value of livestock holdings. Figure 1 presents the cumulative distribution of income for the sample. Mean household income is Birr 1,387 (220 USD) and median income is Birr 1,157 (183 USD). Figure 2 plots the percent of total income held by various fractions of the population (a Lorenz Curve); for example, the bottom 20 percent of families receive 4 percent of total income. The shape of this curve is consistent with Lorenz Curves for other developing countries.

Family Composition and Education

The average household in our sample consisted of two adults, two children and one teenager (see Table 3). Seventy-eight percent of households included both a husband and wife, while 20 percent were headed by single females. A typical household lived in a walled compound containing two single-room stone dwellings, one for sleeping and one for cooking. The mean respondent age was 42, with men being slightly above the mean and women being slightly below it. Formal education is rare: three-quarters of our respondents had never been to school. Ten percent could read a newspaper with difficulty, while thirteen percent could easily read a newspaper.

Incidence of Malaria

Malaria is endemic in Tembien. Transmission follows a seasonal pattern, with peak transmission occurring at the end of the rainy season (i.e., October through November), and, to a lesser extent, during the rainy season (i.e., June through September). Both *Plasmodium falciparum* and *Plasmodium vivax* are present, with *Plasmodium falciparum* predominating (Ghebreyesus, 1996). Government malaria control activities include spraying in outbreak areas, particularly in the early part of the peak transmission season; encouraging environmental control by communities, such as draining marshes and filling in ditches having standing water; and training volunteer community health workers to recognize and treat malaria with chloroquine.

Most respondents were very familiar with the disease. Sixty-eight percent named mosquitoes as one of the ways in which malaria is transmitted, and 98 percent identified fever or shivering, or a combination of the two, as symptoms of malaria. Seventy-six percent said that taking chloroquine is one of the best ways to cure someone who is sick with malaria.³ Most respondents (84 percent) drained areas near their home of standing water to prevent transmission of the disease.

Official statistics on malaria incidence in Tembien do not exist; however, data are available on the number of people receiving chloroquine from community health workers. Since community health workers treat malaria preemptively (microscopic facilities are found only at major health centers), these data measure malaria incidence with error. Despite this limitation, the seasonal pattern of malaria treatment fits the expected seasonal variation in malaria very well (Byass, 1995).

Table 4 summarizes self-reported malaria incidence in our sample. The disease is widespread, with 78 percent of respondents reporting that they have had the disease at least once in their lifetime. Incidence is fairly evenly distributed across household members. In the last two years, 58 percent of our respondents reported having had malaria at least once, 53 percent reported that at least one other adult in their household had malaria, and 49 percent reported that at least one teenager or child in their household had malaria. Seven percent of our sample said that someone in their family had ever died of malaria.

³ Chloroquine, however, is rarely used as a form of prophylaxis. Only 7 percent of respondents took chloroquine to prevent malaria.

Respondents who had the disease at least once in the last two years reported an average of 2.7 and a median of 2 episodes (or 1.3 and 1 per year). The average is skewed upward by 22 respondents who reported an unusually high number of episodes (7 or more) in the last two years. Such high responses could be accurate, but they might be attributed to a lack of understanding of the question or to the respondent confusing malaria with another febrile illness. If these observations are dropped from the sample, the average number of episodes falls to 0.9 per year, which is closer to the sample median of 1 episode per year.⁴ In addition to the respondent, on average 1.5 other adults and 2 children per household had the disease in the last two years.

At least two caveats are in order here. First, the malaria incidence in Table 4 is self-reported. It is well-known that self-diagnoses may confuse malaria with other febrile illnesses. To deal with this issue we report separate Cost of Illness information for the 131 respondents who said that their malaria was diagnosed with a medical test.⁵ Second, our recall period (two years) is an extremely long one. While respondents might reasonably be expected to recall whether or not they had malaria over this period, the details of a particular episode may be unreliable from the perspective of measuring Cost of Illness.⁶ To investigate this possibility we computed Cost of Illness estimates for malaria episodes that occurred between 2 and 4 months prior to the interview. Average Cost of Illness per episode, for adults and children, was 10 percent lower for the “short recall” sub-sample than for the sample as a whole.

Cost of Illness Estimates

Before turning to a formal model of household demand for vaccines or bednets, we present estimates of the costs of illness associated with the malaria episodes experienced by households in our sample. (The details of our computations appear in an appendix

⁴ Inspection of the data reveals that these 22 respondents did not give unusual answers to the other survey questions about malaria. It would, therefore, appear that their responses may be the result of a lack of understanding of the specific question. For this reason, we did not drop these respondents from the sample.

⁵ Respondents were asked if they had ever had malaria and, if so, how they knew this. We shall refer to respondents who said their malaria was diagnosed by a medical test as respondents whose malaria was *ever* diagnosed by a medical test, since we do not know if the test pertained to their most recent episode of malaria.

⁶ We argue, however, that the respondent’s recollection of his last episode is relevant to his decision to purchase vaccines. We therefore use self-reported Cost of Illness as a check on the validity of willingness to pay for vaccines.

from the authors.) We use these estimates below to test the internal validity of willingness to pay responses.

In the medical economics literature the Cost of Illness (COI) is the sum of the costs of medical treatment (the "direct" costs of illness) and the value of productive time lost due to illness (the "indirect" costs of illness). Depending on the context, costs may be computed as either private costs or social costs. Private medical costs, for example, would include only the costs actually incurred by the sick person. These might fall short of social costs if, for example, the government subsidized the cost of medical care. In what follows, we compute the *private* costs of illness for the households in our sample.

We compute a *per episode COI* that reflects the costs of the most recent malaria episode experienced during the past two years for the respondent and a child/teenager in his household. We then multiply these costs by the number of episodes experienced by all family members during the last two years (and then divide by 2) to derive an *annual household COI*. These calculations are performed for all households in our sample, and for the sub-sample of households in which the respondent's malaria was ever confirmed by a medical test.⁷ As noted above, respondents whose malaria was ever confirmed by a medical test, report, on average, shorter episodes than our entire sample.⁸

Direct Costs of Illness

Our respondents reported that about 88 percent of malaria episodes were treated. Among treated cases of malaria, more than 89 percent were treated in a clinic or by a community health worker. Further, in about 60 percent of cases, respondents received chloroquine.⁹

The direct costs of illness (COI), shown in Table 5, are the out-of-pocket expenditures for seeing a health practitioner, for medicine, and for transportation to receive health care. All components of the direct COI are highest for adults. For the entire sample, the average direct COI for adults is Birr 10 (1.6 USD); for teens it is Birr 7 (1.1 USD), and for children it is Birr 5 (0.8 USD). Costs for each age category are higher

⁷ In each case we have eliminated households whose duration of illness was greater than the ninety-fifth percentile of the sample distribution.

⁸ Persons wishing to compare our estimates of the cost of illness with those from other studies may wish to focus on this sub-group.

⁹ In 11 percent of cases respondents could not name the medication received. In 10 percent of cases, respondents received quinine, and in 1.4 percent of cases, fansidar.

for households in which the respondent's malaria was ever clinically confirmed.¹⁰ These costs represent only the private costs of treatment and do not include the social costs of health care subsidies provided in many parts of Tigray. These subsidies include the free provision of both community health worker services and chloroquine.

Indirect Cost of Illness

The indirect costs of illness include the productive time lost by malaria patients, substitute laborers, and caretakers who did not perform their usual household activities. These time costs are the sum of three items. The first is the number of workdays that the malaria patient loses when ill. The second is the net time lost by a person who foregoes his own duties to substitute for the malaria patient at work. This time may be negative (i.e., it may reduce total time lost) if, for example, the substitute laborer gave up his leisure time. The third item is the workdays a caretaker missed while caring for the ill household member.¹¹ The average number of workdays lost per malaria episode are shown in Table 6.

In 90 percent of malaria episodes, the respondent was unable to work. Intra-household labor substitution occurred in over two-thirds of these episodes. When substitution occurred, our findings indicate that, on average, it yielded a net gain in productivity. Over 70 percent of respondents' episodes, however, led to productivity losses from caretaking duties. This pattern is similar for the "medical test" sub-sample; however, the average number of workdays lost per episode is lower, for each age category, in this sub-group.

A measure of the monetary value of lost labor is needed to calculate the indirect COI in monetary terms. Most cost-of-illness studies assume that daily productivity is equal to the market wage rate, or some fraction thereof. This assumption is tenuous in Tigray, where labor markets are poorly developed, and farming is the primary occupation of most households. The absence of market wages plus the seasonal variability in the

¹⁰ It should be noted that the sub-sample of households whose malaria was confirmed by a medical test is, on average, better educated than our entire sample.

¹¹ We assume that all substitute labor and caretaking is intra-household. This is a reasonable assumption given that the basic farming unit is the household (REST, 1995).

marginal productivity of on-farm labor makes it difficult to derive measures of daily productivity.

Since data are unavailable to estimate the daily productivity of agricultural workers, daily productivity is estimated by assuming that it is some fraction of the average daily wage for a healthy, unskilled worker. Our "high productivity" assumption equates adult productivity with the daily wage. Our "low productivity" assumption assumes productivity is half of the daily wage. Measuring lost productivity is further complicated by the fact that it is necessary to make assumptions about the productivity of teenagers and children relative to adults. We assume that a teenager's daily agricultural productivity is one-half of an adult's, and a child's daily productivity is one-quarter of an adult's.¹²

Total COI per Episode

Table 7 summarizes total COI per episode for both productivity assumptions. Total COI per episode is lowest for children and almost equivalent for adults and teenagers. On average, the *COI per episode* for the entire sample ranges from Birr 46 to 151 (7 to 24 USD) for adults, Birr 41 to 145 (7 to 23 USD) for teenagers, and Birr 23 to 78 (4 to 12 USD) for children. The upper range of these estimates is about 1/3 lower for the sub-sample of households in which the respondent's malaria was ever clinically confirmed.

Annual household COI, based on all households, including those with no malaria episodes, is reported in Table 8. Average annual household COI ranges from Birr 196 (31 USD) using high productivity assumptions to Birr 58 (9 USD) using low productivity assumptions. Annual household COI averages Birr 103 (17 USD) if an adult's time is valued at 75 percent of the daily wage for unskilled labor.

Household Demand for a Malaria Vaccine

This section begins with a formal model of household demand for preventive medical care that is standard in the health economics literature (Grossman, 1972). The

¹² In Tigray, adult men and women are responsible for most of the household activities, including grinding, food preparation, childcare, and agricultural activities. Teenagers assist in household activities, especially water fetching, fuel collection, livestock herding, and some agricultural activities. Children mainly herd livestock, collect fuel, and may assist with other agricultural activities if necessary (REST, 1995).

model is used to derive a demand function for a hypothetical malaria vaccine, which can be used to estimate a household's WTP for malaria prevention.

A Model of the Demand for Health-Related Goods

The traditional model of demand for health-related goods (Grossman, 1972) assumes that a household receives utility from consumption (\mathbf{X}) and leisure time (\mathbf{L}) and disutility from time spent ill (\mathbf{S}).¹³ Using subscripts to represent the value of each variable to family member, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and assuming n family members, household utility is given by

$$U = u(X_1, \dots, X_n, L_1, \dots, L_n, S_1, \dots, S_n, \mathbf{Z}). \quad (1)$$

The vector \mathbf{Z} represents taste variables that affect the weight the household places on the consumption of children v. adults, and on health v. other goods. \mathbf{Z} might include the education level of the head of household, or the head's age and gender.

Time spent ill is, in turn, a function of the preventive care, A_i , and medical treatment, M_i , that each person receives. How effective these inputs are depends, of course, on individual characteristics, H_i . These would include baseline health and genetic predisposition to disease. In the case of malaria, time spent ill also depends on the prevalence of the vector (endemicity), E .

$$S_i = s(A_i, M_i, H_i, E), \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad (2)$$

The amounts of preventive care, medical care and other goods that each person consumes are constrained by the household's budget. Specifically, total expenditure on these three goods cannot exceed the household's income,

$$I + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (T - L_i - S_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + p_a \sum_{i=1}^n A_i + p_m \sum_{i=1}^n M_i \quad (3)$$

where I is household non-earned income, the w_i 's are the values of income (per unit time) generated by each family member, and $\sum w_i (T - L_i - S_i)$ is household earned income. (T is total time available.) The first term on the right-hand side of (3) is household expenditure on non-health goods, whose price is set equal to 1. The second term

¹³We use bold uppercase letters to represent vectors.

represents expenditures on preventive care, with price p_a . The last term represents expenditure on medical care, whose price is p_m .

The head of household selects values of X , L , A and M to maximize household utility subject to the budget constraint and to the health production functions. This yields a household demand function for preventive care $A^* = \sum A_i$ that in general depends on non-wage income, wages, prices, household characteristics, health characteristics of family members, and the prevalence of malaria,

$$A^* = g(I, \mathbf{w}, p_a, p_m, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{H}, E) \quad (4)$$

Applicability of the Model to Northern Ethiopia

To apply this model to the demand for malaria prevention in Ethiopia, we interpret S_i as the amount of time person i is likely to spend ill with malaria over a year. While this is uncertain before the fact, we do not explicitly model the uncertainty associated with the disease. We argue that in cases where morbidity occurs regularly, such as diarrheal disease, acute respiratory infection, or seasonal malaria, it is appropriate to use a model of choice under certainty.¹⁴ Such a model would not be appropriate if morbidity were infrequent (e.g., a heart attack or stroke) or likely to result in death. Risk of death from malaria in Tigray is low, relative to risk of death from other causes. In Tigray, 8 persons out of every 10,000 die each year from malaria (Ethiopian Ministry of Health, 1996). This implies that, on average, one person per year would be likely to die of malaria in one of our study villages. By contrast, risk of death from other causes is 16 per 1,000 people.¹⁵

One difficulty in applying the traditional household production model to an agricultural economy lies in measuring the productivity of each household member (w_i). If each family member worked outside the home, w_i would be measured by the wage rate. If family members work on a family farm, one could replace the household's income by

¹⁴This is the standard practice in the profession. See, for example, Freeman (1993).

¹⁵Risk of death is, of course, higher among children than adults. We acknowledge that respondents may consider the possibility that their children may die of malaria, and that this may provide a motive for buying them a malaria vaccine.

an agricultural production function, in which output depends on the time input of each family member. This does not really solve the problem, however, since we do not have data to estimate such a production function. The reality is that obtaining values of individuals' time is a difficult empirical task. Moreover, such values are likely to vary with the season of the year; in Tigray, a person's time is more valuable during planting and harvest seasons and less valuable at other times. In spite of these difficulties, we believe that this model captures important aspects of the demand for health in Tigray.

Willingness to Pay for Malaria Prevention

In our survey, the most complete form of preventive care offered to households was a hypothetical malaria vaccine. Households were told that the vaccine would prevent each person who received it from contracting malaria for one year. It is, therefore, the case that $S_i = 0$ if the vaccine is purchased. How many vaccines a household would choose to buy depends, of course, on the price of the vaccine, and upon the household's income. The demand curve pictured in Figure 3 represents the number of vaccines a household would purchase as a function of price, holding income constant. The demand curve may also be interpreted as the household's marginal willingness to pay curve for additional vaccines. That is, the monetary value shown on the demand curve above each quantity is the most the household would pay for that unit of the good.

Because the hypothetical vaccine offers total protection against malaria, the value to a household of preventing malaria is the value it attaches to having n vaccines (i.e., one for each family member), which would protect all members of the household from malaria for one year. The household's maximum willingness to pay for n vaccines is the area under the household's demand (marginal willingness to pay) curve from 0 to n ; i.e., the shaded area in Figure 3. We define this to be the value to a household of totally preventing malaria (WTP for total prevention) and, in Part III, calculate it for each household in our study.¹⁶

An interesting question is how WTP for total prevention compares with the Cost of Illness--the value of productivity losses and medical expenditures that the household would incur if it did not purchase the vaccine. In the notation of the model, the expected COI for the household over a year is

¹⁶ We note that the demand curves for poor households may reach the x-axis before n . For these households, WTP for prevention is the entire area under the demand curve.

$$COI^* = \sum (w_i S_i + p_m M_i) \quad (5)$$

where the values of S_i and M_i are calculated assuming that no vaccine is available. In Part III we compare COI with WTP for total prevention.

III. RESULTS

Empirical Analysis of Vaccine Demand

Description of Responses

Figure 4 and Table 9 show the number of vaccines respondents stated that they would purchase at various prices. Quantity purchased is clearly sensitive to price. The percent of households who say that they would buy no vaccines increases from 24 percent at a price of Birr 5 (0.80 USD) to 90 percent at a price of Birr 200 (32 USD) per vaccine. The average quantity purchased also declines as price rises.

An important issue for policy is who within families would receive vaccines if they were available. Table 10 presents the percent of adults, teenagers and children who would receive the vaccine by income category. (The percentage of persons receiving the vaccine in each case represents an average across sample prices.) Two facts about the table are striking. The first is that the percent of adults, teenagers and children receiving the vaccine increases very slowly with income. The second is that the percentage of adults receiving the vaccine is, on average, higher than the percent of teenagers and children. This result, which is confirmed by our multivariate results below, suggests that productivity concerns may motivate the allocation of vaccines among family members.

The data underlying Tables 9 and 10 can also be used to predict the number of vaccines that would be purchased in a village of 200 households, assuming that these households have the same characteristics as those in our sample. Figure 5 plots the number of vaccines purchased at each of our sample prices, and connects these points. At a price of Birr 20 (3.2 USD) 400 persons (40 percent of the population of the village) would receive the vaccine. At a price of Birr 100 (16 USD), however, only 150 people would receive the vaccine. Since the revenue from selling 150 vaccines at Birr 100 per vaccine is almost twice as great as the revenue from selling 400 vaccines at Birr 20 per vaccine, there is clearly a trade-off between coverage and profit maximization, were a vaccine to be sold as a private good.

Estimation of Household Demand Functions

To see how quantity demanded varies parametrically with price and with co-variates, we estimate several forms of the demand function. This also provides a test of

the internal validity of our responses: quantity demanded should increase with income and education, holding other variables constant. The discrete nature of the data suggests using a count data model, such as the Poisson or Negative Binomial. Below, we present results for three models, the Poisson, the Negative Binomial, and the Truncated Poisson. The last model imposes on the Poisson model the constraint that a household will never purchase more than n vaccines.

The model described in Part II suggests that the number of vaccines purchased should depend on vaccine price, household income and family size. It might also depend on family composition, i.e., on the number of adults, children and teenagers in the family, and on characteristics of the respondent--gender, age, marital status and education--which may influence his taste for health-related goods. We measure education by whether the respondent can read a newspaper. Income, which enters the demand function in log form, is made up of three components: annual gross crop income, the annualized value of livestock holdings and reported annual off-farm wages. Since 28 percent of observations on off-farm wages are missing, we replace missing values with zero and then include a "missing wage" dummy variable, equal to one if off-farm income is not reported.

The demand for the vaccine should also depend on the incidence of malaria in the area and on family members' susceptibilities to the disease. We proxy malaria incidence by village altitude. We proxy household susceptibility to malaria with a variable that measures past experience with the disease. Specifically, we sum the number of malaria episodes that members of the household experienced during the last two years, weighting each episode by the average age-specific cost of treatment.¹⁷ This is the household's direct COI.

Household size is measured by a series of dummy variables. For example, HHSIZE5 = 1 if the household has five members and = 0 otherwise. This is because the number of vaccines respondents say they will purchase does not increase linearly with household size. Finally, we add a series of dummy variables to capture interviewer effects.

¹⁷ The weights are those reported in Table 5, based on all households in the sample.

Table 11 presents parameter estimates for each of the three models.¹⁸ The results for the hypothetical vaccine models are generally consistent with economic theory. The number of vaccines that the respondent agrees to purchase decreases with price, respondent age and altitude. Other things equal, older respondents might perceive themselves to be at lower risk of contracting malaria than younger respondents. Respondents at higher altitudes, whose families are less exposed to the vector, should have a lower demand for the vaccine. Demand increases with income, susceptibility to the disease and being married. The income elasticity of demand, 0.4, suggests that the vaccine is NOT viewed as a luxury good, a result that is consistent with the literature on willingness to pay to avoid illness.¹⁹ Price elasticity of demand ranges from -0.08 at a price of Birr 5 (0.8 USD) to -0.64 at a price of Birr 40 (6.4 USD).

The results for gender and family composition deserve some discussion. The coefficients on Married and Female indicate that women who are single heads of household have significantly lower demands for vaccines than single male heads of household or married women. It is also the case that, holding household size constant, the demand for vaccines is lower the larger the number of children in the household. This result makes sense from an economic perspective, since children contribute less to the household economically than do adults. It is also consistent with respondents' statements as to who in the family would receive a malaria vaccine. The percent of children and teenagers who would receive the vaccine is lower than the percent of adults who receive the vaccine.

Model Selection

Parameter estimates for each of the three models, while similar, are not identical. This raises the question: Which of the three models in Table 11 is preferred? Table 12 provides additional evidence by which to judge the models. The log of the likelihood function suggests that the Poisson model is inferior to models 2 and 3. Indeed, a likelihood ratio test rejects the null hypothesis that the data follow a Poisson distribution (Model 1).

¹⁸ Coefficients of the household size dummy variables and the interviewer dummy variables are reported in Appendix II.

¹⁹ The income elasticity of willingness to pay to avoid illness, a related, but different concept from elasticity of demand, is typically between 0.3 and 0.6 (Loehman and De, 1982; Alberini et al., 1997).

The two remaining models, the Negative Binomial and the Truncated Poisson, both under-predict the percent of households buying no vaccines and over-predict the percent buying one or two. The Negative Binomial model, however, predicts that households buy more vaccines than family members in 6 percent of the cases, whereas the Truncated Poisson model (by construction) never makes this error. This, together with the fact that the Truncated Poisson model produces the largest number of statistically significant coefficients, suggests that it is the preferred model.

As an additional test of the reasonableness of our results, we use the Truncated Poisson model to predict the amount that each household would spend on vaccines, at each price. The mean and median values of this amount, expressed as a percent of household income, are shown in Figure 6. Regardless of price, mean household expenditure (expressed as a percent of income) is never more than 4 percent. Median household expenditure on the vaccine (as a percent of income) is never greater than 1.5 percent.

WTP to Pay for Prevention

Table 13 shows the implications of each of the three models for household WTP for total prevention. Calculated as the area under the household's demand curve between 0 and n vaccines, annual household WTP is, on average Birr 229 (36 USD) (using the Truncated Poisson model), with a median value of Birr 158 (25 USD). Figure 7 shows the distribution of WTP across households. In the next section, we compare WTP with the costs of illness.

Comparison of Willingness to Pay and Cost of Illness

In this section, we compare the private costs of illness for households in our sample with WTP for prevention. We begin by noting that there is a difference between the Cost of Illness, as the term is used in the medical literature, and the COI in equation (5) above. The traditional Cost of Illness does not value lost leisure time; moreover, it is an *ex post* concept. That is, it is computed by adding up actual expenditures and valuing actual time lost due to illness that has occurred in the past. COI* in equation (5) includes the value of lost leisure time. Furthermore, since the purchase of vaccines would prevent *future* illness, COI* should represent *expected future* illness costs.

How much COI and COI* differ in practice depends (1) on the value attached to leisure time and (2) on the way in which households form their expectations. If the value of leisure time is zero, and households assume that the future will be exactly like the past, then the two concepts are identical. In what follows we assume that households attach a value of zero to their children's leisure time. In the case of adults, the number of leisure days lost to malaria is sufficiently small that we treat all time lost due to illness as productive time lost. We do, however, consider two ways in which households might form their expectations about future illness costs. Method one is to assume that their family's future illness costs will equal the costs they actually incurred last year, i.e., that $COI^* = COI$, as calculated in Table 8. Method two is to assume that families look beyond their own experience and calculate their chances of contracting malaria using the relative frequency of the disease in the population and using average illness costs (Table 14).

Expected COI Based on Average Sample Experience

Our second method of calculating the expected COI assumes that the chance that an adult contracts malaria over the coming year equals the relative frequency of malaria among adults in our sample. A similar assumption is made for teenagers and children. To compute the cost of an episode, we use the average per episode cost, as reported in Table 7, based on all households. The resulting *average* annual household COI must be the same as the actual average COI shown in Table 8; however, COI figures for individual families will differ under the two approaches.

Table 15 shows the ratio of WTP for malaria prevention to the COI, computed under the assumption that adult productivity equals 0.75 of the daily wage for unskilled labor. This ratio was computed for each household in the sample, using WTP estimates from each of the three models in Table 13. The ratios were then averaged over all households. The results are quite similar for each of the three models, suggesting that WTP for total prevention of malaria is about 3 times as great as the cost of illness. This result is quite similar to results obtained in industrialized countries when WTP to avoid illness is compared with the conventional COI (Berger et al., 1987). It also has important policy implications. In evaluating the benefits of donor programs to control malaria, the use of conventional COI figures, computed as in Part II, are likely to significantly understate the benefits of such programs.

Household Demand for Bednets

Insecticide-treated bednets have helped to reduce the incidence of vector-borne illness, as well as all-cause child mortality in various parts of Africa (Binka et al., 1997). At the time of our study, however, impregnated bednets were essentially unknown to households in Tigray as a method of treating malaria.²⁰ In the six villages in which we administered the bednet scenario, our goal was to acquaint households with the use of an insecticide-treated net and then to ask the respondent how many nets he would purchase for his family at the price offered.

Table 16 and Figure 8 show the number of bednets households said that they would purchase at each price. Quantity demanded is clearly sensitive to price: the percent of households who declined to purchase nets increases from 19 percent at a price of Birr 8 (1.3 USD) to 63 percent at a price of Birr 100 (16 USD). The percentage of families who said they would buy two or more nets also declines monotonically as price rises. A rise in price from Birr 8 to Birr 20 (3.2 USD) and from Birr 20 to Birr 40 (6.4 USD), however, increases the percentage of families purchasing one net. Families who would buy two nets at a lower price buy only one net as the price rises.

At each income level, the percentage of adults, teenagers and children covered by bednets is much higher than the percent of each age group receiving vaccines (see Table 16). This reflects, in part, the lower household cost of bednets, as well as fact that the number of persons using a single net is flexible. Unlike vaccines, however, there is no preference for allocating bednets to adults rather than to children. Averaging across sample prices, 53 percent of adults and teenagers and 61 percent of children would sleep under bednets.

One reason for analyzing bednet demand is to predict the number of households who would purchase bednets at various prices. For example, Table 16 can be used to predict the fraction of households who would buy a bednet at a price that would permit cost recovery. It can also be used to determine what price would induce a desired fraction of households to purchase nets. Figure 9 illustrates the number of bednets that would be purchased in a village of 200 households, assuming that these households have

²⁰ In response to the question "What are the best ways to avoid getting malaria?" only 4 respondents mentioned sleeping under a bednet (either unimpregnated or impregnated).

the same characteristics as those in our sample. At a price of Birr 40 (6.4 USD) per net, for example, 166 nets would be purchased. Calculating the number of people in the village who would be covered at this price requires an assumption about the number of people who sleep under a net. If this is two, then one-third of the population of the village would sleep under insecticide-treated nets at a price of Birr 40 (6.4 USD) per net.

Estimation of Household Demand Functions for Bednets

To estimate household demand functions for bednets we used models similar to those used for the hypothetical vaccine. In terms of the theoretical model of Part II, bednets are similar to vaccines. Both goods can prevent illness, although they do so in different ways. Bednets do not offer complete protection against malaria; however, they can reduce the inconvenience of insect bites, and can protect against other vector-borne diseases. We would therefore expect the number of bednets purchased to depend on the same factors as influence the demand for the hypothetical vaccine. Count data models are also appropriate in this case since households buy a non-negative integer quantity of bednets.

Table 17 presents estimates of Poisson, Negative Binomial and Truncated Poisson models of the demand for bednets. The explanatory variables are identical to those in the vaccine models. Fewer explanatory variables are, however, significant in the case of bednets. Indeed, the only variables whose coefficients are significantly different from zero are price, income and age of the respondent. Price is strongly significant in all three models, with a coefficient that is similar in magnitude to the coefficient of price in the vaccine models. Income is marginally significant in the Poisson and Negative Binomial models, as is respondent age. The income elasticity of demand for bednets is, however, much lower than for vaccines: a 10 percent increase in income increases the demand for bednets by only 1 percent. As in the case of vaccine, older respondents have lower demand than younger respondents do.²¹

The lack of significance of so many explanatory variables in the bednet models is due in part to the smaller sample of households receiving the bednet scenario (279 households) v. the vaccine scenario (569 households). We felt it more important to

²¹ The lack of significance of the children and teenager variables mirrors respondents' answers to a question asking who would use the bednets. The percent of children who would receive bednets is not

characterize the value of preventing malaria altogether, and therefore partitioned our sample to ensure accurate estimates of vaccine demand. Nevertheless, we believe Table 17 indicates that we probably have accurate estimates of the impact of price on the purchase of bednets, which is most likely the variable of greatest policy significance.

Table 18 compares the performance of the three models in predicting within-sample behavior. A likelihood ratio test fails to reject the null hypothesis that the data follow a Poisson distribution. Since the Poisson model is a special case of the Negative Binomial model and the Truncated Poisson model, it is not surprising that the three models produce similar results. All models over-predict the number of households purchasing zero bednets or one bednet and underpredict the number of households purchasing two or more bednets. This suggests that, for purposes of predicting bednet purchases, it is better to rely on the raw data in Table 16.

Willingness to Pay for Bednets

Our estimates of bednet demand can also be used, as above, to compute the household's total willingness to pay for a given number of nets. To illustrate, suppose that a donor were to provide enough bednets to protect all persons in a village. What are the economic benefits of such a program? The value to a household of owning x nets (its total WTP for the nets) is the area under its demand curve between 0 and x nets. Thus, the value of the program would be the sum of each household's total WTP for the nets it received. Assuming that each household received $n/2$ nets, mean and median household WTP for bednets are given Table 19.²²

The numbers in Table 19 are considerably lower than those in Table 13. Although bednets are a durable good, they provide only partial protection against malaria. Moreover, they require some effort to use. This helps to explain the fact that (using the preferred model in each case) median WTP for bednets is 72 percent of median WTP for vaccines. On the other hand, a bednet would probably provide protection against infection for 3 to 4 years if the insecticide were reapplied periodically, while the hypothetical vaccine was assumed to last for only one year.

significantly different from the percent of adults who would receive bednets.

²² When not an integer, $n/2$ was rounded down to the nearest integer.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of this report is to estimate the value households place on preventing malaria in Tigray, Ethiopia. Using the area under the household's demand function for vaccines to estimate this value, we find it to be about 36 USD per household per year—about 15 percent of imputed annual household income. This is, on average, about two to three times the expected annual economic losses (medical costs plus productivity losses) per household from the disease.

Two points about this result deserve emphasis. First, it represents the private value to households of eliminating the disease. This is likely to be smaller than the social value of preventing malaria, which includes the costs of medical subsidies, community spraying and other government-sponsored programs. Second, this number represents the household's maximum willingness to pay for prevention. It is NOT the amount that would be obtained by selling malaria vaccines to all members of the family, unless the vaccines were sold by a price-discriminating monopolist. This latter point has important implications for cost recovery of malaria prevention schemes.

If a malaria vaccine were available, and if people in Tigray behaved as they told us they would in this survey, revenues from the sale of vaccines would be maximized at a price of 10 USD per vaccine. At this price, however, 75 percent of households would purchase no vaccines. This implies a steep trade-off between profit-maximization and population coverage. Our bednet results carry similar implications. Figure 8 suggests that, at a price that might permit cost recovery (6 USD per bednet), only one-third of the population of a 200-person village would sleep under bednets.

What causes this apparent contradiction in results is the shape of the demand curves for bednets and vaccines. Both are very steep—implying that, as the price of each good falls, the number purchased increases, but gradually. This makes it possible for households' WTP for n vaccines to be large (15 percent of income) even though the percent of income spent on vaccines, which reflects the number actually purchased, is small (never more than 4 percent of income). The policy implications of this result are that, while the benefits from allocating resources to bednets or malaria vaccines are large,

it will be difficult for either good to achieve significant market penetration unless the price is subsidized.

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Table 1. Number of Households Receiving Each Version of Questionnaire (n; *column percent*)

Hypothetical Vaccine Scenario		Bednet Scenario	
Price (Birr)	Sample Size	Price (Birr)	Sample Size
5	117 (21%)	8	58 (21%)
20	120 (21%)	20	59 (21%)
40	117 (21%)	40	54 (19%)
100	118 (21%)	60	52 (19%)
200	97 (17%)	100	56 (20%)
Total	569 (100%)	Total	279 (100%)

Table 2. Mean Value of Livestock for Households Who Own Livestock (Birr*)

Type of Livestock	N	Mean	Price	Value
Sheep	219	5	80	402
Oxen	594	2	875	1632
Goats	395	7	60	437
Chickens	674	6	7	41
Cattle	475	2	200	495
Donkey	291	1	300	412

*1 USD = Birr 6.3

Table 3. Household Demographic Characteristics

Variable	Obs	Mean	Median
Household size	848	5	5
Number of adults	848	2	2
Number of teenagers	848	1	0
Number of children	848	2	2
Respondent gender (0=male & 1=female)	848	57%	1
Respondent age	847	42	40
Respondent can read newspaper easily	848	13%	0

Table 4. Household Malaria Incidence (in last 2 years unless otherwise specified)

Variable	N	Mean <i>[Trimmed Mean]*</i>	Median
Respondent had malaria in lifetime	848	78%	1
Respondent had malaria	848	58%	1
Households where other adults had malaria	842	53%	1
Households where children/teens had malaria	845	49%	0
Households where somebody died of malaria (lifetime)	803	7%	0
No. times the respondent had malaria	656	2.7 <i>[1.8]</i>	2
No. of other adults who have had malaria	451	1.5	1
No. children/teenagers who have had malaria	415	2.0	2

*Trimmed means are obtained by setting all values greater than the ninety-fifth percentile equal to the ninety-fifth percentile.

Table 5. Elements of Direct Cost of Illness per Episode, Sample Averages by Age Group

Variable	All Households		Households Who Ever Had Malaria Confirmed by a Medical Test	
Adults	Birr	USD	Birr	USD
Treatment Costs	8	1.3	10	1.6
Costs of Medicine	1.4 ²³	0.2	1.6 ²⁴	0.3
Transportation Costs	0.6 ^{25,26}	0.1	0.8 ²⁷	0.1
Direct COI	10	1.6	13	2.0
Teenagers				
Treatment Costs	5	0.8	10	1.5
Costs of Medicine	1.4 ²⁸	0.2	1 ²⁹	0.2
Transportation Costs	0.2 ^{30,31}	0.04	0.8 ³²	0.1
Direct COI	7	1.1	11	1.8
Children				
Treatment Costs	4	0.6	5	0.8
Costs of Medicine	1.033	0.2	1.1 ³⁴	0.2
Transportation Costs	0.1 ^{35,36}	0.02	0.3 ³⁷	0.05
Direct COI	5	0.8	7	1.0

* Rounding errors account for direct COI estimates that are not sums of its three components.

²³ The average of cost of medicine for those that paid is Birr 7.

²⁴ The average of cost of medicine for those that paid is Birr 5.

²⁵ Values that are greater than the ninety-fifth percentile are replaced with the value of the ninety-fifth percentile (Birr 10).

²⁶ The average transportation costs over only households that incurred travel costs are Birr 7.

²⁷ The average transportation costs over only households that incurred travel costs are Birr 6.

²⁸ The average of cost of medicine for those that paid is Birr 7.

²⁹ The average of cost of medicine for those that paid is Birr 8.

³⁰ Values that are greater than the ninety-fifth percentile are replaced with the value of the ninety-fifth percentile (Birr 6).

³¹ The average transportation costs over only households that incurred travel costs are Birr 5.

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³⁶ The average transportation costs over only households that incurred travel costs are Birr 5.

³⁷ The average transportation costs over only households that incurred travel costs are Birr 4.

Table 6. Productivity Losses Per Malaria Episode, by Age Group (Average Number of Days)

Age Group	All Households			Households Who Ever Had Malaria Confirmed by a Medical Test		
	Adult	Teens	Children	Adult	Teens	Children
Duration of Illness	22	26	16	19	28	11
Patient's Lost Work Days	18	18	2	14	19	2
Gains in Household Productivity Due to Intra-household Labor Substitution	14	10	1	12	10	1
Losses in Household Productivity Because Substitute Laborer Does Not Do Their Own Work	6	5	1	3	2	1
Days Lost Due To Intra-household Caretaking	11	13	11	9	6	7
Net Number of Work Days Lost Due to an Episode of Malaria	21	26	12*	15*	17	8*

*These columns do not add up because of rounding errors.

Table 7. Average Cost of Illness Per Episode, Using High and Low Productivity Assumptions

Age Group	All Households		Households Who Ever Had Malaria Confirmed by a Medical Test	
	1997 Birr	1997 USD	1997 Birr	1997 USD
Adults	46-151	7-24	38-113	6-18
Teenagers	41-145	7-23	32-94	5-15
Children	23-78	4-12	19-55	3-9

Table 8. Average Annual Cost of Illness Per Household, Using Actual Illness (n=848)

Daily Productivity (Percent of Daily Wage)	1997 Birr Mean [<i>std. dev.</i>]	1997 USD Mean [<i>std. dev.</i>]
100	196 [150]	31 [24]
75	103 [80]	16 [13]
50	58 [45]	9 [7]

Table 9. Number of Hypothetical Vaccines Purchased by Price

	0 vaccines	1-3 vaccines	4-6 vaccines	>=7 vaccines
Price 5	24%	35%	33%	8%
Price 20	48%	25%	22%	6%
Price 40	68%	21%	10%	2%
Price 100	81%	10%	6%	3%
Price 200	90%	6%	4%	0%

Table 10. Coverage with Vaccines by Income Group and Demographic Category

Annual Income	Adults	Teenagers	Children
Low (< Birr 800)	27%	21%	23%
<i>N</i>	409	131	322
Middle	28%	25%	31%
<i>N</i>	448	141	395
High (> Birr 1,550)	29%	31%	24%
<i>N</i>	470	187	394

Table 11. Parameter Estimates for Hypothetical Vaccine Models ($n = 569$)

Variable	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Price	-0.012 ^{**}	-0.014 ^{**}	-0.016 ^{**}
(Birr)	0.001	0.001	0.001
Log household income	0.209 ^{**}	0.288 ^{**}	0.402 ^{**}
(thousands of Birr)	0.056	0.108	0.052
Missing wage	-0.002	-0.014	0.059
(1 if no wage)	0.122	0.211	0.106
Number of teenagers	0.023	-0.033	0.001
(number)	0.067	0.133	0.058
Number of children	-0.098 [*]	-0.206 [*]	-0.222 ^{**}
(number)	0.058	0.112	0.047
Household dir. cost of illness	0.011 ^{**}	0.013 ^{**}	0.016 ^{**}
(Birr)	0.003	0.005	0.002
Married	0.297 ^{**}	0.402	0.475 ^{**}
(1 if Married)	0.140	0.261	0.135
Gender	-0.150 [*]	-0.265 [*]	-0.281 ^{**}
(1 if female)	0.083	0.159	0.072
Read	0.196 ^{**}	0.313 [*]	0.291 ^{**}
(1 if read easily)	0.086	0.167	0.072
Age	-0.011 ^{**}	-0.016 ^{**}	-0.021 ^{**}
(years)	0.003	0.006	0.003
Altitude	-0.062 ^{**}	-0.085 [*]	-0.082 ^{**}
(hundreds of meters)	0.026	0.047	0.021
Intercept	0.590	0.839	2.137 ^{**}
	0.610	1.071	0.725
Ln α		0.058	
		0.148	

Notes: Dichotomous variables for household size and enumerators are not included in Table . Standard errors in small font.

^{**} Significant at the 5% level

^{*} Significant at the 10% level

Table 12. Goodness of Fit Criteria for Hypothetical Vaccine Model

	Actual	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Log Likelihood	N/A	-856.26	-764.05	-768.71
Mean Y X	1.45	1.45	1.63	1.06
Variance of Y X	4.74	2.34	5.28	1.05
Y > household size	0%	2%	6%	0%
Frequency				
0	61%	52%	56%	59%
1	6%	23%	19%	24%
2	7%	12%	9%	10%
3	7%	5%	5%	6%
4	7%	6%	3%	1%
5	6%	2%	2%	0%
6 or more	7%	2%	6%	0%

Table 13. Willingness to Pay for Hypothetical Vaccine (n = 569)

	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Willingness to pay			
Mean	202	205	229
Median	163	139	158
Standard Deviation	147	188	208
Minimum	7	6	7
Maximum	883	1046	1117

Table 14. Average Annual Cost of Illness Per Household Using Sample Illness Frequencies to Predict Future Illness and Average Per Episode COI (Entire Sample)

Daily Productivity (Percent of Daily Wage)	1997 Birr Mean [<i>std. dev.</i>]	1997 USD Mean [<i>std. dev.</i>]
100	196 [183]	31 [29]
75	104 [97]	17 [15]
50	59 [55]	9 [9]

Table 15. Ratios of Three Estimates of WTP for Malaria Vaccine to Two estimates of Expected Cost of Illness Per Household

Models Used to Estimate WTP	Mean of Ratio of WTP to Actual Household COI (See Table 8) [<i>std. dev.</i>]	Mean of Ratio of WTP to Ex Ante Household COI (See Table 14) [<i>std. dev.</i>]
Truncated Poisson	3.10 [4.03]	2.32 [1.98]
Poisson	2.80 [3.33]	1.98 [1.37]
Negative Binomial	2.76 [3.58]	2.01 [1.71]

Table 16. Number of Bednets Purchased by Price

	0 nets	1 net	2 nets	3 or more nets
Price 8	19%	21%	43%	17%
Price 20	22%	33%	32%	13%
Price 40	41%	37%	20%	2%
Price 60	52%	23%	19%	6%
Price 100	63%	25%	11%	2%

Table 17. Parameter Estimates for Bednet Models (n = 279)

Variable	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Price	-0.014**	-0.014**	-0.016**
(Birr)	0.002	0.002	0.003
Log household income	0.093*	0.093*	0.097
(thousands of Birr)	0.059	0.059	0.075
Missing wage	0.019	0.019	0.265
(1 if no wage)	0.188	0.188	-0.132
Number of teenagers	0.116	0.117	0.118
(number)	0.109	0.109	0.147
Number of children	0.044	0.044	0.032
(number)	0.099	0.099	0.142
Household dir. cost of illness	-0.005	-0.005	-0.006
(Birr)	0.005	0.005	0.006
Married	0.045	0.045	0.022
(1 if married)	0.195	0.195	0.271
Gender	0.012	0.012	0.009
(1 if female)	0.146	0.146	0.213
Read	0.022	0.022	-0.010
(1 if read easily)	0.160	0.160	0.224
Age	-0.010**	-0.010**	-0.012
(years)	0.005	0.005	0.008
Altitude	0.067	0.067	0.082
(hundreds of meters)	0.038	0.038	0.049
Intercept	-0.541	-0.541	0.461
	0.844	0.846	1.116
Ln α		-17.323	

Notes: Dichotomous variables for household size and enumerators are not included in Table . Standard errors in small font.

** Significant at the 5% level

* Significant at the 10% level

Table 18. Goodness of Fit Criteria for Bednets

	Actual	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Log Likelihood	N/A	-322.30	-322.30	-311.75
Mean $Y X$	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.09
Variance of $Y X$	1.63	0.56	0.56	0.57
$Y > (\text{household size})/2$	0%	2%	2%	0%
Frequency				
0	39%	54%	54%	52%
1	28%	37%	37%	38%
2	25%	8%	8%	8%
3	6%	1%	1%	1%
4	0%	0%	0%	0%
5	0%	0%	0%	0%
6 or more	1%	0%	0%	0%

Table 19. Willingness to Pay for Bednets (n = 279)

	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Willingness to pay			
Mean	123	123	138
Median	113	113	122
Standard Deviation	68	68	84
Minimum	18	18	6
Maximum	465	465	597

Figure 1. Cumulative Income Distribution

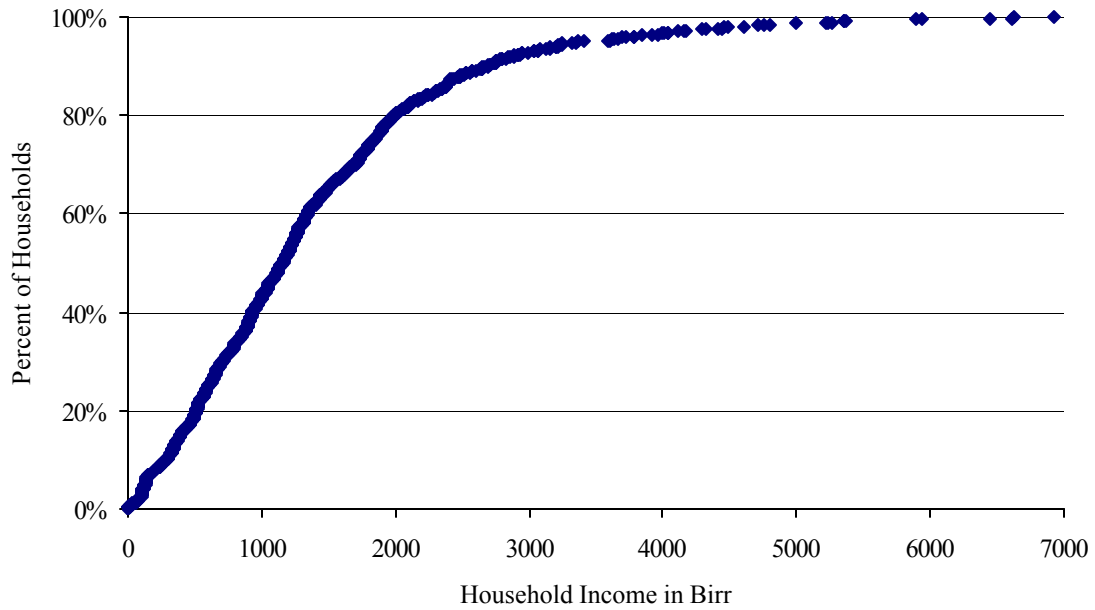


Figure 2. Lorenz Curve for Household Income

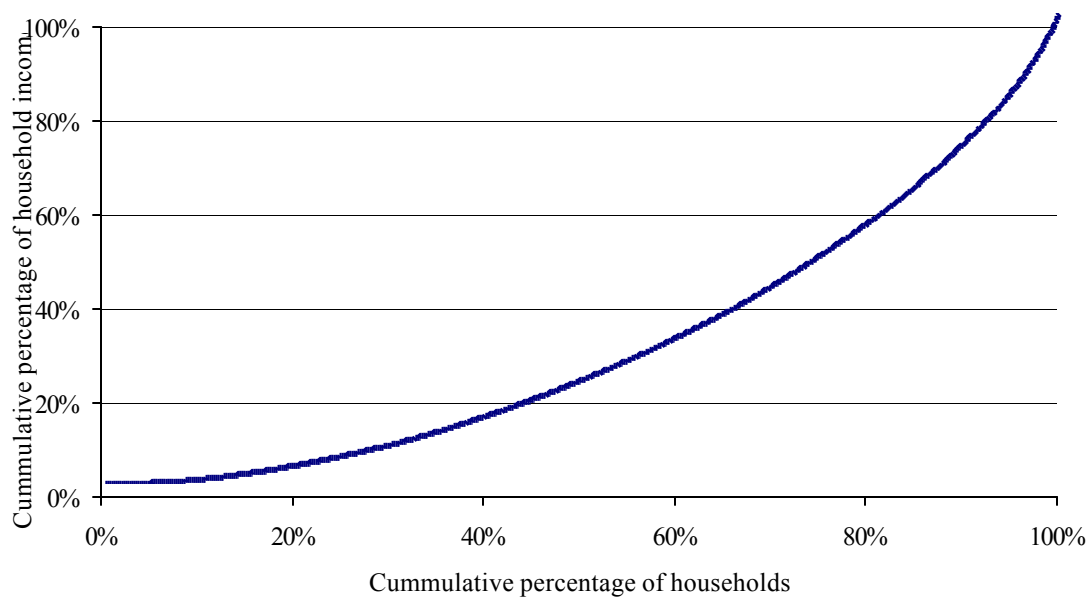


Figure 3. Household Demand Curve for Vaccines and WTP for Total Prevention

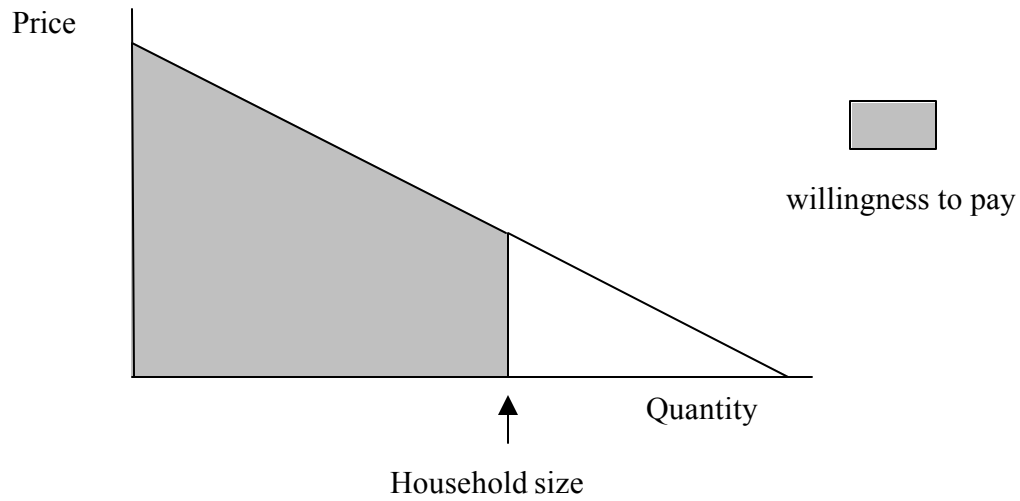


Figure 4. Number of Hypothetical Vaccines Purchased by Price

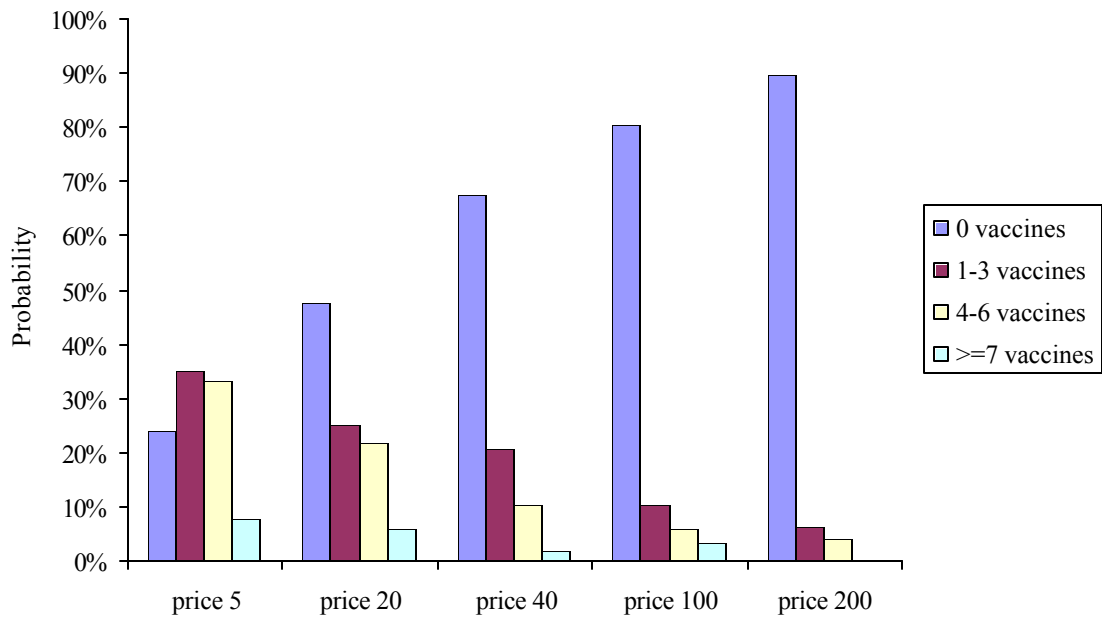


Figure 5. Malaria Vaccine Demand For 200 Household Village in Tigray, Ethiopia

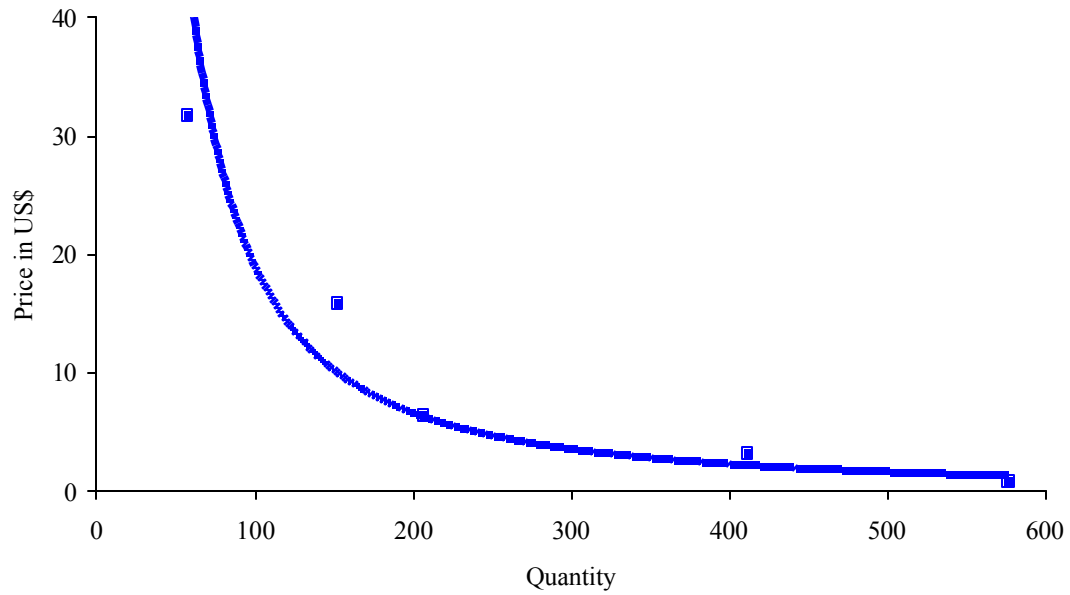


Figure 6. Percent of Income Spent on Vaccines at Different Prices in Tigray, Ethiopia

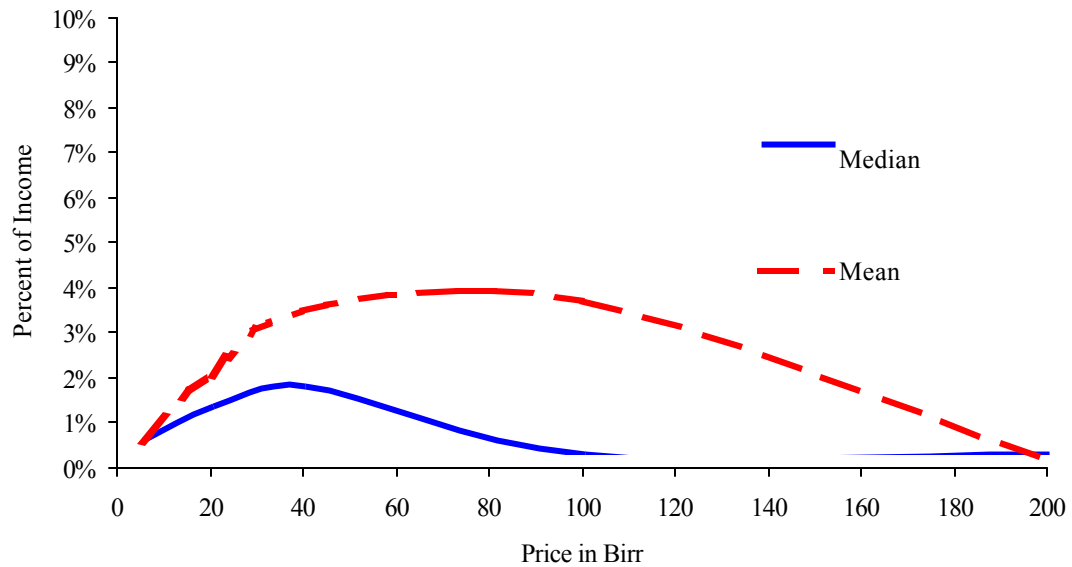


Figure 7. Distribution of Household WTP for Vaccines

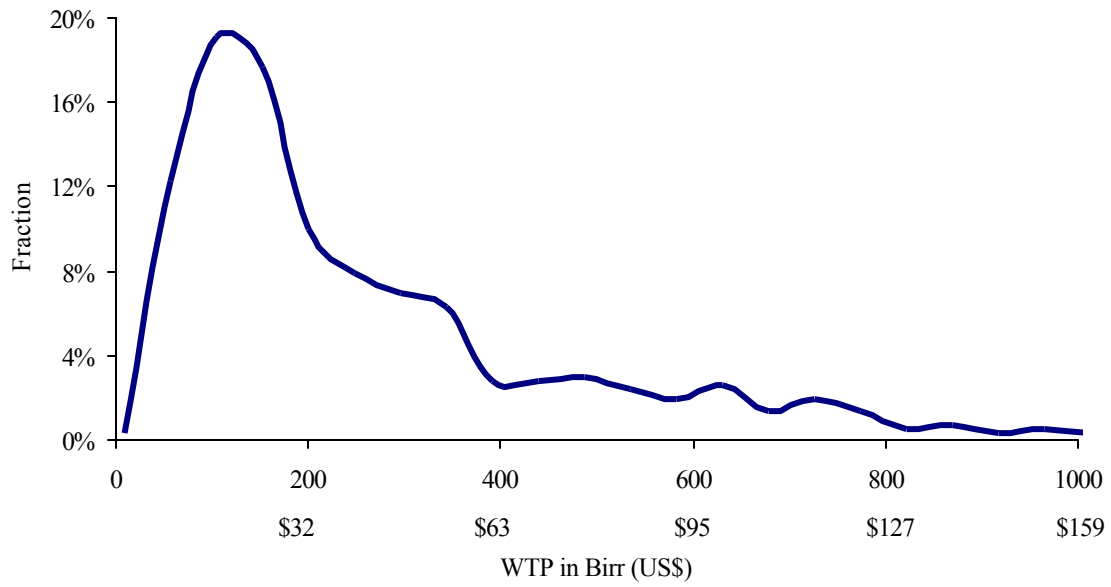


Figure 8. Probability of Purchasing Bednets at Different Prices

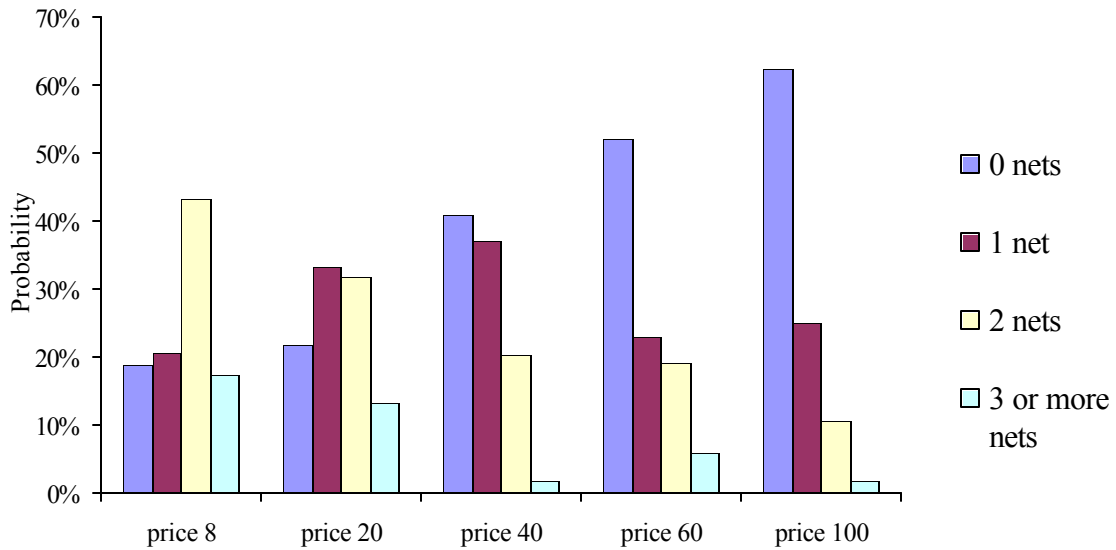
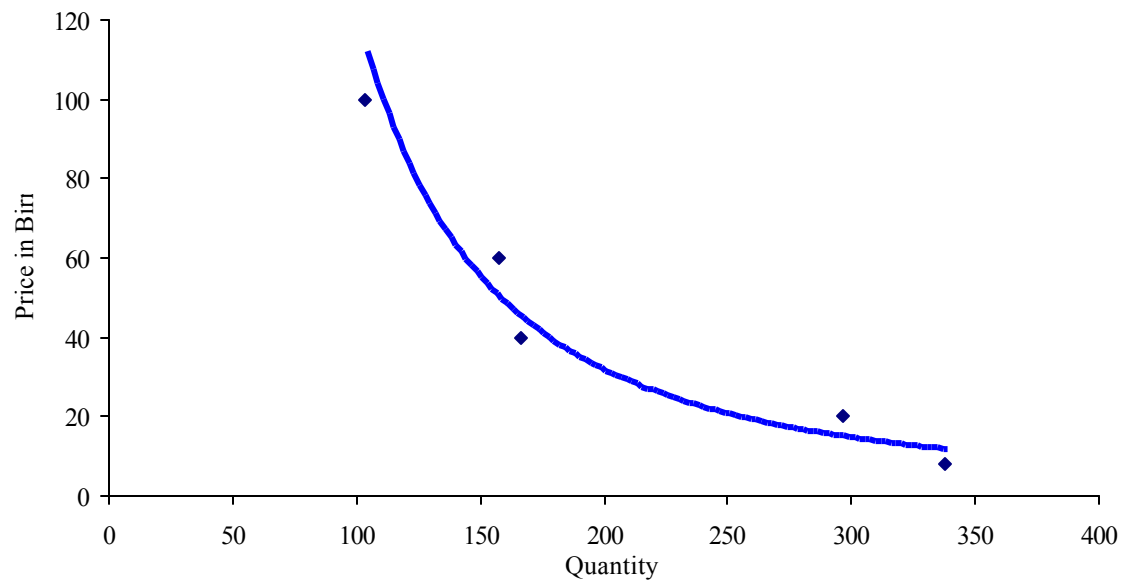


Figure 9. Demand for Bednets in 200 Household Village in Tigray, Ethiopia



APPENDIX I: Household Questionnaire

Name of Enumerator:

Date:

Time Start:

Version No.:

Questionnaire No.:

Village Name:

Introduction

[Enumerator: Read the following introductory statement.] My name is _____ and I am working on a survey about health issues in Tigray for the World Health Organization. We are interested in learning how people feel about different health problems. This research will help the government and donor agencies select the health policies for Tigray that people most want. We are interviewing many different communities and households in Tigray. The interview will be completely confidential, and if at any time you wish to stop the interview or not answer a specific question, this is entirely up to you. The interview will take less than one hour.

1.. Would you be willing to be interviewed?

_____ (0) No (STOP THE INTERVIEW)

_____ (1) Yes

2.. Are you the head of the household or the spouse of the head of the household?

_____ (0) No (STOP THE INTERVIEW)

_____ (1) Yes

[Note: **Only** the head of household, or his/her spouse should be interviewed.]

3. [Enumerator: What is the gender of the respondent?]

_____ (0) Male

_____ (1) Female

4.. How many people live in this household, including yourself?

_____ No. of individuals

5.. How many adults (greater than or equal than 18 years) live here?

_____ No. of adults

6. How many teenagers (12-17 years) live here?

_____ No. of teenagers

7. How many children 11 years or younger live here?

_____ No. of children

(Enumerator: Add the responses to questions 5, 6, and 7 and check that the sum is the same as the response to question 4)

_____ Total of questions 5, 6, and 7

Social Priorities

8. I am going to read a list of projects that the government could implement if it received more foreign aid. Which one would you most prefer the government to spend money on? [Enumerator: Place tick next to the first choice. Mark only one response]

_____ (1) Increase supply of drugs for health clinic

_____ (2) Increase the supply of supplies, books and equipment for the schools.

_____ (3) Ensure an adequate, safe drinking water supply for each household in Tigray.

_____ (4) Increase malaria control programs.

_____ (5) Improve credit programs.

- _____ (6) Provide irrigation systems to water crops.
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

Health history

3-a . Health status

9.

How would you describe your health compared to the health of other people your age in this village?

- _____ (2) Much better
_____ (1) Better
_____ (0) About the same
_____ (-1) Worse
_____ (-2) Much worse
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

10. Do you have a chronic illness (an illness that lasts a long time and/or comes back frequently)?

- _____ (0) No
_____ (1) Yes
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

11. What do you think is the most important disease in your village? *[Enumerator: Do not read list of responses. Record first response only. Mark only one.]*

- _____ (1) Malaria
_____ (2) Tuberculosis
_____ (3) Respiratory problems, not including tuberculosis (for example, asthma or bronchitis)
_____ (4) Diarrhea
_____ (5) Eye Disease
_____ (6) Malnutrition
_____ (7) Cancer
_____ (8) Meningitis
_____ (-95) : Other (please specify) _____
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

12. Do you have free papers for medical care?

- _____ (0) No
_____ (1) Yes

13. Do you have to pay for examination fees if you see a health worker at the nearest health clinic?

- _____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 15)
_____ (1) Yes
_____ (-98) Don't know

14. How much would you have to pay in examination fees to see a health worker at the nearest health clinic?

- _____ Birr
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

15. Do you have to pay for medicine when you need it?

- _____ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3-B)
_____ (1) Yes
_____ (-98) Don't know

16. How much would you have to pay for medicine if you need it?

- _____ Birr
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

3-b. Respondent malaria knowledge

Now I would like to ask you what you know about the sickness known as malaria?

*[Enumerator: In this section, **do not** read the responses. Let the respondent answer the question. If the response is in the list below, place a tick mark next to the response. If the response is not in the list below, write the response in "Other"]*

17. Do you know what malaria is?

____ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3-E)

____ (1) Yes

18. How is malaria transmitted? *[Enumerator: Do not read list. Place tick marks next to all that apply.]*

a. ____ Mosquitos

b. ____ Lack of sanitation

c. ____ Impure water

d. ____ Wet places

e. ____ Other:

f. ____ Don't know/Not sure

19. What are the symptoms of malaria? *[Enumerator: Do not read list. Place tick marks next to all that apply.]*

a. ____ Fever

b. ____ Shivering

c. ____ Convulsions

d. ____ Headache

e. ____ Backache

f. ____ Anemia

g. ____ Stomachache

h. ____ Vomiting

i. ____ Diarrhea

j. ____ Joint pain

k. ____ Loss of appetite

l. ____ Other:

m. ____ Don't know/Not sure

20. Is malaria more serious for adults or for children?

____ (1) Adults

____ (2) Children

____ (3) Equally serious for adults and children

____ (4) Not serious for adults or children

____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

21. If someone is sick with malaria, what are the best ways to cure this person? *[Enumerator: Do not read list. Place tick marks next to all that apply.]*

a. ____ No treatment is necessary

b. ____ Taking chloroquine

c. ____ Taking other medicine (please specify) _____

d. ____ Injections

e. ____ Cupping

f. ____ Fumigation

g. ____ Changing one's diet

h. ____ Cleaning house, environment, or body

i. ____ Religious healing: Holy water, debtera

j. ____ Herbal medicines

k. ____ Other: _____

l. ____ Don't know/Not sure

22. What are the best ways to avoid getting malaria? [Enumerator: Do not read list. Place tick marks next to all that apply.]

- a. ☐ There is no way to prevent malaria
- b. ☐ Cleaning the house or environment, including draining wet areas
- c. ☐ Sleeping under a bednet
- d. ☐ Taking chloroquine
- e. ☐ Taking other medicine (please specify) _____
- f. ☐ Eating a special diet (includes avoiding certain foods)
- g. ☐ Burning leaves, dung, and other materials
- h. ☐ Spraying insecticides
- i. ☐ Other _____
- j. ☐ Don't know/Not sure

3-c. Respondent Malaria History

Now I would like to talk with you about malaria.

23. Have you ever had malaria?

- ☐ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3-D)
- ☐ (1) Yes
- ☐ (2) Had fever, but doesn't know if had malaria (GO TO SECTION D)

24. Did you get malaria in this village or somewhere else?

- ☐ (0) In this village
- ☐ (1) Somewhere else
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

25. How did you know that you had malaria? (Enumerator: Mark first response only.)

- ☐ (1) Medical tests
- ☐ (2) Community health worker told me
- ☐ (3) Traditional healer told me
- ☐ (4) I recognized the symptoms myself as being those of malaria
- ☐ (5) A family member told me that I had malaria
- ☐ (-98) Don't know / Don't remember

26. How many times have you had malaria over the past two years?

_____ No. of times

[Enumerator: If zero, GO TO SECTION 3-D]

Now I want to talk with you about that most recent episode.

27. When was the last time you had malaria?

- ☐ (1) Kiremti (June-September)
- ☐ (2) Kawie (October -November/December)
- ☐ (3) Hagai (December - March)
- ☐ (4) Belg/Asmera (April - May)
- a. 198__ Year (Ethiopian calendar)

28. How many days were you sick with malaria?

- ☐ No. of days
- ☐ (-98) Don't know

29. Did you stop working?

- ☐ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 38)
- ☐ (1) Yes

30. How many days did you miss work?

_____ No. of days

_____ (-98) Don't know

31. Did someone do your work for you?

_____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 35)

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure (GO TO QUESTION 35)

32. Was this person an adult, teenager, or a child?

_____ (1) Adult (equal to or greater than 18 years old)

_____ (2) Teenager (11-17 years old)

_____ (3) Child (less than or equal to 10 years old)

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

33. Did the person who worked in your place cut back on their own duties?

_____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 35)

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

34. How many days did this person cut back on their own duties?

_____ No. of days

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

35. Were you so sick that someone had to cut back on their own duties for one or more days just to care for you?

_____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 38)

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

36. Was this person an adult, teenager, or a child?

_____ (1) Adult (equal to or greater than 18 years old)

_____ (2) Teenager (11-17 years old)

_____ (3) Child (less than or equal to 10 years old)

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure (Go to question 38)

37. How many days did this person cut back on their own duties just to care for you?

_____ No. of days

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

38. Did you seek treatment for malaria?

_____ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3-D)

_____ (1) Yes

39. What treatment did you first seek? *[Enumerator: Do not read list. Mark first response only.] (If the respondent says "doctor," ask where the doctor is found. For example, in the clinic or hospital)*

_____ (1) Traditional medicines: holy water, debtera, prayer, habamesh medicine, herbal medicines

_____ (2) Went to the clinic

_____ (3) Went to the pharmacy only

_____ (4) Went to the Community health worker

_____ (5) Went to the hospital

_____ (6) Clean the environment (GO TO SECTION 3D)

_____ (-95) Other (specify:) _____ (GO TO SECTION 3-D)

40. How much did it cost to receive this treatment not including the cost of transportation? *(If payment was made in other goods besides Birr, please specify the type of good, the unit it is measured in, and the amount they used in payment.)*

- a. Birr
 (-98) Don't know/Not Sure (GO TO QUESTION 42)

If payment is in kind

- b. type of good
c. unit
d. number of units

41. Does this cost include the cost of medicine?

- (0) No
 (1) Yes
 (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

42. What kind of medicine did you receive? *(Enumerator: Mark first response only.)*

- (0) None
 (1) Chloroquine
 (2) Antibiotics
 (3) Fansidar
 (4) Quinine
 (5) Herbal treatment (specify:)
 (-95) Other (specify):
 (-98) Don't know

43. What form of transportation did you take? *(Enumerator: Choose all that apply.)*

- (1) Walk (GO TO QUESTION 45)
 (2) Truck/Bus
 (3) Cart
 (4) Animal
 (5) Stretcher
 (-98) Other:

44. How much did transportation cost, in money or other things? *(If payment was made in other goods besides Birr, please specify the type of good, the unit it is measured in, and the amount they used in payment.)*

- a. Birr (GO TO QUESTION 45)
 (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

If payment in kind

- b. payment in kind: type of good
c. unit
d. number of units

45. How many hours did you travel one way to receive this treatment?

- No. of hours
 (-98) Don't know

46. Were you cured?

- (0) No
 (1) Yes

3d. Malaria incidence and household malaria history

(Enumerator: If at any point in this section, the respondent says that a family member has died of malaria, skip to question 3)

Now I'd like to ask you about other adults in your household, besides yourself, and their experience with malaria.

47. Have any *other adults* in this household had malaria over the past two years?

- ☐ (1) Yes
- ☐ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 50)
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/not sure (GO TO QUESTION 50)
- ☐ (-97) There aren't other adults in this household (GO TO QUESTION 50)

48. In total, how many *other adults* had malaria over the past two years?

- ☐ No. of adults
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/not sure
- ☐ (-99) Did not answer

49. Did these adults get malaria in this village or somewhere else?

- ☐ (0) Somewhere else
- ☐ (1) In this village ☐ (-98) Don't know

50. Have any of the *teenagers or children* in this household had malaria over the past two years?

- ☐ (1) Yes
- ☐ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3E)
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/not sure (GO TO SECTION 3E)
- ☐ (-97) There are no teenagers or children (GO TO SECTION 3E)

51. In total, how many *teenagers and children* in this household had malaria over the past two years?

- ☐ No. of teenagers and children
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/not sure
- ☐ (-99) Did not answer

Now I am going to ask you about the last time one of your children had malaria.

52. When was the last time a teenager or child in this household had malaria? *[Enumerator: If more than one teenager or child had malaria at the same time, please think of the youngest of the teenagers or children and answer the following questions about the last time he or she had malaria.]*

- ☐ (1) Kiremti (June-September)
- ☐ (2) Kawie (October -November/December)
- ☐ (3) Hagai (December - March)
- ☐ (4) Belgi/Asmera (April - May)

a. 198__ 198__ Year (Ethiopian calendar)

53. What is the gender of this teenager or child?

- ☐ (0) Male
- ☐ (1) Female

54. How old was the teenager or child?

_____ years

55. Did this teenager or child get malaria in this village or somewhere else?

- ☐ (0) In this village
- ☐ (1) Somewhere else
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

56. How many days did the malaria last?

- ☐ No. of days
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/not sure

57. Did he/she stop performing his/her normal duties?

_____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 63)

_____ (1) Yes

58. How many days did he/she miss his/her normal duties?

_____ No. of days

59. Did someone else take over these duties?

_____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 63)

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure (GO TO QUESTION 63)

60. Was this person an adult, teenager, or a child?

_____ (1) Adult (equal to or greater than 18 years old)

_____ (2) Teenager (11-17 years old)

_____ (3) Child (less than or equal to 10 years old)

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

61. Did the person who took over these duties miss their own work?

_____ (0) No

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

62. How many days did this person cut back on their own duties?

_____ No. of days

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

63. Did someone miss work just to care for the sick child/teenager?

_____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 66)

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

64. Was this person an adult, teenager, or a child?

_____ (1) Adult (equal to or greater than 18 years old)

_____ (2) Teenager (11-17 years old)

_____ (3) Child (less than or equal to 10 years old)

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

65. How many days did this person miss work just to care for the sick teenager or child?

_____ No. of days

66. Did you seek treatment for the sick teenager or child?

_____ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3E)

_____ (1) Yes

67. What treatment did you seek first? *[Enumerator: Do not read list. Mark first response only.]*

_____ (1) Traditional medicines: holy water, debtera, prayer, habamesh medicine, herbal medicines

_____ (2) Went to the clinic

_____ (3) Went to the pharmacy only

_____ (4) Went to the Community health worker

_____ (5) Went to the hospital

_____ (6) Clean the environment (GO TO SECTION 3E)

_____ (-95) Other (specify:) _____ (GO TO SECTION 3E)

68. How much did it cost to receive this treatment not including the cost of transportation? *(If payment was made in other goods besides Birr, please specify the type of good, the unit it is measured in, and the amount they used in payment.)*

a. _____ Birr
_____ (-98) Don't know (GO TO QUESTION 70)

If payment in kind

b. _____ type of good
c. _____ unit
d. _____ number of units

69. Does this cost include the cost of medicine?

_____ (0) No
_____ (1) Yes
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

70. What kind of medicine did you get? (*Enumerator: Do not read list. Mark first response only.*)

_____ (0) None
_____ (1) Chloroquine
_____ (2) Antibiotics
_____ (3) Fansidar
_____ (4) Quinine
_____ (5) Herbal treatment (specify:) _____
_____ (-95) Other (specify:) _____
_____ (-98) Don't know

71. What form of transportation did you take? (*Enumerator: Mark first response only.*)

_____ (1) Walk (GO TO QUESTION 73)
_____ (2) Truck/Bus
_____ (3) Cart
_____ (4) Animal
_____ (5) Stretcher
_____ (6) Other: _____

72. In total, how much did transportation cost, in money or other things? (*If payment was made in other goods besides Birr, please specify the type of good, the unit it is measured in, and the amount they used in payment.*)

a. _____ Birr
_____ (-98) Don't know/Not Sure

If payment in kind

b. _____ type of good
c. _____ unit
d. _____ number of units

73. How many hours did you travel one way to receive this treatment?

_____ No. of hours
_____ (-98) Don't know

74. Was the teenager or child cured?

_____ (0) No
_____ (1) Yes (GO TO SECTION 3E)
_____ (-98) Don't know

(*Enumerator: If respondent provided the information to answer the next two questions, do not ask the questions, but answer the questions using information that they already gave you. If they did not answer these questions, then ask.*)

75. Has anyone in your family ever died of malaria?

_____ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 3E)

- ____ (1) Yes
____ (-98) Don't know (GO TO SECTION 3E)

76.

How was that person related to you?

- ____ (1) Parent
____ (2) Brother or sister
____ (3) Spouse
____ (4) Child
____ (5) _____ Other: (please specify)

3e. Avertive behaviors

Do you normally do any of the following things to try to prevent malaria:

77. Do you normally take medicine before you get sick in order to prevent malaria?

- ____ (0) No
____ (1) Yes (GO TO QUESTION 79)
____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure (GO TO QUESTION 79)

78. Why not? (*Enumerator: Mark first response only.*)

- ____ (1) Too expensive
____ (2) Too time consuming/inconvenient
____ (3) Not applicable to me
____ (4) Not aware of it
____ (5) Not available
____ (6) Malaria not a problem where I live
____ (7) Not effective
____ (-95)) _____ Other: (please specify)

79. Do you normally spray your house to kill mosquitoes? (*Enumerator: This does not include spraying done by malaria control authorities.*)

- ____ (0) No
____ (1) Yes (GO TO QUESTION 81)
____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure (GO TO QUESTION 81)

80. Why not? (*Enumerator: Mark first response only.*)

- ____ (1) Too expensive
____ (2) Too time consuming/inconvenient
____ (3) Not applicable to me
____ (4) Not aware of it
____ (5) Not available
____ (6) Malaria not a problem where I live
____ (7) Not effective
____ (-95)) _____ Other: (please specify)

81. Do you normally drain areas of water near your house to prevent mosquitoes from breeding?

- ____ (0) No
____ (1) Yes (GO TO QUESTION 83)
____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure (GO TO QUESTION 83)

82. Why not? (*Enumerator: Mark first response only.*)

- ____ (1) Too expensive
____ (2) Too time consuming/inconvenient
____ (3) Not applicable to me
____ (4) Not aware of it
____ (5) Not available

- ☐ (6) Malaria not a problem where I live
☐ (7) Not effective
☐ (-95)) _____ Other: (please specify)

83. Do you normally burn dung or leaves to keep mosquitoes away?

- ☐ (0) No
☐ (1) Yes (GO TO QUESTION 85)
☐ (-98) Don't know/Not sure (GO TO QUESTION 85)

84. Why not? (*Enumerator: Mark first response only.*)

- ☐ (1) Too expensive
☐ (2) Too time consuming/inconvenient
☐ (3) Not applicable to me
☐ (4) Not aware of it
☐ (5) Not available
☐ (6) Malaria not a problem where I live
☐ (7) Not effective
☐ (-95)) _____ Other: (please specify)

85. Has the government sprayed your house and community with insecticides to kill mosquitoes in the last two years?

- ☐ (0) No
☐ (1) Yes
☐ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

86. Does your *community* drain areas of standing water, including puddles, tree stumps, pots collecting water, and swamps, in order to control mosquito populations? (*Enumerator: This includes only spraying done by Malaria Control.*)

- ☐ (0) No
☐ (1) Yes, my community drains these types of areas

Choice between Two Health Programs

Suppose that the government of Tigray is considering two programs to rehabilitate and improve the hospital and to fight the main diseases here in Tigray.

Program A would save 100 lives in the next 12 months.

Program B would save [200/500/1000] lives in [2/5/10] years.

87. Assume the two programs cost the same but that there is money to implement only one of them. I would like to ask you which of the two programs you would choose, or which of the two programs you think should be implemented in Tigray.

- ☐ (0) Program A (GO TO QUESTION 88)
☐ (1) Program B (GO TO QUESTION 89)
☐ (-98) Don't know / Didn't understand / Don't want to answer (GO TO SECTION 6)

88. Why did you choose program A? (*Enumerator: Choose only one.*)

- ☐ (1) One should live day by day
☐ (2) The future is uncertain
☐ (3) The life I save may be my on (or my family is living now)
☐ (4) Solve problems now
☐ (5) Don't know
☐ (6) Technology progress provides means to save people in the future
☐ (-95) _____ Other (please specify)

(*Enumerator: GO TO SECTION 6*)

89. Why did you choose program B? (*Enumerator: Choose only one.*)

- ☐ (1) Make the future better
☐ (2) Future oriented program saves more lives

- ____ (3) Other (Please specify)
____ (-98) Don't know

Socio-economic profile

Now I want to ask you some questions about your household.

6a. Education

90. How many years of education have you completed? (or, What is the highest level of education you have completed?) (*Enumerator: Choose all responses that apply.*)

- ____ (0) No schooling (grade)
____ (1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 Primary school
____ (2) 7 8 Middle school
____ (3) 9 10 11 12 Secondary school
____ (4) University
____ (5) Literacy Training
____ (6) Vocational School
____ (7) Church School
____ (-95) Other _____
____ (-98) Don't Know

91. Can you read a newspaper?

- ____ (0) No
____ (1) Yes, but with difficulty
____ (2) Yes, easily

92. Are you married?

- ____ (0) No (single-or divorced) (GO TO QUESTION 97)
____ (1) Yes

93. Is your spouse alive?

- ____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION 97)
____ (1) Yes

94. How many years of education has your spouse completed? (or, What is the highest level of education your spouse has completed?) (*Enumerator: Choose all responses that apply.*)

- ____ (0) No schooling
(grade)
____ (1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 Primary school
____ (2) 7 8 Middle school
____ (3) 9 10 11 12 Secondary school
____ (4) University
____ (5) Literacy Training
____ (6) Vocational School
____ (7) Church School
____ (-95) Other _____
____ (-98) Don't Know

95. Can your spouse read a newspaper?

- ____ (0) No
____ (1) Yes, but with difficulty
____ (2) Yes, easily

6b. Occupation

96. What is your spouse's primary occupation during the year?

- ☐ (0) Unemployed
☐ (1) Farmer
☐ (2) Agricultural labourer
☐ (3) Non-agricultural labourer
☐ (4) Skilled labourer/tradesman - e.g. carpenter
☐ (5) Small Trader
☐ (6) Civil servant
☐ (7) Soldier
☐ (-95) _____ Other (*specify type of work*)

97. What is your primary occupation during the year?

- ☐ (0) Unemployed
☐ (1) Farmer
☐ (2) Agricultural labourer
☐ (3) Non-agricultural labourer
☐ (4) Skilled labourer/tradesman - e.g. carpenter
☐ (5) Small Trader
☐ (6) Civil servant
☐ (7) Soldier
☐ (-95) Other (*specify type of work*) _____

6c. Housing

98. How many rooms does this respondent's dwelling unit have?

_____ No. of rooms

99. ?How many buildings are there in this compound?

_____ No. of buildings

100. How many households live in this compound?

_____ No. of households

101. Do you own or rent this house/flat?

- ☐ (0) Rent (GO TO QUESTION 103)
☐ (1) Own

102. If I want to sell a house like yours, how much can I sell it for?

- ☐ (Birr (GO TO QUESTION 104)
☐ (-98) (Don't know (GO TO QUESTION 104)
☐ (-99) (Refused to answer (GO TO QUESTION 104)

103. What is your monthly rent?

_____ Birr

104. [Enumerator: *If this village does not have electricity, go to section 6D*]

105. Does this house have electricity?

- ☐ (0) No (GO TO SECTION 6D)
☐ (1) Yes

106. How much was your last household electric bill ?

_____ Birr per month

_____ (-98) Don't know

a. ☐ (1) ((Electricity is included in rent)

107. (*IF THE ELECTRIC BILL IS SHARED*), What is your household's share of the electric bill?

_____ Birr per month

____ (-98) Don't know

6d. Cooking

108. What is the main fuel you use for cooking? (*Enumerator: Do not read list. Tick only one response.*)

- ____ (1) Dung
____ (2) Firewood
____ (3) Crop residue
____ (4) Kerosene
____ (5) Charcoal
____ (6) Electricity ____ (-95) _____ Other (please specify)

6e. Credit market

109. If you wanted to borrow 100 Birr from a local money lender for one month (**not** from a family member), how easy would this be?

- ____ (0) Quite easy to do
____ (1) Possible, but not easy
____ (2) Impossible (GO TO QUESTION 111)
____ (-98) Not Sure (GO TO QUESTION 111)

110. How many Birr would you have to pay in addition after one month?

- ____ Birr (additional)
____ (-98) Not Sure

111. Have you done any of the following in the last year? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- a. ____ deposited cash in a bank
b. ____ deposited cash with the REST credit scheme
c. ____ purchased livestock with the intention of selling them in the future for more money
d. ____ sent your children or other members of the household (including adults) to school or training classes
e. ____ None

112. Have you borrowed money from the following sources in the last year? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- a. ____ Family/friends
b. ____ moneylender
c. ____ bank or credit institution
d. ____ None

Credit

113. I want you to suppose that a private rural bank opened in [name of nearby town _____], and that this bank was willing to take make loans. Suppose that the bank were willing to make you a loan of 100 Birr. You would be required to pay back [150,200,350] Birr in [1,2,5] years, in order to pay back this loan. Under these loan conditions, and given your current situation, would you want to borrow 100 Birr; or would you prefer not to borrow?

Yes, I would borrow 100 Birr now, and repay [100,200,350] Birr in [1,2,5] (GO TO QUESTION 114)

____ No, I would not borrow 100 Birr now (GO TO QUESTION 115)

____ Don't know/Not sure (GO TO SECTION 6F)

114. If yes, why?

- a. ____ Lower repayment than other sources
b. ____ I can't borrow from anywhere else
c. ____ Other (please specify): _____

(GO TO SECTION 6F)

115. If no, why not?

- a. _____ The loan is too small
- b. _____ The amount I would repay is too much
- c. _____ I would prefer not to spend more money than I have right now
- d. _____ I don't believe that the bank would lend to me
- e. _____ I would rather borrow money from somewhere else
- f. _____ Other (please specify): _____

6f. Weekly expenditures

Next I'd like to ask you about things you spend your money on each week.

116. About how much of your household's food do you grow yourself?

- _____ (0) Very little/none
- _____ (1) About half
- _____ (2) Almost all
- _____ (-98) Don't know

117. About how much money does your household spend per week on food (not including own production)?

- _____ Birr per week
- _____ (-98) Not Sure

6g. Household Income

118. How would you classify the economic status of your household relative to others in this village?

- _____ (2) Much better than most people (rich)
- _____ (1) Better than most people (relatively well off)
- _____ (0) About average
- _____ (-1) Below average (poor)
- _____ (-2) Much worse than average (very poor)
- _____ (-98) Don't know

119. What was the off-farm income of all members of this household last year? (*Note: Do not include income from agricultural products and include rental income if household rents rooms.*)

- _____ Birr per year
- _____ (-98) Don't know

120. Do you receive money from family members or friends who live outside of Ethiopia?

- _____ (0) No
- _____ (1) Yes

121. How many quintals of grain did you produce last year for each of the following crops:

- a. _____ SorghumNo. of quintals
- b. _____ Finger millet No. of quintals
- c. _____ TeffNo. of quintals
- d. _____ WheatNo. of quintals
- e. _____ PulsesNo. of quintals
- f. _____ Oil cropsNo. of quintals
- g. _____ OtherNo. of quintals

122. Over the next five years, how do you think your household's economic situation will change?

- _____ (2) Certainly improve greatly
- _____ (1) Probably improve somewhat
- _____ (0) No change
- _____ (-1) Probably decline somewhat
- _____ (-2) Certainly get much worse
- _____ (-98) Don't Know / Not sure

Do you agree or disagree; or, are you neutral about the following statements:

123. If I take care of myself, I can avoid illness

____ (-1) Disagree

____ (0) Neutral

____ (1) Agree

124. Do you live pretty much for today and let tomorrow take care of itself?

____ (-1) Disagree

____ (0) Neutral

____ (1) Agree

____ (-98) Don't know

125. Do you believe that it is not always wise to plan too far ahead because things turn out to be a matter of good or bad luck?

____ (-1) Disagree

____ (0) Neutral

____ (1) Agree

____ (-98) Don't know

6h. Household Assets

(Enumerator: In each category, indicate the number of items owned by the respondent. If household does not have an item, enter zero.)

Could you tell me if someone in your household owns a(n) (category name)? (If YES), How many do you (he, she) own?

Animals:

126. ____ Chickens

127. ____ Goats

128. ____ Sheep

129. ____ Oxen

130. ____ Other Cattle

131. ____ Donkey

132. ____ Camel

133. ____ Horse

134. ____ Mule

135. ____ Beehives :

Household Goods:

136. ____ Kerosene lamp

137. ____ Coleman lantern with pump

138. ____ Beds

139. ____ Radio

140. ____ Bicycle

141. What is your religion?

____ (1) Christianity

____ (2) Islam

____ (3) Judaism

____ (-95) _____)Other (specify)

142. How old are you?

_____ years

7. Debriefing Questions

143.a When I described to you the bednet impregnated with insecticide, I said that it would reduce the chance of you getting malaria if you used it properly. When you answered the question about purchasing the bednet, did you assume that this was really possible?

- _____ (0) Not at all possible
_____ (1) Assumed it was possible
_____ (-98) Didn't know, not sure not possible

143b. Now I want you to think about which kind of protection from malaria is more effective. There is no right or wrong answer, I really want to know what you think. Suppose that you had the choice between a bednet and a spraying program. Which one would you choose and why?

- _____ (0) Bednet
_____ (1) Spraying program
_____ (-98) Assumed it was possible

143c. Why?

Could you tell me the average price of the following items in this village at the present time?

144. _____ Charcoal (30-40 kilogram sack)
145. _____ Goat
146. _____ Sheep
147. _____ Ox
148. _____ Sugar
149. _____ Coffee
150. _____ Cooking oil (1 liter)
151. _____ Chicken (live)
152. _____ egg (1)
153. _____ local beer
154. _____ local beer
155. _____ Bottle of beer
156. _____ Cola or other soft drink (not imported)
157. _____ 1 1 liter of kerosene
158. _____ Pack of Cigarettes
159. _____ 10 10 tablets of chloroquine

160. At this time, what is the daily wage rate for an unskilled, healthy laborer here in .. (e.g., a construction or farm worker)?

- _____ Birr per day
_____ (-98) Don't know

In this survey, I have asked you if you would be willing to pay for a method to protect you from getting malaria. As you may know, we are interviewing other people in your community and asking them the same question. However, some people in your community may have been asked if they would be willing to pay for the method at a different price than you were asked. We are asking people to respond to different prices to see how they would respond. Do not worry that you might have been asked a higher or lower price than someone else who participated in our study.

This is the end of our interview. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

161. _____ Time ended:

FOR ENUMERATOR ONLY:

(Enumerator: Do not ask respondent these questions. Observe and answer yourself.)

What material(s) were used to build the main house? *(Check all that apply.)*

162. Walls:

- _____ (1) Stone
- _____ (2) Wood
- _____ (3) Cement blocks
- _____ (4) Bricks
- _____ (5) Mud
- _____ (6) Metal
- _____ (-95) _____)Other (specify:

163. Floor:

- _____ (1) Flat stones
- _____ (2) Concrete
- _____ (3) Dirt / Mud
- _____ (-95) _____)Other (specify)

164. Roof:

- _____ (1) Corrugated iron
- _____ (2) Thatching materials
- _____ (3) Wood and timber (local type)
- _____ (4) Mud
- _____ (-95) _____)Other (specify)

165. *(If the house does have windows)* Do any windows have glass panes?

- _____ (0) No
- _____ (1) Yes

166. What kind of door does the house have?

- _____ (1) Wooden
- _____ (2) Metal
- _____ (-95) Other

167. Does the door have a lock?

- _____ (0) No
- _____ (1) Yes

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Assessment of the interview

168. Was the person who answered the questions irritated or nervous during the interview?

- _____ (0) No
- _____ (1) Yes

169. Do you think the respondent made an effort to tell the truth about the willingness-to-pay questions?

- _____ (0) No
- _____ (1) Yes

170. How would you rate the overall quality of the interview?

- _____ (1) Good
- _____ (0) Fair
- _____ (-1) Poor

171. How many adults were listening while you conducted this interview with the respondent?

_____ No. of adults

Vaccine Scenario

Now I would like to ask you what it would be worth to you to prevent getting malaria. For many years doctors have been working to develop a vaccine that would prevent people from getting malaria. A vaccine is a medicine that prevents a person from getting a disease. A person takes a vaccine before they get sick.

V1. Has anyone in your household ever received any type of vaccine?

_____ (0) No (SKIP NEXT QUESTION)

_____ (1) Yes

_____ (-98) Don't know/Not sure (SKIP NEXT QUESTION)

What types of vaccines have they received? (*Enumerator: check all that apply*)

V2. _____ Small pox

V3. _____ Cholera

V4. _____ Polio

V5. _____ Other

Research for a malaria vaccine has not yet been successful; and there may never be a vaccine to protect against malaria. However, we would like to know what you would do if you could buy such a vaccine. Imagine that there is a vaccine for malaria even though this is not true.

Assume this vaccine would completely prevent you from getting malaria, and you would not need any other protection or treatment for malaria. You could have this vaccine as either a pill or injection and both would be completely effective against malaria. This means that you would not face the risk of missing work because of malaria or of having to buy medicine. You would not face the risk of fever or other symptoms of malaria.

Suppose it was possible for members of your household to get this vaccine. Assume that the government could not give the vaccine for free, so you would have to buy it.

Now I want to ask you whether your household would buy this vaccine against malaria if it were available for a price. There is no right or wrong answer. We really want to know what you think. Remember, the vaccine against malaria would completely prevent you from getting malaria for one year. After one year it would be necessary to buy and receive another vaccination to prevent getting malaria during the next year. Some people say that they would not pay for the vaccine because they have more important things to spend their money on, or because they feel they could prevent malaria in other ways. For example, they may spray their homes to kill mosquitoes *or they may sleep under bednets*.

This is a bednet [*Enumerator: show bednet to respondent*].

B1. Do you normally use a bednet?

_____ (0) No

_____ (1) Yes (SKIP NEXT QUESTION)

_____ (-98) Don't know (SKIP NEXT QUESTION)

B2. Why not? (*Enumerator: Mark first response only.*)

_____ (1) Too expensive

_____ (2) Too time consuming/inconvenient

_____ (3) Not applicable to me

_____ (4) Not aware of it

_____ (5) Not available

_____ (6) Malaria not a problem where I live

_____ (7) Not effective

_____ (-95) _____ Other: (please specify)

Other people say they would not buy the vaccine because they believe the malaria situation here is not so bad and if they got malaria, they could treat it by taking chloroquine. However, if you bought the vaccine you would not have to do other things to prevent or treat malaria and you would also avoid the pain and suffering of the sickness.

V6. Suppose the price of each vaccine against malaria was [5/20/40/100/200] Birr. Would your household buy one or more vaccines at this price?

- _____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION V16)
 _____ (1) Yes
 _____ (-98) I don't really know/Not sure (GO TO SECTION 5)

V7. How many vaccinations would your household buy?

_____ No. of vaccinations

V8. You said that your household would choose to buy _____ vaccinations against malaria at [5/20/40/100/200] Birr per vaccinations. The vaccinations would cost your household a total of _____ Birr. Could your household really afford to pay this much?

Number of vaccinations							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Price = 5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
Price = 20	20	40	60	80	100	120	140
Price = 40	40	80	120	160	200	240	280
Price = 100	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
Price=200	200	400	600	800	1000	1200	1400

- _____ (0) No
 _____ (1) Yes (GO TO V10)
 _____ (-98) Don't know/not sure (GO TO SECTION 5)

V9. How many vaccinations would you buy?

_____ No. of vaccinations

V10. How confident are you that you would really buy this many vaccinations?

- _____ (0) Not at all sure
 _____ (1) Somewhat sure
 _____ (2) Very sure

V11. How many of these vaccinations would be for adults in your household?

_____ Number of vaccinations for adults

V12. How many of these vaccinations would be for teenagers in your household?

_____ Number of vaccinations for teenagers

V13. How many of these vaccinations would be for children in your household?

_____ Number of vaccinations for children

V14. How would you are members of your household prefer to take the vaccine: by pill or by injection?

- _____ (1) By pill
 _____ (2) By injection
 _____ (3) Respondent is indifferent (GO TO SECTION 5)
 _____ (-98) Don't know (GO TO SECTION 5)

V15. Why?

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GO TO SECTION 5

V16. How confident are you that you would really not buy the vaccination?

- _____ (0) Not at all sure
_____ (1) Somewhat sure
_____ (2) Very sure

V17. Why would you not buy the vaccination? [RECORD RESPONSE.]

[The following debriefing questions will appear at the end of the questionnaire.]

V18. When I described to you the vaccine against malaria, I said that it would be 100 percent effective in preventing malaria for one year. When you answered the question about purchasing the vaccine, did you assume that this was really possible?

- _____ (0) Not at all possible
_____ (1) Assumed it was possible.
_____ (-98) Didn't know / Not sure

Bednet Scenario

Now I would like to ask you what it would be worth to you to prevent getting malaria. One way that malaria can be prevented is by sleeping under a bednet. This is a bednet *[Enumerator: show bednet to respondent]*.

B1. Do you normally use a bednet?

- ☐ (0) No
- ☐ (1) Yes (SKIP B2)
- ☐ (-98) Don't know/Not sure

B2. Why not? *(Enumerator: Mark first response only.)*

- ☐ (1) Too expensive
- ☐ (2) Too time consuming/inconvenient
- ☐ (3) Not applicable to me
- ☐ (4) Not aware of it
- ☐ (5) Not available
- ☐ (6) Malaria not a problem where I live
- ☐ (7) Not effective
- ☐ (-95) _____ Other: (please specify)

Before I tell you about bednets, I want you to know that we do not have enough bednets to provide them to people in your village now. However, we are interested in whether people in this village would want to buy bednets. People hang the nets over their beds in their houses, just like in this picture *[Enumerator: show picture]*. By sleeping under the nets at night, people protect themselves from being bitten by mosquitoes and other insects. The net keeps the mosquitoes away from you. The bednet is even more effective when it has been soaked with a chemical that kills insects such as mosquitoes, bed bugs, lice and flies that get near the bednet. The insecticide on these bednets does not harm people and it lasts for about one year. Once a year the bednet must be soaked in insecticide again to make it effective. It is also important not to wash the bednet or the insecticide will be washed off. For bednets to be effective, people must stay under them from dusk until dawn, which is the time when mosquitoes that carry the malaria parasite are most likely bite. You may still catch malaria because you may be bitten by a mosquito when you are not under the net.

Do you have any questions? Yes/No *[Enumerator: If yes, record the question(s) the respondent asked:]*

Using a bednet reduces the chances of getting malaria and other diseases. Research in other parts of Africa has shown that bednets are particularly effective in reducing deaths among children. For example, in Kenya it was found that bednets reduced deaths among children by one third. That means that for every three children that would have died one was saved when they used bednets soaked in insecticide. It has also been found that families who use bednets have less sickness and do not have to spend as much money to prevent and treat malaria. Some households buy only one net and use it for the children. Some households buy only one net and use it for the adults. Other households buy more than one net. Suppose that people in your community could buy bednets impregnated with insecticide for a price. Now I want to ask you if your household would purchase one or more bednets if the Health Bureau were to deliver them to your village. This does not mean that other community control measures such as spraying insecticides will be stopped. There is no right or wrong answer; we really want to know what you think. Remember, the bednet will protect you only when you are sleeping under it. After one year it will be necessary to re-impregnate the bednet. This will cost about 5 birr each year and the bednet will last about 4 years. Some people say they would not pay for bednets because they have more important things to spend their money on, or because they feel they could prevent malaria in other ways. For example, they may take medicine before they get sick, or they may to spray their homes to try and kill mosquitoes. Other people would not buy bednets because they believe the malaria situation here is not so bad, and if they got malaria, they could treat it, for example, by taking chloroquine. However, if you bought bednets there is a good chance that you would not get malaria in the first place. Suppose that the price of a bednet was [8/20/40/100/160] Birr. You would pay for it in 4 equal payments. You would pay [2/5/10/25/40] Birr per month for 4 months, for a total of [8/20/40/100/160] Birr.

B3. Would your household purchase any bednets if each bednet cost [8/20/40/100/160] Birr?

- _____ (0) No (GO TO QUESTION B13)
_____ (1) Yes
_____ (-98) Don't know/not sure (GO TO SECTION 5)

B4. If yes, how many would your household buy?

_____ No. of bednets

B5. You said that your household would choose to pay for _____ bednets. At [8/20/40/100/160] Birr per bednet, the bednets would cost your household a total of _____ Birr or 4 equal payments of _____.

Could your household really afford to pay this much?

- _____ (0) No
_____ (1) Yes (GO TO B7)

B6. If no, how many bednets would you buy?

_____ No of bednets (if 0, GO TO SECTION 5)

B7. How confident are you that you would really buy this many bednets?

- _____ (0) Not sure at all
_____ (1) Somewhat sure
_____ (2) Very sure

B8. How many people in your household would sleep under these bednets?

_____ No. of people

B9. How many of these are children?

_____ No. of children

B10. How many of these are teenagers?

_____ No. of teenagers

B11. How many of these are adults?

_____ No. of adults

(Enumerator: Add the responses to questions B9, B10, B11 and check that the sum is the same as the response to question B8)

_____ Total of questions B9, B10, B11

B12. What was the main reason that you decided to buy bednets?

- _____ (1) To prevent malaria
_____ (2) To prevent diseases other than malaria
_____ (3) To avoid being bothered by insects and other pests while sleeping
_____ (4) For privacy
_____ (-95) _____ Other

B13. How confident are you that you would really **not** buy bednets ?

- _____ (0) Not sure at all
_____ (1) Somewhat sure
_____ (2) Very sure

B14. You said you would not be willing to buy a bednet. Please tell me why *[enumerator please record response]*.

[The following debriefing question will appear at the end of the questionnaire.]

B. When I described to you the bednet impregnated with insecticide, I said that it would reduce the chance of you getting malaria if you used it properly. When you answered the question about purchasing the bednet, did you assume that this was really possible?

_____ Not at all possible

_____ Didn't know, not sure not possible

_____ Assumed it was possible

APPENDIX II. Tables

Table A1. Means and Standard Deviations of Variables, Vaccine Models

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Number of nets purchased	569	1.45	2.19	0	10
Price (Birr)	569	68.30	68.22	5	200
Log income (Thousand Birr)	569	2.40	0.84	-1	4
Missing wage (1 if no wage)	569	0.28	0.45	0	1
Number of teenagers	569	0.81	0.91	0	4
Number of children	569	1.95	1.35	0	6
Household dir. cost of illness (Birr)	569	18.25	16.48	0	68
Married (1 if married)	569	0.82	0.39	0	1
Gender (1 if female)	569	0.53	0.50	0	1
Read (1 if read easily)	569	0.38	0.49	0	1
Age (years)	569	42.56	14.25	17	95
Alt (hundred meters)	569	16.80	1.54	14	19
Household size	569	5.09	2.00	1	11

Table A1. Means and Standard Deviations of Variables, Vaccine Models (continued)

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
HSIZE2	569	0.07	0.25	0	1
HSIZE3	569	0.12	0.32	0	1
HSIZE4	569	0.17	0.38	0	1
HSIZE5	569	0.20	0.40	0	1
HSIZE6	569	0.17	0.37	0	1
HSIZE7	569	0.14	0.34	0	1
HSIZE8	569	0.06	0.24	0	1
HSIZE9	569	0.04	0.21	0	1
Inam_2	569	0.03	0.18	0	1
Inam_3	569	0.04	0.20	0	1
Inam_4	569	0.09	0.29	0	1
Inam_5	569	0.08	0.27	0	1
Inam_6	569	0.09	0.28	0	1
Inam_7	569	0.08	0.27	0	1
Inam_8	569	0.03	0.18	0	1
Inam_9	569	0.04	0.20	0	1
Inam_10	569	0.04	0.19	0	1
Inam_11	569	0.09	0.28	0	1
Inam_12	569	0.04	0.20	0	1
Inam_13	569	0.04	0.19	0	1
Inam_14	569	0.04	0.19	0	1
Inam_16	569	0.04	0.20	0	1
Inam_17	569	0.10	0.30	0	1
Inam_18	569	0.05	0.22	0	1
Inam_19	569	0.04	0.20	0	1

Table A2. Household Size and Enumerator Effects for Hypothetical Vaccine Models

Variable	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
DIhh_2	0.757** 0.382	1.000* 0.546	0.298 0.594
DIhh_3	0.838** 0.366	0.887* 0.541	-0.106 0.581
DIhh_4	1.200** 0.377	1.309** 0.579	0.218 0.588
DIhh_5	1.148** 0.389	1.295** 0.606	0.110 0.592
DIhh_6	1.041** 0.423	1.177* 0.685	-0.174 0.608
DIhh_7	0.677 0.459	0.820 0.759	-0.684 0.623
DIhh_8	1.180** 0.489	1.391* 0.833	-0.094 0.635
DIhh_9	0.927b 0.549	1.225 0.947	-0.339 0.660
Iname_2	-0.368 0.340	-0.266 0.520	-0.309 0.434
Iname_3	0.898** 0.216	1.366** 0.424	1.689** 0.200
Iname_4	-0.799** 0.247	-0.833** 0.397	-1.043** 0.192
Iname_5	-0.608** 0.261	-0.600 0.431	-0.767** 0.221
Iname_6	0.745** 0.222	1.298** 0.403	1.381** 0.185
Iname_7	-0.831** 0.291	-0.974** 0.466	-0.875** 0.222
Iname_8	0.050 0.277	0.332 0.478	0.122 0.268
Iname_9	-0.157 0.281	0.090 0.489	-0.094 0.293
Iname_10	0.662** 0.254	0.754* 0.469	1.176** 0.224
Iname_11	-0.415* 0.254	-0.339 0.416	-0.526* 0.206

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Table A2. Household Size and Enumerator Effects for Hypothetical Vaccine Models
(continued)

Variable	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
Iname_12	-0.363 0.293	-0.263 0.477	-0.324 0.248
Iname_13	0.662** 0.250	1.039** 0.451	1.260** 0.211
Iname_14	0.477** 0.238	0.818* 0.441	0.863** 0.192
Iname_16	-1.680** 0.459	-1.485** 0.603	-1.721** 0.338
Iname_17	-0.018 0.236	-0.073 0.409	0.064 0.196
Iname_18	0.055 0.268	0.108 0.452	0.138 0.212
Iname_19	0.541** 0.239	1.012** 0.439	1.036** 0.188

Notes: Standard errors in small font.

** Significant at the 5% level

* Significant at the 10% level

Table A3. Means and Standard Deviations of Variables, Bednet Models

Variable	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Number of nets purchased	279	1.07	1.14	0	9
Price (Birr)	279	44.89	32.78	8	100
Log income (Thousand Birr)	279	1.97	1.23	-4	4
Missing wage (1 if no wage)	279	0.39	0.49	0	1
Number teenagers	279	0.56	0.78	0	4
Number of children	279	1.74	1.33	0	5
Household cost of illness (Birr)	279	22.26	16.45	0	97
Married (1 if married)	279	0.70	0.46	0	1
Gender (1 if female)	279	0.66	0.47	0	1
Read (1 if read easily)	279	0.53	0.50	0	1
Age (years)	279	41.04	15.04	16	80
Alt (hundred meters)	279	16.51	1.89	12	19
Household size	279	4.53	2.03	1	12

Table A3. Means and Standard Deviations of Variables, Bednet Models (continued)

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
H SIZE2	279	0.13	0.33	0	1
H SIZE3	279	0.15	0.35	0	1
H SIZE4	279	0.21	0.41	0	1
H SIZE5	279	0.18	0.38	0	1
H SIZE6	279	0.12	0.33	0	1
H SIZE7	279	0.11	0.31	0	1
H SIZE8	279	0.04	0.19	0	1
H SIZE9	279	0.03	0.17	0	1
Inam_2	279	0.06	0.24	0	1
Inam_3	279	0.08	0.26	0	1
Inam_4	279	0.00	0.00	0	0
Inam_5	279	0.00	0.00	0	0
Inam_6	279	0.00	0.00	0	0
Inam_7	279	0.00	0.00	0	0
Inam_8	279	0.08	0.28	0	1
Inam_9	279	0.09	0.29	0	1
Inam_10	279	0.09	0.28	0	1
Inam_11	279	0.00	0.06	0	1
Inam_12	279	0.08	0.27	0	1
Inam_13	279	0.08	0.27	0	1
Inam_14	279	0.09	0.29	0	1
Inam_16	279	0.08	0.28	0	1
Inam_17	279	0.00	0.06	0	1
Inam_18	279	0.09	0.29	0	1
Inam_19	279	0.09	0.28	0	1

Table A4. Household Size and Enumerator Effects for Bednet Models

Variable	Poisson	Negative Binomial	Truncated Poisson
DIhh_2	-0.227 0.446	-0.227 0.447	-0.971 0.732
DIhh_3	0.230 0.442	0.230 0.443	-0.626 0.709
DIhh_4	-0.239 0.482	-0.239 0.483	-1.256 0.733
DIhh_5	0.101 0.523	0.101 0.523	-0.914 0.794
DIhh_6	0.367 0.563	0.367 0.563	-0.628 0.866
DIhh_7	0.296 0.641	0.296 0.641	-0.714 0.959
DIhh_8	0.110 0.732	0.110 0.730	-0.876 1.089
DIhh_9	0.885 0.802	0.885 0.802	-0.039 1.192
Iname_2	-0.203 0.319	-0.203 0.319	-0.202 0.409
Iname_3	0.500* 0.278	0.500* 0.277	0.588* 0.347
Iname_8	0.126 0.302	0.126 0.302	0.126 0.373
Iname_9	0.430 0.303	0.430 0.304	0.439 0.386
Iname_10	-0.064 0.331	-0.064 0.332	-0.123 0.430
Iname_12	-0.784** 0.368	-0.784* 0.367	-0.838** 0.408
Iname_13	-0.059 0.333	-0.059 0.333	-0.090 0.460
Iname_14	0.412 0.266	0.412b 0.266	0.512 0.337
Iname_16	-0.916** 0.408	-0.916** 0.407	-1.052** 0.463
Iname_18	-0.135 0.336	-0.135 0.337	-0.185 0.405
Iname_19	-0.032 0.305	-0.032 0.305	-0.091 0.445

Notes: Standard errors in small font.

** Significant at the 5% level

* Significant at the 10% level