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Over 400 houses painted with anti-mosquito

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MORE than 400 houses have been painted by Kansai Paint Limited with Plascon Anti mosquito paint in five districts by Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) in partnership with the Government in a bid to eliminate malaria.

Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Hidenobu Sobashima said the fight against malaria requires concerted efforts as the Government alone could not win the fight against the disease.

Mr Sobashima said his government through JICA supports the country in its vision of eliminating malaria by 2021 through corporations with various business entities.

The ambassador said this yesterday when he toured some households in Mansa District that were painted with the anti mosquito paint under the pilot project.

And Kansai Plascon Zambia Limited (KPZ) operations manager Goodson Mwenso said Plascon anti mosquito paint was a healthy painter and would help save lives, especially children under five years who were the most vulnerable to the disease.

Mr Mwenso said the anti mosquito paint pilot project was being undertaken in five districts namely Mansa, Kapiiri Mposhi, Mkushi, Petauke and Siavonga.

He said the five districts where malaria prone and that Plascon anti mosquito paint was very affordable

and had a duration of 15 years.

Mr Mwenso said Plascon anti mosquito paint was modified acrylic emulsion paint powered by unique mosquito knock down technology on contact giving the people a peace of mind.

"Statistics show that 70 per cent of deaths in children under the age of five are due to malaria this is why Kansai Plascon formulated the anti mosquito paint to help save lives," Mr Mwenso said.

He said under the field survey Kansai Paint Limited trained more than 200 painters in Lusaka and Mansa districts as part of its corporate social responsibility thereby empowering local people.

Meanwhile Plascon anti mosquito paint inventor Hirpyuki Nagano said about US\$1 million had been invested in the project whose aim was to save the lives of children under the age of five in Africa.

And Evelyn Sakala one of the people whose house was painted with the anti mosquito paint said her family was no longer experiencing malaria cases.

Ms Sakala said before the house was painted at least two malaria cases would be recorded in the family which was a huge cost.

She said the family had not experienced any malaria cases after the house was painted three months ago and there were no side effects except the strong scent that lasted for two days.

'Continue using condoms'

By MUNAMBEZA
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ADOLESCENTS in
Southern Province have

against HIV and other
Sexually Transmitted
Infections (STIs) and
early pregnancies.

this during a meeting on
condom promotion in
Choma yesterday.

Ms Maseko warned that
adolescents were still at

Health Survey, 36 per cent
of females and 43 per cent
of males aged between
15 and 19 used condoms
during sexual intercourse

port investments in
erent sectors.

Ir Kabwe said a
anaian firm in the
tile industry was
o in the province
explore investment
ortunities in textile
ile a Turkish firm
s in the country
d interested in
structing a lodge in
tambo district.

he Ghanaian company
s one of the leading
ns in Ghana's textile
ustry and was looking
ways of expanding its
rations to include a
sence in Zambia.

Ir Kabwe said an
litional five foreign
sed firms that

attended the Expo were
still roaming Ngabwe,
Itezhi Tezhi, Luano,
Mkushi and Serenje
assessing investment
opportunities in the
stated places.

Having started the
process of marketing
Central Province, the
Government was now
urging locals to consider
venturing into building
lodges to help meet the
accommodation deficit
in different parts of the
province.

Mr Kabwe said,
although the Government
planned to construct
1,000 bed-capacity
lodges in Chitambo, locals
and foreign investors

should consider forming
partnerships and build
lodges to adequately
cushion the deficit
in accommodation,
especially that business
was booming.

He said so far about
28 kilometers of pole
line had been installed
in Chitambo, stressing
that the annual largest
bat migration in the
world which happens
in the area created an
opportunity for people
who own lodges to make
money.

"If you are a Zambian
we are offering an
incentive; come and we
will give you the land,
for building a lodge.
We want to encourage
more people to invest in
lodges and also we want