

Title: Integrated community case management for malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea

Investigators: The inSCALE study group (contact person Karin Källander)

Introduction: Hello!! I am _____ working with Malaria Consortium. You are being asked to take part in this research study because you have at least one child between 2 months and 5 years old and you live in the Mid Western Region. Malaria Consortium is trying to determine the proportion of children with malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea who get prompt and appropriate treatment from the Village Health Team (VHT). The information you provide is valuable and will be kept strictly confidential. Before you can decide whether or not to take part in this study, we would like to explain the purpose of the research study, any risk to your child, and what is expected of you. Your participation in this study is voluntary and will not affect the care and treatment you or your child receives. Before you learn about the study, it is important that you know the following:

- 1) Taking part in this study is of your own free will
 - 2) You may decide not to take part in the study or stop being in the study at any time.
- It will not make any difference to your care now or in the future or to any benefits that you are allowed.

Your rights: In this form you will be given information concerning the study. You will be lead through this form and you will be given an opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding the study. Once all your questions have been answered you will be asked to sign a form. Your participation in the study is on a voluntary basis therefore you are free to participate or not to participate. You should also feel free not to answer any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering.

Study: About 2400 primary caretakers of children aged 2 months to 5 years in 240 villages in the Mid Western Region will participate in this study. The purpose of this study is to estimate the proportion of children with malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea who get prompt and appropriate treatment from the Village Health Team (VHT) in order to identify ways in which VHTs can be equipped to serve the community better.

Procedures: If you agree to participate in the study, we shall ask you, as a parent, some questions regarding the people who live in your household, particularly concerning the children under five years of age, the common illnesses they suffer from, the treatment they obtain and the places from which they obtain the treatment. We shall also ask you about VHT related activities and questions about care of the newborn child. If you are uncomfortable answering any of these questions, you may choose not to answer. Your name will be indicated on the paper but we assure you that all the information you provide will be strictly kept confidential. The interview/ questions will take no more than 2 hours of your time.

Sample Storage: The forms will be stored safely in the Malaria Consortium office in Hoima. The information will be entered into a computer and your confidentiality will be protected as these documents will not contain any of your personal information.

Risks: you might find some of the questions a little bit embarrassing but please let me know if I ask any question that makes you feel embarrassed.

Benefits: You may or may not directly benefit from this study but the information obtained will help the researchers to identify ways in which VHTs can better be equipped to serve the communities with the hope that child health will improve in the communities.

Problems or Questions: In case you have any questions regarding the study feel free to contact any of the following people:

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You can also meet them at Malaria consortium offices in Kampala at plot 25, East Naguru Road, Nuguru.

VOLUNTEER STATEMENT

I _____ have been asked to take part in the study entitled "Integrated community case management for malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea". The principal investigator or his designee has explained the research study, the testing that will be used, and the risks and danger that are involved. I have been given a chance to ask any questions that I have about the purpose of this research and what is expected from me. I am signing, OR marking with my thumbprint below to indicate my voluntary acceptance to take part in this study. I was given a signed copy of this consent form.

_____ SIGNATURE OR THUMBPRINT OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN	_____ DATE	_____ TIME
_____ SIGNATURE OF PERSON ADMINISTERING	_____ DATE	_____ TIME
_____ SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (IF PARTICIPANT IS UNABLE TO SIGN)	_____ DATE	_____ TIME