

ACCESS PROJECT

Objective:

The main objective of this project is to *improve access to effective malaria treatment and care through strengthened healthcare services and patients' resources*

ACCESS II Focus:

- 1) Strengthening routine supportive supervision and implementation of quality (malaria) case management in all health facilities through the Quality Improvement and Recognition Initiative (QIRI), as well as the introduction of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RTDs);
- 2) Intensifying community sensitization on correct and prompt malaria treatment with ALu, as well as the empowerment of patients to demand their rights and quality services;
- 3) Improving households' economic (income) base needed for improved health outcomes through strengthened CHF and micro-finance for income generation activities;
- 4) Enhancing the flow of the project's main findings and outcomes to the different stakeholders such as communities, district health authorities, national and international policy makers in order to influence access policies and practices.

Expected Outcomes:

- 1) Improved health seeking behaviour (especially for fever cases, but also other conditions such as pneumonia or malnutrition) and compliance with the recommended first line treatment for all malaria episodes among the population in Ulanga and Kilombero Districts;
- 2) Improved quality of care (case management in terms of diagnosis, prescription, treatment dosage, advice) in health facilities, especially for malaria cases;
- 3) Strengthened patients' position (patient's rights and duties, knowledge on appropriate quality of care and functionality of community health funds);
- 4) Strengthened household economic resources and as a corollary appropriate and timely utilization of healthcare services, especially for malaria care.

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