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# Case Management Working Group Update

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# *Case Management Working Group*

## Purpose and objectives

- ❑ To minimize wasteful duplication, maximize synergies, and encourage harmonisation and pooling of efforts for faster uptake and scale up of malaria case management strategies and interventions
- ❑ The main objectives of this group mirror the functions of the RBM partnership
  - **Convene: Provide a forum** for the dissemination of the normative and policy-setting guidelines of WHO and for sharing best practices for adaptation and implementation by international and country-level partners
  - **Support the scale up and implementation** of policies and strategies to ensure universal coverage and access to quality malaria case management in endemic countries
  - **Coordinate: Align and facilitate** collaboration between partners to avoid duplication and inefficiencies; sharing experiences and best practices; and identification of challenges or bottlenecks for discussion by the working group.

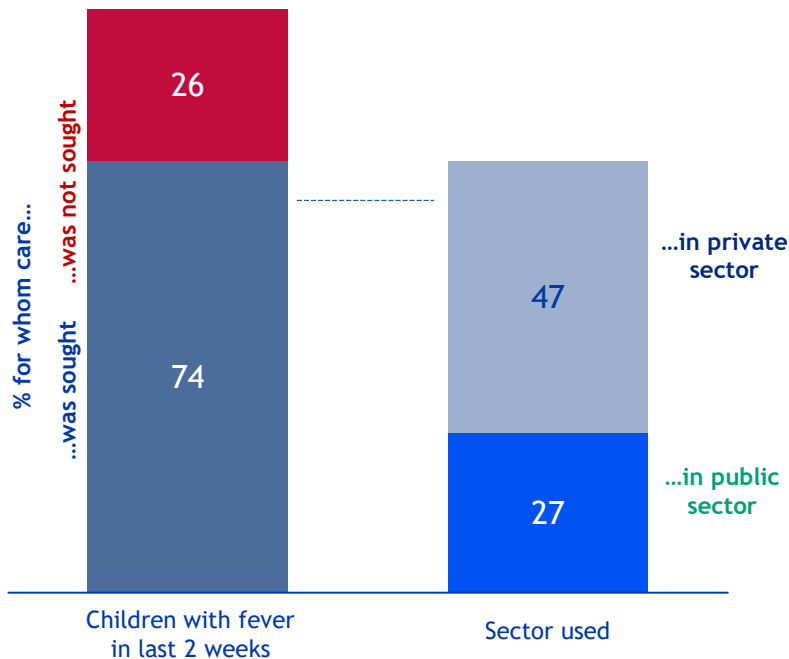
# Performance of Case Management Indicators 2020

Indicator	Median estimate	Lower bound	Upper bound	Median estimate	Lower bound	Upper bound
<b>Prevalence of fever</b>						
With fever in past 2 weeks	24.1%	18.3%	34.3%	20.6%	16.1%	30.9%
<b>Treatment seeking for fever</b>						
With fever in past 2 weeks for whom treatment was sought	63.5%	57.7%	71.6%	69.1%	56.3%	73.8%
<b>Source of treatment for fever among those who were treated</b>						
Public sector (health facility)	62.9%	52.8%	80.3%	71.0%	49.0%	85.0%
Public sector (community health worker)	2.0%	0.2%	3.4%	1.3%	0.4%	4.9%
Private sector (formal and informal)	39.1%	21.6%	50.3%	30.2%	16.3%	51.9%
<b>Diagnosis among those with fever and for whom care was sought</b>						
Received a finger or heel prick	15.4%	6.5%	26.9%	37.7%	17.8%	49.1%
<b>Use of ACTs among those for whom care was sought</b>						
Received treatment with ACTs	38.9%	23.6%	68.2%	80.5%	30.6%	93.4%
<b>Use of ACTs among those for whom care was sought and received a finger or heel prick</b>						
Received ACTs	18.9%	14.3%	37.7%	42.4%	17.1%	58.7%

ACT: artemisinin-based combination therapy.

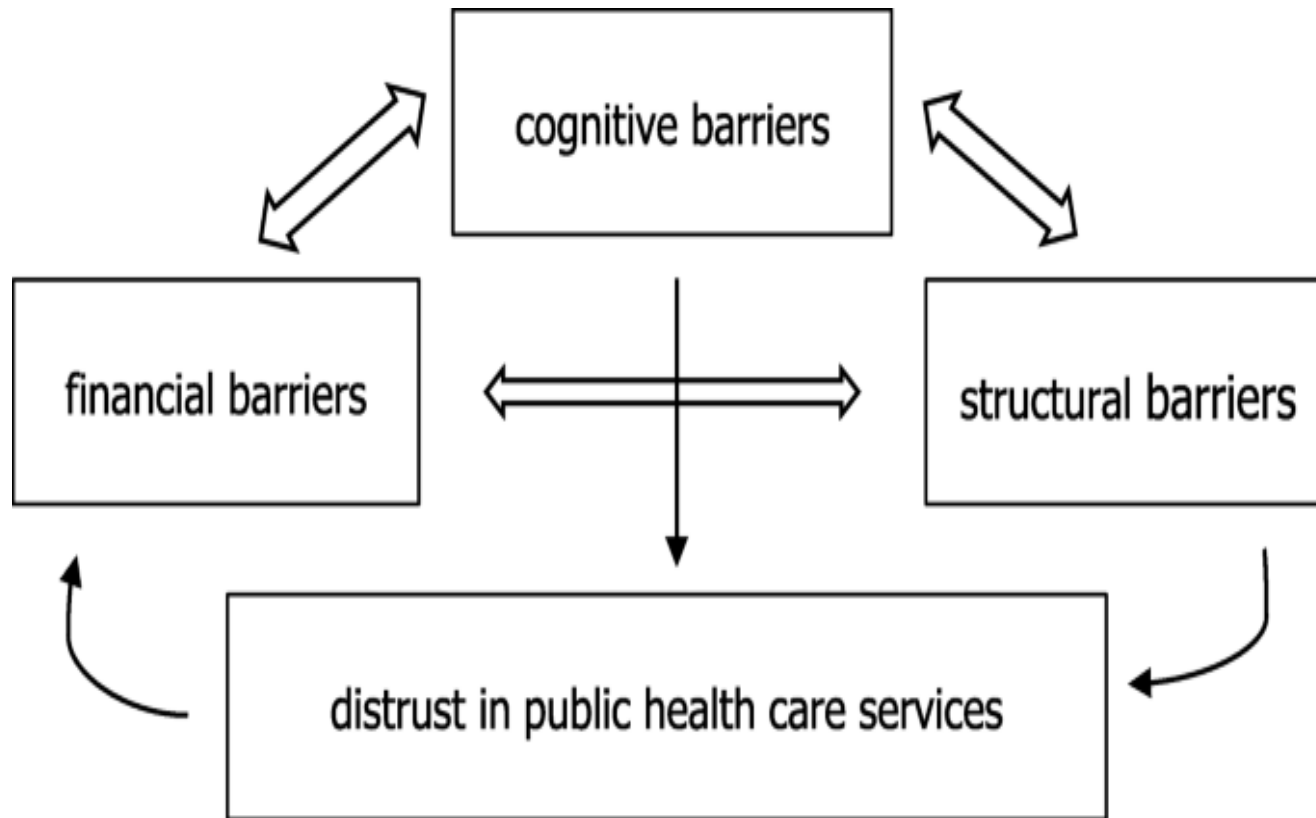
# Access to malaria case management – still a challenge

## Care seeking behavior for children with fever



- A quarter of children with fever don't have access to or seek care
- Poor households are least likely to access services for children with a fever
- Too many people still receive sub standard quality of care
- Reliance on private sector creates high out-of-pocket spending

# *Addressing barriers to access to case management*



SOURCE: <https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-020-05482-1>

**Through the continuum of care**

## *Bridging the access gap*

- Stratification
  - **Identification of unreached populations**
  - **Definition of barriers to access**
  - **Addressing the barriers – collaborative approaches**
- Quality of malaria case management care
  - **Diagnosis and appropriate treatment**
  - **Training/mentorship of HCWs on guidelines**
  - **Health worker and public education**
- Strengthening health system structures
  - **Referral systems**
  - **Supply chain management**
- Strategic information for decision making
  - **Systems and resources to collect quality data**



## *CMWG – Tools and Resources*

- ❑ Resources to be posted on the RBM Website CMWG webpage
- ❑ They include training materials, job-aids, best practices, assessment tools etc, and cover a variety of topics including:
  - Diagnosis and treatment in special groups
  - Private sector engagement in case management
  - Malaria elimination
  - Management of severe malaria
  - Community case management and programmes
  - Seasonal malaria chemoprevention
  - Tailoring malaria interventions in the COVID-19 response
- ❑ Links to a digital training courses for community-based health workers hosted on the ***Community Health Academy*** platform

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**<https://endmalaria.org/our-work-working-groups/case-management>**