



# Community Health Workers' Training Programmes in Preventing Malaria Among Children: An Analytical Review of South African Villages' Experiences,

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## Abstract

Community Health Workers (CHWs) play a critical role in malaria prevention among children in South African villages. Despite their importance, there is limited research on the effectiveness of CHW training programmes designed to prevent malaria. A qualitative study was conducted, analysing interviews with CHWs, village leaders, and local health officials from four South African villages where CHW training programmes were implemented between and . CHW training programmes led to a significant increase in the use of insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs) by families, with over 75% of households adopting ITN usage. However, there was variability in programme effectiveness across villages due to differences in local health infrastructure and community engagement. CHW training programmes can effectively reduce malaria cases among children when supported by robust community involvement and adequate resources. To enhance the impact of CHW training programmes, it is recommended that policymakers invest in strengthening local healthcare systems and increase funding for ITN distribution initiatives.

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