

DISSERTATION TITLE:
**CARETAKER'S ACTION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MALARIA TO THE
UNDERFIVES IN BAGAMOYO DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

The study to determine caretakers' actions in the management of malaria to under fives was carried in Bagamoyo district. It was a descriptive cross sectional study, which involved 163 respondents; the information was collected mainly using interviewer administered questionnaires with closed and open ended questions and two focus group discussions, each comprised of 10 caretakers.

The study evidenced that the majority of caretakers 103 (63.2%) were not aware of their new roles. The caretakers in this study were found to have existing cultural beliefs, negative perception on the current first line drug ALu. Majority of caretakers were found to have moderate to high level of knowledge on signs and symptoms of malaria, also low level of knowledge on the danger signs of malaria and poor health seeking behaviours, which are the most significant barriers that impede the caretakers from taking appropriate care to their underfives when they suffer from malaria in Bagamoyo District.

CHMT to develop health education plan for educating the caretakers on taking the appropriate actions when their underfives have malaria, by putting into effect the strategy of community accessing informations on the new malaria drug policy through the distribution of IEC materials like posters, leaflets and radio programs.

Finally the health education model which will be used is BASNEF; this modal will be employed to device the health education as it covers most factors influencing human behavior.