Community engagement

- Community entry meeting with chiefs and elders
- Community durbar with wider community including meetings with women’s groups

Recruiting cases in the hospital paediatric ward

1. Brief discussion with child’s mother or carer about the purpose of blood-drawing
2. Detailed discussion about research process with mother or carer when the child’s condition has improved
3. Consent of parent or carer sought and documented

Recruiting matched controls in the community

1. Brief discussion about purpose of visit with compound head and permission sought to enter compound
2. Detailed discussion about research with household head (usually child’s father) and the child’s mother
3. Consent of parent or guardian sought and documented