Mosquitoes

• “When there are many mosquitoes, they bite you and you catch malaria.” (woman, late 50s)
• “What I was told, in fact, is that is the reason they gave me a net is because of mosquitoes. If mosquitoes bite you, you get malaria.” (man, early 40s)

Mosquitoes, mediated by environment

• “During the rainy season, when water collects somewhere then stays for a long time it breeds mosquitoes then when they bite someone they bring malaria.” (woman, late 20s)
• “Malaria is brought by mosquitoes, if they are many and there is stagnant water somewhere that is not poured out...” (woman, mid-30s)
• “Failure to clear bush outside leads to mosquitoes.” (woman, early 20s)
• “In my opinion, malaria is caused by mosquitoes or dirty water if it is stagnant somewhere. Mosquitoes breed from there where they bite people causing malaria. It is mosquitoes and dirty water that cause malaria.” (man, mid-30s)

Bad Food and water consumption

• “If you eat something bad, that which has stayed for a long time brings malaria.” (woman, late 20s)
• “One can drink water which is contaminated, but you cannot know. If you drink this water, it can cause malaria in your body. What I know that can also cause malaria is when you eat dirty food.” (man, early 50s)
• “According to me, it is not mosquitoes alone that bring malaria. I do not know how to explain that, but what I can say is that if you use bad food, you will get malaria.” (woman, mid-40s)

Cold and rain

• “If it has rained, it is advisable that you wear warm clothes so that you do not contract malaria.” (woman, early 20s)
• “Cold, when it is very cold and you step down, the cold gets in through your feet.” (woman, early 20s)
• “When it has rained and there is dirty water all over, if you walk in those dirty puddles you get malaria. Also the morning dew causes malaria, and it passes through the cracks of your feet and brings malaria.” (man, mid-40s)
• “Sometimes if you walk in the evening, particularly me, I feel cold if I have not worn a sweater. If I use cold water without warming it, I get malaria.” (woman, mid-40s)