

Community engagement to strengthen malaria elimination in 4 provinces in Vietnam

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BACKGROUND

Vietnam has made significant progress towards malaria elimination by 2030. However, progress has recently stalled. Forest-goers are at the highest risk of malaria in Vietnam. Community engagement (CE) using community dialogue and community awareness raising events are a proven strategy to empower communities to identify health problems and locally-owned solutions. In 2019, PSI conducted 30 community dialogues and 114 community events.

METHODS

Between October and December 2019, PSI conducted exit interviews with 160 forest-goers randomly selected from 10 community

dialogues and 8 community events.



Data was captured on malaria knowledge and satisfaction with the events. Routine data from monthly program reports were also extracted to assess the number of participants, malaria tests performed, and cases detected.

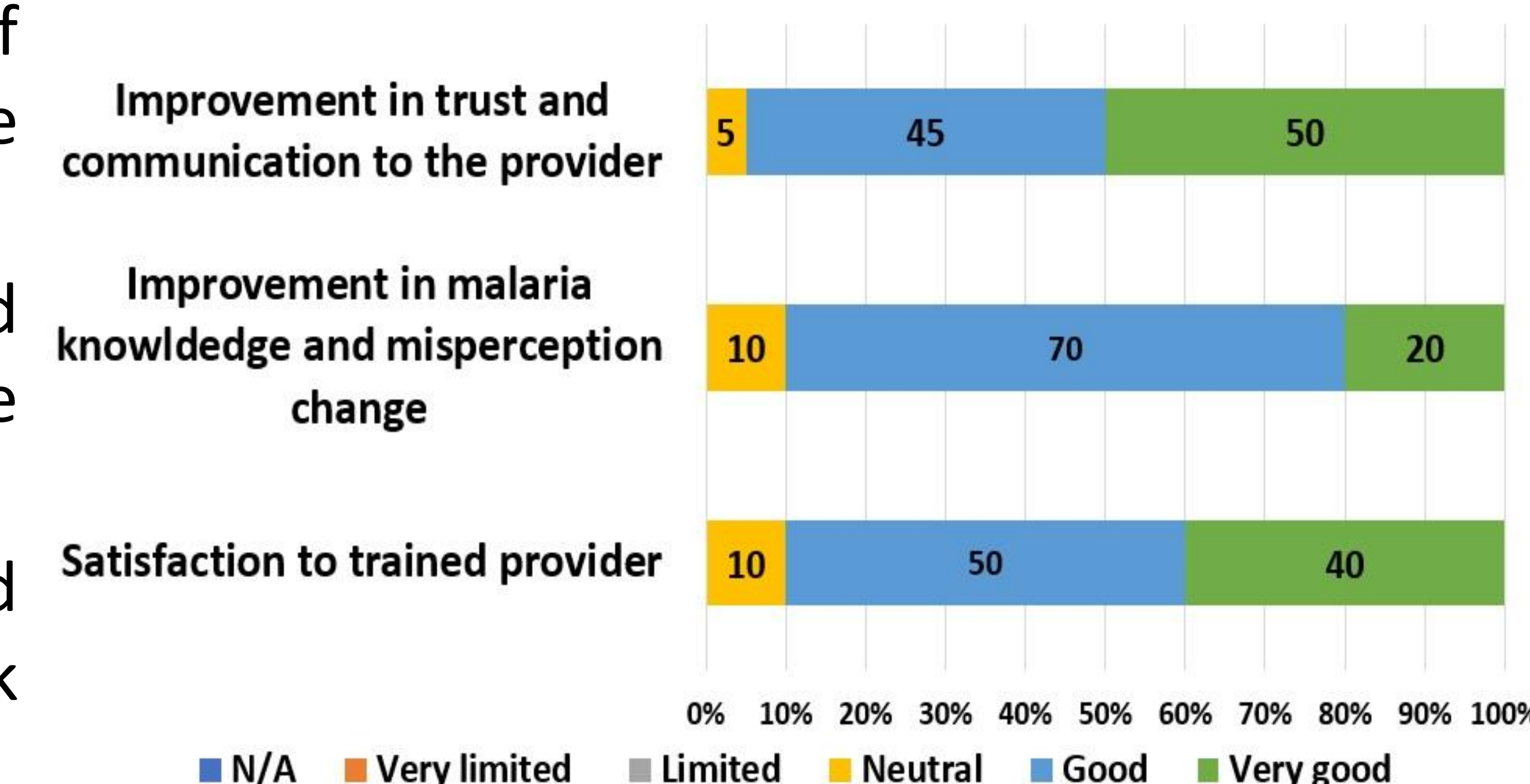
RESULTS

- CE events reached 7,593 people in 144 communities. In total, 5,193 malaria diagnostic tests were performed, and 29 malaria cases identified.
- CE events achieved a case detection level of 0.56% and represented 3.3% of all cases detected by the project in Vietnam in 2019.

- 70% of respondents reported greater confidence in their knowledge of malaria, and 80% found the information shared useful.
- Over 90% of respondents were satisfied with the attitude and skills of the health care providers at the events.
- 98% of respondents reported increased confidence in being able to seek prompt treatment from providers.



PARTICIPANTS SATISFACTION EVALUATION



CONCLUSION

CE was successfully used in four provinces in Vietnam to improve knowledge, create stronger links between clients, community level and private provider. So that the community knows all options available to them to get malaria testing and treatment

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