

Table S1: Study settings

	DRC	Nigeria	Uganda
Population (children <5 years)			
	<i>Health Zone</i>	<i>Local Government Area</i>	<i>District</i>
	Ipamu: 284'484 (52'523)	Fufore: 280'660 (49'982)	Kole: 298'394 (59'184)
	Kenge: 382'232 (70'567)	Mayo-Belwa: 204'746 (33'101)	Kwania: 232'402 (48'582)
	Kingandu: 119'251 (22'016)	Song: 261'543 (47'347)	Oyam: 465'190 (92'752)
	Total: 785'968 (145'107)	Total: 746'949 (130'430)	Total: 995'986 (200'518)
Source	https://www.worldpop.org		
Public health care providers*			
Community Health Workers	Site de Soins Communautaires (Community Care Site) (N = 42)	Community-Oriented Resource Person (CORP) (N = 500)	Village Health Team (VHT) members (N = 5,100)
Primary Health Care	Poste de Santé (Health Post) Centre de Santé (Health Centre) (N = 152)	Health Post** Primary Health Centre (PHC) (N = 77)	Health Centre II (HC II) (N = 30)
Referral Facilities	Centre de Santé de Référence (Referral Health Centre) and Hôpital Général de Référence (General Referral Hospital) (N = 19)	Cottage Hospital (N = 3)	Health Centre III (HC III), Health Centre IV (HC IV) and Hospital (N = 20)
General danger signs as per national iCCM guidelines			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unusually sleepy or unconscious - Not able to drink or feed anything - Vomiting everything - Convulsions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unusually sleepy or unconscious - Not able to drink or feed anything - Vomiting everything - Convulsions - Not responding to ACT - Yellowness of the eyes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very sleepy or unconscious - Not able to breastfeed or drink - Vomiting everything - Convulsions

*Number of providers at the beginning of the study period. **Health posts were upgraded to Primary Health Centres during the study period.

Table S2: Adjusted regression estimates, overall and restricted to pre-Covid-19 period (before April 2020)

A) Dead at follow-up	DRC		Nigeria		Uganda	
	Covariate	aOR (95% CI)	Covariate	aOR (95% CI)	Covariate	OR (95% CI)
RAS use adjusted for basic covariates* and referral and treatment	RAS use	3.06 (1.35-6.92)	RAS use	2.16 (1.11-4.21)	RAS use [§]	0.70 (0.29-1.74)
	<i>Pre-Covid-19 only:</i> [#]		<i>Pre-Covid-19 only:</i> [#]		<i>Pre-Covid-19 only:</i> [#]	
	RAS use	3.32 (1.39-7.92)	RAS use	2.18 (0.90-5.27)	RAS use [§]	0.75 (0.29-1.93)
B) Dead or sick at follow-up	DRC		Nigeria		Uganda	
	Covariate	aOR (95% CI)	Covariate	aOR (95% CI)	Covariate	aOR (95% CI)
RAS use adjusted for basic covariates** and referral and treatment	RAS use	0.88 (0.59-1.32)	RAS use	1.42 (0.85-2.36)	RAS use	0.60 (0.45-0.79)
	<i>Pre-Covid-19 only:</i> [#]		<i>Pre-Covid-19 only:</i> [#]		<i>Pre-Covid-19 only:</i> [#]	
	RAS use	0.84 (0.55-1.29)	RAS use	1.45 (0.78-2.68)	RAS use	0.64 (0.48-0.88)

*Fixed effects, DRC: sex, age <1 year, beginning of RAS roll-out, convulsions, enrolment location (CHW vs. PHC), rainy season; Nigeria: convulsions, enrolment location (CHW vs. PHC); random effect: enrolling provider (all countries)

**Fixed effects, DRC: sex, age <1 year, beginning of RAS roll-out, convulsions, enrolment location (CHW vs. PHC), rainy season, health zone, Nigeria: convulsions, enrolment location (CHW vs. PHC); Uganda: sex, age <1 year, beginning of RAS roll-out, No. danger signs (1-2, 3-4), rainy season, district; random effect: enrolling provider (all countries)

[§]No adjusted models were calculated due to insufficient number of events (death)

[#]Pre-Covid-19: DRC N = 1548, Nigeria N = 475, Uganda N = 3268. RAS = rectal artesunate