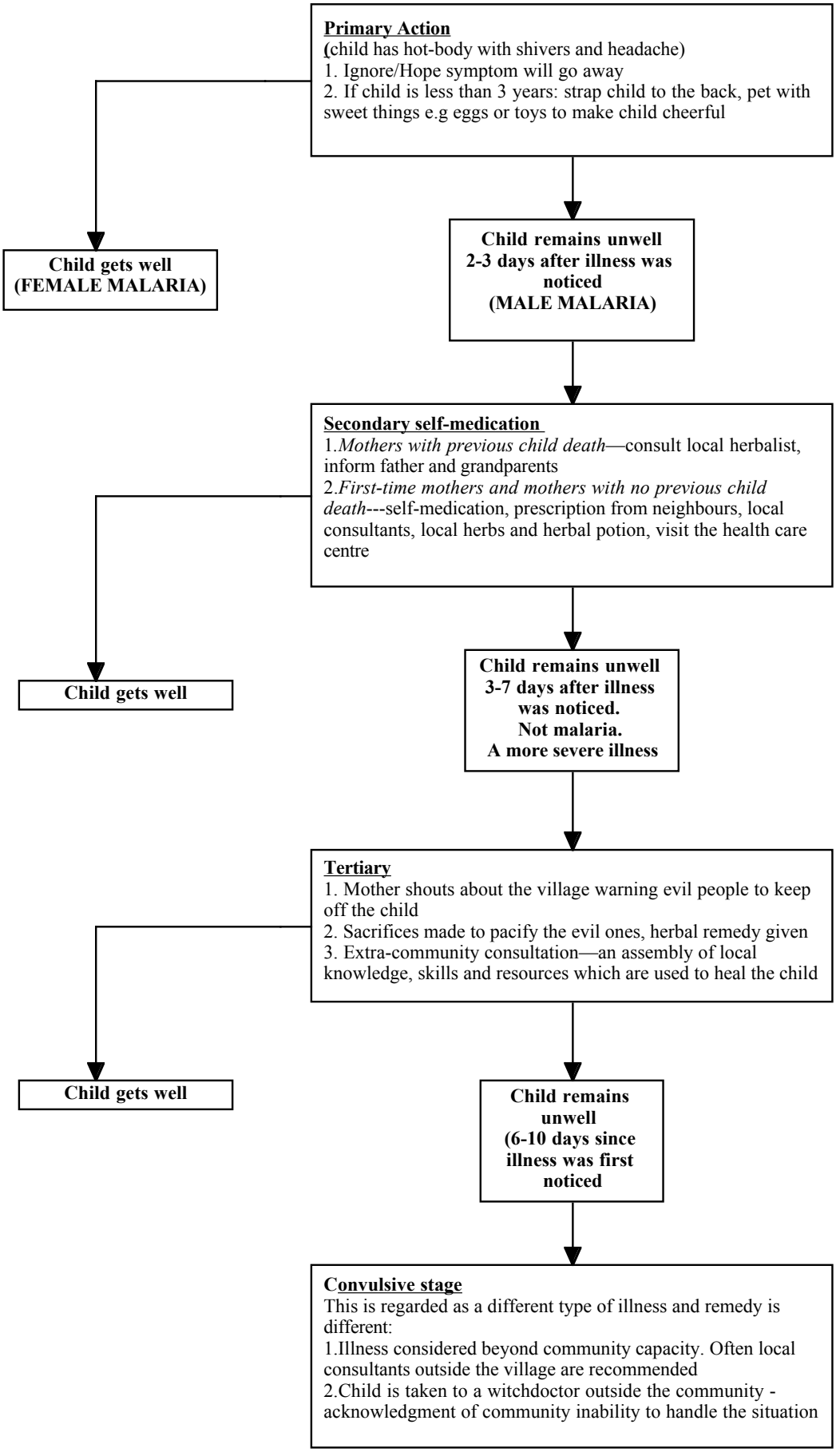
Primary Action
(child has hot-body with shivers and headache)
1. Ignore/Hope symptom will go away
2. If child is less than 3 years: strap child to the back, pet with sweet things e.g eggs or toys to make child cheerful
Child gets well (FEMALE MALARIA)
Child remains unwell 2-3 days after illness was noticed (MALE MALARIA)
Secondary self-medication
1.Mothers with previous child death—consult local herbalist, inform father and grandparents
2.First-time mothers and mothers with no previous child death---self-medication, prescription from neighbours, local consultants, local herbs and herbal potion, visit the health care centre
Child gets well
Child remains unwell 3-7 days after illness was noticed. Not malaria. A more severe illness
Tertiary
1. Mother shouts about the village warning evil people to keep off the child
2. Sacrifices made to pacify the evil ones, herbal remedy given
3. Extra-community consultation—an assembly of local knowledge, skills and resources which are used to heal the child
Child gets well
Child remains unwell (6-10 days since illness was first noticed
Convulsive stage
This is regarded as a different type of illness and remedy is different:
1.Illness considered beyond community capacity. Often local consultants outside the village are recommended
2.Child is taken to a witchdoctor outside the community - acknowledgment of community inability to handle the situation