



Preparing Participants and the Community for ASPIRE Results

Blantyre Site

MTN Regional Meeting

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Outline

- Introduction
- Community Sensitization Efforts
- Continued Participants Engagement
- CAB engagement
- JHP Friends Engagement

Introduction

- Community preparation for results dissemination started during the study preparation phase and through out the implementation period.
- Community input - how to do it better with MTN 020 results dissemination (**informing the communication plan**)
- Results dissemination was in cooperated in the community work plan

Community Sensitization effort

- Staff training on the importance of community preparation on results dissemination before study initiation and through out the study period
- Consultation meetings with CAB, Friends of JHP, and other stakeholders on how best to implement dissemination of results
- Utilized the media to reach out to the broader popula

Community Sensitization effort

- Stakeholder meetings planned and accomplished as follows:
 - Local leaders
 - Religious leaders
 - Policer officers
 - School teachers
 - Women groups
 - Local NGOs
 - CBOs
 - Girls and young women
 - Sex workers
 - Hair dressing saloons
 - Legislature
 - Health workers
 - Men groups

Community Sensitization effort

- Participation in HIV and AIDS national events:
 - National HIV and AIDS dissemination Conference
 - College of Medicine dissemination conference
 - World AIDS day
 - Candle Light Memorial Day
 - World Nurses Day

Keeping in touch with participants

- Potential participants were prepared about study results during recruitment period:
 - Group counseling
 - One to one encounter
- Ongoing information provision at follow up visits
- Participants and partners adherence workshops.

Keeping in touch with participants

- Participants are encouraged to drop by the clinic anytime they visit QECH or for any reason.
- Community educators and tracers checking out on participants when found working in their areas.
- ‘Hi’ Monthly calls to those with phones

CAB Engagement

- Discussed MTN results dissemination during Ongoing meetings with CAB where results dissemination has been on the agenda through out the study period.
- CAB Training and retreat on study implementation and findings
- CAB consultations during the work plan development
- CAB participation in community sensitization and stakeholder meetings
- Discussions on possible study results scenarios

Friends of JHP engagement

- Friends of Johns Hopkins (Friends of JHP) is a voluntary group of women and men who participated in previous studies conducted at Blantyre site.
- Friends of JHP were informed about the plans for study dissemination during study preparatory period and at each quarterly meetings and retreats

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Lessons Learnt

- Community is desperate for MTN 020 results
- Results dissemination creates and cement community trust even for future trials
- Dissemination of results will encourage potential participants to do better in upcoming studies.
- CAB and Stakeholder consultation when coming up with a dissemination plan is crucial

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