

GOALS OF COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

**Ethical research –
trust, transparency,
mutual
understanding,
benefit sharing**

**Access – services,
biomedical
technologies**

**Equity – partners in
process
Sustained efforts
Co-create knowledge**

**Study update and
dissemination -
Participants &
Community prior to
public release**

**Promote community
as a science linked to
social science
methods**



PARTNERSHIPS – NATIONAL, REGIONAL, LOCAL



CHALLENGES

- Science language in local settings
- Limited resources
- Lack of trust and confidence
- Influence of social media
- Intellectual property ownership and tech transfer
- Limited capacity to develop the products locally
- Lack of awareness on socio cultural dynamics



COMMUNITY MEMBERS PART OF COMMS NETWORK (TRANSPARENCY, INPUT, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT)

- CABs invited to nominate members to the trial Comms Network
- 7 CWG members came ‘on board’ – attended monthly calls since 2023
- One on one meetings : actively shaping agenda, site teach-ins and outs, discuss social science outcomes

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| <p><u>SAMRC site, Durban, South Africa</u></p> <p>Xoliswa Nomvungu – Nurse & facility manager for Ottawa clinic (eThekweni municipality)</p> <p>Sanelisiwe Majozi – Peer educator & former HVTN 702 participant</p> | <p><u>MUHAS site, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</u></p> <p>Joel Ndayongeje – CAB Secretary & Public Health specialist working with Global Programs Tanzania</p> |
| <p><u>MRC-UVRI & LSHTM site, Masaka, Uganda</u></p> <p>Rev Father Emmanuel Katabaazi – Catholic priest & Coordinator of Masaka Diocesan Medical Services</p> <p>M/s Olivia Nakanawagi – Civil servant with Masaka District Local Government</p> | <p><u>NIMR-MMRC, Mbeya, Tanzania</u></p> <p>Andambike Mwakyusa – CAB Chairman</p> <p>Vigero Vigero – CAB Secretary & accountant working with Mbeya Paralegal Aid Center (youth representative)</p> |



PARTICIPANT MEETING IN DURBAN

11th December 2023 – IDMC study update with 150 participants



PARTICIPANT COMMUNICATION: JULY 2024

PRE-EMBARGO OF TRIAL RESULTS (TRANSPARENCY, TRUST)



COMMUNITY & PARTICIPANT RESPONSES

We as people who know about this research can help explain to our community on our own. They do not know about what happens and think we sell our blood.

Female Participant

Researchers were open and honest with us from the beginning of the research. We appreciate that.

Community Member (CWG)

Why do researchers not make vaccines that have no side effects?

Female Participant



STAKEHOLDER RESPONSES – JULY 2024

*How may study designs evolve?
Glad researchers communicated with participants.*

Regulatory Members

Researchers were transparent, honest and explained results.

CWG Member



COMMUNITY MEETING IN DURBAN

5th December meeting before ICASA announcement



ICASA ANNOUNCEMENT – WED, 6 DECEMBER 2023

**PREP
VACC**



PREPVACC: DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND ANALYSIS PLANS FOR THREE TRIALS IN ONE

PrEPVacc is a multi-arm prophylactic HIV vaccine trial with two HIV vaccine combinations each compared to placebo, and a second randomization to compare Descovy to Truvada as oral pre-exposure prophylaxis. Hence three trials in one! Implementation of the complicated trial design has not been without challenges, not least of all due to COVID and the impact that had on access to the research clinics and essential supplies. Enrolment completed on 1st March 2023, and the team is attending to the analyses planned for 2024.

The aim of this session is to remind the audience of the design of this African-led trial, and provide an update on the status of the study after the most recent review by the Independent Data Monitoring Committee and Trial Steering Committee.

Date: Wednesday 6th December

Time: 15:50 PM - 16:25 PM

Room: SAPPHIRE ROOM



OUTCOMES

- Sustained and trusting relationships with stakeholders, CWGs.
- CWGs observed sample destruction – dispel myths of blood being sold.
- Developed health referral systems with the community for people living with HIV to access and provide PrEP.
- Trained Peer educators are a resource to the community who provide basic counseling, HIV/AIDS information, health information.
- Well educated and empowered CWGs who provide ongoing health education, research literacy.



OUTCOMES

- Researchers educated on social and cultural context of research.
- Male involvement & partner programmes with the community.
- Traditional leaders have partnerships with researchers for holistic health care.
- Media and communication plan in place for study updates and results.
- Traditional Healers partnerships.



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