

AMBITION News

The AMBITION-cm Trial Newsletter

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to 'follow' us!



We officially hit our **75% participant recruitment target** on **11 May 2020**. Congratulations to the **BHP** team for enrolling our **638th participant**!

Greetings from Gaborone!



The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to cause major disruptions to trial activities these past few months, but we are happy to report that recruitment has now restarted at several sites. More detailed information on a site-by-site basis can be found on **Page 3**. We remain grateful to all our colleagues who have been working hard to follow up existing participants and to screen new ones where possible. In particular, we acknowledge the flexibility and adaptability of our study teams in performing follow-up visits over the phone and by visiting participants' homes. Head over to **Page 4** for some visual updates from the **MLW** and **UNC Project** teams.

Since our last Newsletter, we are delighted to report that, despite everything, we have achieved our **75% enrolment target**. Our **638th trial participant** was recruited in **Gaborone** on **Monday 11 May**. Many congratulations to the **BHP team**! Further details can be found on **Page 3**.

We are also delighted to share the news that **MLW** recruited their **100th trial participant** on **Friday 22 May**. Many congratulations to the **team in Blantyre** for this **milestone achievement**! Head over to **Page 3** for further details.

International Clinical Trials Day took place on **Wednesday 20 May**. Head over to **Page 5** to learn a little more about the history of the day.

As always, we will endeavour to support our AMBITION colleagues as much as we can over the coming weeks and months.

Best Wishes,

Joe

Recruitment Update (as of 1 June 2020):

We are happy to share updates on participant recruitment numbers at each site:

**Botswana-Harvard Partnership
(Gaborone)**



The latest participant in **Gaborone** was recruited on **11 May 2020**

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**University of Cape Town:
Mitchells Plain Hospital and
Khayelitsha Hospital**



The latest participant in **Cape Town** was recruited on **10 March 2020**

0 6 8

**University of Zimbabwe
(Harare)**



The latest participant in **Harare** was recruited on **1 June 2020**

0 7 1

**UNC Project Malawi
(Lilongwe)**

**Malawi-Liverpool Wellcome Trust
Clinical Research Programme
(Blantyre)**



The latest participant in **Lilongwe** was recruited on **23 May 2020**

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The latest participant in **Blantyre** was recruited on **29 May 2020**

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IDI Uganda (Kampala)

IDI Uganda (Mbarara)



The latest participant in **Kampala** was recruited on **13 March 2020**

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The latest participant in **Mbarara** was recruited on **24 March 2020**

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TOTAL: 644 (75.8%)

COVID-19—Updates by site

As noted, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact almost all aspects of AMBITION. However, we are very pleased to report that during this past month, recruitment has resumed at several sites.

Study teams have continued to conduct follow-up visits with existing study participants, generally by phone or by performing home visits. As always, David, Nabila, and Timothée remain on hand to assist study teams remotely.

We thank all colleagues for their hard work, flexibility and unwavering patience during this challenging time.

Kiruddu Hospital, Uganda – Halted on Monday 16 March

Mitchell’s Plain and Khayelitsha Hospitals, South Africa – Halted on Monday 23 March

Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital, Uganda – Halted on Friday 27 March

Parirenyatwa Hospital, Zimbabwe – Resumed Recruitment on Monday 18 May

Princess Marina Hospital, Botswana – Resumed Recruitment on Monday 11 May

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Malawi – Ongoing

Kamuzu Central Hospital, Malawi – Ongoing



We are very pleased that, despite the ongoing disruptions, the **study team in Gaborone** recruited our **638th AMBITION trial participant** on **Monday 11 May**. Many congratulations to the **BHP** team for bringing us to our 75% recruitment milestone!

Only 206 participants to go....



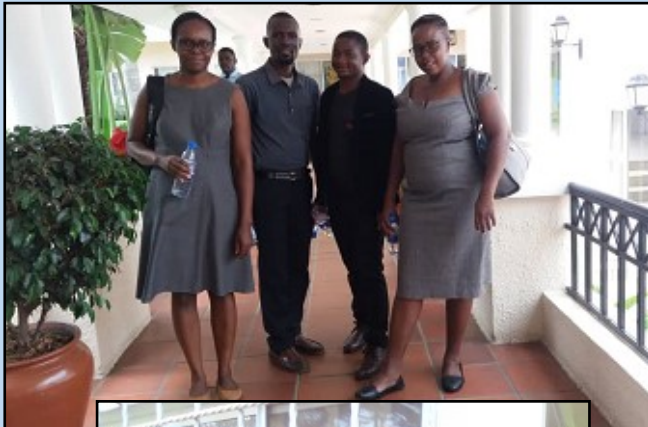
We are delighted to report that the **recruiting site in Blantyre** enrolled their **100th trial participant** on **Friday 22 May 2020**.

Well done to the **MLW** team for this milestone achievement!





MLW and UNC Project teams in action



Snapshots of some of the colleagues in the **MLW team** this past month, working hard as always.



The **UNC Project Malawi** team assemble for a group shot on **Wednesday 11 May**, all the while observing social distancing practices.

International Clinical Trials Day—Wednesday 20 May



Clinical research teams around the world celebrate **International Clinical Trials Day (CTD)** every year on **20 May**. CTD commemorates the day on which Scottish doctor James Lind commenced what is considered by some to be the first randomised controlled trial.

The story goes that this took place aboard a ship (the HMS Salisbury) on 20 May 1747, and sought to test the effect of various dietary supplements upon sailors who were suffering from scurvy.

Today, CTD seeks to recognise people who conduct clinical trials and provides an opportunity to express thanks to those who work every day to improve public health.

It is an important day that raises awareness of trials—and of clinical research as a career option— among the general public.

This year, research teams, institutions, organisations and pharmaceutical companies across the globe took to Twitter (#clinicaltrialsday) to showcase specific trials, highlight particular diseases, share publications, celebrate the work of individuals and teams, and of course honour individuals who are or who have enrolled as trial participants.

Many thanks to all colleagues for the part they continue to play in AMBITION— we are ever appreciative of your hard work.

To learn a little more about the history of CTD, head over to the website below:

<https://www.clinicaltrialsday.org/>