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Congratulations to all our colleagues who have helped to meet this important milestone.

Greetings from Gaborone!



After a slow August, we are pleased to report a successful month of recruitment during September. Most significantly, our colleagues at the University of Cape Town enrolled Participant 722 on 21 September, which means that **AMBITION is now the largest cryptococcal meningitis trial ever to be conducted**, after the [ACTA trial](#) completed recruitment in 2016 with 721 participants. Participant 723 marked our 85% recruitment milestone, and we very much hope to have randomised 90% (765 participants) by the start of November.

We have now completed recruitment at the University of Zimbabwe, and wish to thank all members of the team in Harare for their hard work and immense resilience over the past two and a half years. We do hope that members of the TMG will be able to visit UoZ at some stage during 2021 to present the results of the trial, and congratulate the team in person.

Our final two AMBITION MSc scholars, Dr. Admire Hlupeni and Janet Zambezi, have now completed their studies at LSHTM and have returned to Zimbabwe and Malawi. We hope that our PhD scholar, Tshepiso Mbangiwa, will be able to travel to Paris in November to spend a final few months in the laboratories at Institut Pasteur.

We look forward a fruitful month of recruitment during October.

Best Wishes,

Joe

RECRUITMENT UPDATE (effective 30 September 2020)

Botswana-Harvard Partnership
(Gaborone)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
4 September

University of Cape Town:
Mitchells Plain Hospital and
Khayelitsha Hospital



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The latest participant
was recruited on
28 September

University of Zimbabwe
(Harare)



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**Completed
recruitment**

UNC Project Malawi
(Lilongwe)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
26 September

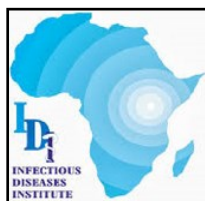
**Malawi-Liverpool Wellcome Trust
Clinical Research Programme**
(Blantyre)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
28 September

IDI Uganda (Kampala)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
29 September

IDI Uganda (Mbarara)

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The latest participant
was recruited on
24 September

TOTAL: 733 (86.2%)

Congratulations to our AMBITION MSc scholars



Warm congratulations to Dr. Admire Hlupeni (University of Zimbabwe) and Janet Zambezi (UNC Project Malawi, who in early September completed their respective MSc degrees in Epidemiology and in Immunology of Infectious

Diseases at LSHTM. Janet and Admire coped well with the transition to online learning following the onset of COVID-19 constraints in London, and whilst these constraints restricted their opportunities for social activities in their final few months, they were able to enjoy a socially-distanced farewell picnic with Prof. Tom Harrison and Philippa Griffin (note the warm jumpers needed for the 'English summer').

ADMIRE

"Apart from the multi-cultural environment and atmosphere of excellence at LSHTM, what excited me most was gaining new knowledge, delivered at high standards which surpassed my expectations. I was equipped with skills to think like an Epidemiologist and to critically analyse any number/figure/evidence presented in health reports. I can confidently say that I am wiser after the intense MSc studies, which was my main goal when I started the course."

JANET

"Being a part of LSHTM has been one of the best experiences of my life. LSHTM has a diverse student population, which made the learning experience very pleasant. Staff are committed to training the next generation of scientists, and have helped me gain significant knowledge and skills in the field of immunology of infectious diseases. I can now understand and interpret immunology data, including vaccine data, which I hope to apply in my career. Despite the unprecedented COVID disruptions, LSHTM supported us academically and offered excellent pastoral care, for which I am truly grateful. I was proud to be a part of a community which was actively involved in the pandemic response, and most importantly a community that is focused upon translating research findings into policies which have a positive impact globally."