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

Greetings from Gaborone!



We are pleased to report a solid month of recruitment during October, and are delighted to have now randomised **90% of participants**. The study team in Cape Town recruited Participant 765 on 27 October, soon followed by **UNC Project's 100th participant** on 30 October. Significant achievements indeed, and the countdown to 850 is on!






Over the past weeks we have been liaising with all study teams to prepare for the final months of the trial. To compensate for the impact of COVID-19 upon recruitment levels, we will need to continue enrolling participants until 28 February 2021. 1 March—30 June 2021 will be dedicated to 16-week follow-up and to trial close-out activities. Travel restrictions permitting, members of the TMG are very keen to pay a final visit to each recruiting site to support with close-out, undertake source data verification and congratulate teams in person. The grant will terminate on 30 June 2021, and we hope to finalise the trial data analysis shortly afterwards.

Depending on the pace of recruitment, and should funds allow, it is not entirely impossible that we will need to continue recruitment into March (and thus complete follow-up by 31 July 2021). However, our current plan is still to wrap up by 30 June. This means that we will need to enrol just over 20 participants in each of November, December, January and February. We therefore look forward a steady month of recruitment ahead.

Best Wishes,

Joe

RECRUITMENT UPDATE (effective 30 October 2020)

<p>Botswana-Harvard Partnership (Gaborone)</p>		<p>075 The latest participant was recruited on 3 October</p>
<p>University of Cape Town: Mitchells Plain Hospital and Khayelitsha Hospital</p>		<p>089 The latest participant was recruited on 27 October</p>
<p>University of Zimbabwe (Harare)</p>		<p>073 Completed recruitment</p>
<p>UNC Project Malawi (Lilongwe)</p> <p>Malawi-Liverpool Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme (Blantyre)</p>		<p>100 The latest participant was recruited on 30 October</p>
<p>IDI Uganda (Kampala)</p> <p>IDI Uganda (Mbarara)</p>		<p>242 The latest participant was recruited on 27 October</p> <p>073 The latest participant was recruited on 21 October</p>

TOTAL RECRUITED: 768 (90.4%)
REMAINING: 82

Project Timelines

November 2020

December 2020

January 2021

February 2021

March 2021

April 2021

May 2021

June 2021

July 2021

August 2021

Continue recruitment, aiming to randomise the final 82 participants by 28 February 2021.

Undertake 16-week follow-up and conduct trial close-out activities. Members of the TMG (travel restrictions permitting) to conduct close-out visits. If funds and travel restrictions allow, we will organise a final Investigators' Meeting.

Complete final analysis of trial results.

Submit final financial reports to EDCTP by 29 August 2021.