

AMBITION News

The AMBITION-cm Trial Newsletter
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Greetings from Gaborone!



Although 2020 has been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are delighted to have enrolled **813** AMBITION participants, which means that we are now **95% recruited**. This is a remarkable achievement, and we are grateful to all our study teams who have made it possible. We therefore remain on course to randomise our 850th participant by the end of February 2021, and to complete 16-week follow-up in June. The four months from March - June will also be dedicated to cleaning and analysing the trial data, to reviewing the Health Economics data and to concluding the various scientific sub-studies.

In the New Year (travel restrictions permitting), the TMG will work with each of the recruiting sites to plan close-out visits. Should budget allow we also hope to be able to hold a final Investigators' Meeting, plus the scientific and grant writing / advocacy short courses that were postponed from June 2020. We will keep you apprised of developments.

We also congratulate **Janet Zambezi** and **Dr. Admire Hlupeni**, who have both now been awarded their MSc degrees from LSHTM after passing their final exams.

We wish you a restful and safe festive break, and look forward to reconnecting in January.

Best Wishes,

Joe



RECRUITMENT UPDATE (effective 15 December 2020)

Botswana-Harvard Partnership
(Gaborone)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
11 December

University of Cape Town:
Mitchells Plain Hospital and
Khayelitsha Hospital



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The latest participant
was recruited on
15 December

University of Zimbabwe
(Harare)



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**Completed
recruitment**

UNC Project Malawi
(Lilongwe)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
8 December

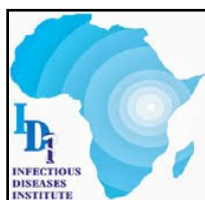
**Malawi-Liverpool Wellcome Trust
Clinical Research Programme**
(Blantyre)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
9 December

IDI Uganda (Kampala)



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The latest participant
was recruited on
7 December

IDI Uganda (Mbarara)

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The latest participant
was recruited on
4 December

TOTAL RECRUITED: 813 (95.6%)
REMAINING: 37

Some 2020 Highlights



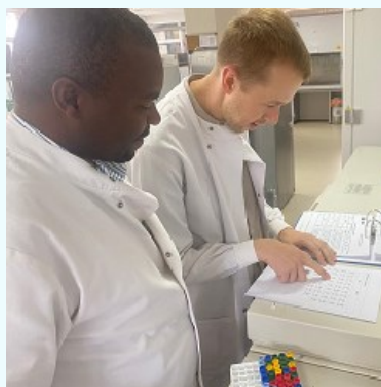
Organising drugs in Mbarara (January 2020)



Celebrating the 100th participant in Blantyre (May 2020)



Dr. Kenneth Ssebambulidde graduates from LSHTM (February 2020)



Monitoring visit in Blantyre (March 2020)



Conducting follow-up visits during lockdown in Harare (April 2020)



UNC Project Malawi AMBITION team (May 2020)



Farewell picnic for Janet Zambezi and Dr. Admire Hlupeni (August 2020)