

VOICE study- Experiences from Uganda Site

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Outline

- Study updates at the site
- Experiences (Challenges & Strategies)
 - Recruitment
 - Retention
 - Adherence
 - Clinic and Pharmacy
 - Logistics
 - Customer Care

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Study Updates

- Site activated on 07 Oct 2009
- First participant was screened on 13 Nov 2009
- First enrollment was on 07 Dec 2009
- As of 15 March 2010:
 - Number of participants enrolled: 87
 - Average enrollment per week: 6.2

Study Updates

- No. of Study Related Trainings:
 - Pre-initiation 16
 - Ongoing training 11
- No. of CAB Trainings & Meeting: 3
- No. of visits from Sponsor Monitor (PPD): 1
- No. of visits from FHI/ SCHARP: 1
- No. of visits from Network Lab: 1
- No. of visits from PAB: 1



MTN Stakeholders meeting at MUJHU, 2008



CAB meeting at MUJHU

Sessions about VOICE study with Men in community

Handwritten charts on the wall showing phonetic exercises and lists of words. The charts include:

- Consonant and vowel charts with combinations like 'ba be bi bo bu', 'ca ce ci co cu', 'da de di do du', 'fa fe fi fo fu', 'ga ge gi go gu', 'ha he hi ho hu'.
- Charts for syllables like 'ma me mi mo mu', 'na ne ni no nu', 'pa pe pi po pu', 'sa se si so su', 'ta te ti to tu', 'va ve vi vo vu', 'wa we wi wo wu', 'ya ye yi yo yu', 'za ze zi zo zu'.
- A chart titled 'Kababagala' with a list of words: 'bosoyi', 'musisi', 'ababiki', 'kugama', 'mulofo', 'mufana', 'mugama', 'mowaga', 'olubwaga'.

**EBIGENDERERWA
BAMUSOMO**

1. Okunonyereza kye ki?
2. Kugabanya kubafayo n'okunonyereza mu muruho
3. Okukobanyira kungari ababanyira gye basabala Okwengyira mu PMTC Proyam n'okunonyereza
4. Okwanzuka akakiko ka CAB

MU-JHU
Makerere University
Johns Hopkins University
USA

1968 - Prof Mwuro
- Dr. Philipp Harde
- Dr. Laura Gray
- Dr. Bwala Jackson

- NVP
PMTC

Okwengyira mu PMTC

- Fisiyo
- Phasi
- Phasi
- Phasi

Okwengyira mu PMTC

- Fisiyo
- Phasi
- Phasi
- Phasi

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Study Updates

- Total No. of Participants
 - Pre-screened: 1348
 - Screened (part 1): 199
 - Screened (part 2): 138
 - Enrolled: 87
 - In Follow-up:
 - Month 1 68
 - Month 2 28
 - Month 3 6
 - Withdrew from study: 1

Recruitment

- Recruitment sites: Community vs. Health Clinics
- Misconception & Negative Attitudes: Information about research and current results (e.g. MDP 301)
- Seasonal effect: Rainy season vs. Dry season
- Weekend Coverage: community recommendation for recruitment over the weekend vs. week days

Strategy

- Arranged for more community recruitment by having a contact person in each area
- Arranged meetings with CAB, contact persons, and sister-organization to formulate common strategies
- Met with participants & potential participants to explain the results from MDP 301 vs VOICE
- Re-budgeting to account for the weekend costs

Retention

As of March 15, 2010, the retention has been over 98%

- 1 participant withdrew because of MDP 301 results
- 1 participant missed visit due to re-location & challenges with family members acceptance of her participation

Strategy

- More sessions for results dissemination was held and it is on-going
- Close monitoring of the target visit dates for participants to prevent potential missed visits
- Invited the family members to come to clinic for more education

Adherence

- ❑ Forgetting to take the study product
- ❑ Partner's objection
- ❑ Discrepancy in information provided to staff

Strategy

- Emphasize the use of various methods of reminders
- Encourage to disclose study participation to male partners and if possible come with partners to clinic.
- Use the study product adherence form
- Weekly Adherence Committee meeting

Logistics

- Need for more space for counselors
- Need for more staff in the areas of Counseling, and Quality Control.
- Need to accommodate for long hours of work by staff

Strategy

- Created more rooms
- Recruited 2 counselors, and 1 QC staff.
- In the process of hiring full time Adherence coordinator.
- Changed team meeting times to accommodate the participants early arrival and late departures

Customer Care

- Need for improvement in customer care

Strategy

- Providing Child play area with Peer-mother supervision
- Showing entertaining programs in the waiting area
- Providing Refreshment (water, soda) and/or lunch depending on their appointment time

Summary

- VOICE study is a challenging study at our site.
- We are using our experiences from previous clinical trials (e.g. MTN 001) to conduct VOICE successfully.

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