



QUALITATIVE COMPONENT IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE

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PROGRESS

Staff
Training

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Enrollment
to date

- **Acceptance is high**
- **1st enrollment 01 Nov 13**
 - **9 Serial IDI's**
 - **1 Single IDI**

Case
Reporting

- **Study weekly meetings**
- **participant group sessions**

Tracking of participants

- ▶ Tallying Randomization/Prescription Tracking record and Qualitative Component Tracking and Randomization list
- ▶ Use of clinic diary
- ▶ The clinic team assist the qualitative team.

Note: We do have point person (research Nurse) in the clinic who liases directly with qualitative team.

Scheduling of participants

- ▶ The first interview for each Serial IDI is scheduled at month 3
- ▶ Participants are booked for IDI on a different date from M3 clinic visit date to avoid long waiting and fatigue.
- ▶ Some participants prefer to report for IDIs on Saturdays when they are free.

Interview experiences

- ▶ We have noted that participants are not open at the beginning of the interviews.

Issues:

- ▶ Most of the participants feel they are at high risk of HIV infection
- ▶ Most of them are comfortable to disclose to their stable partners.
- ▶ Most of them reported high adherence to the study.

INTERESTING CASE NO 1

- ▶ Participant reported to the clinic that her partner had thrown the ring and prevented her to continue using it.
- ▶ This occurred when the partner insisted he wanted to see how the ring looked like.
- ▶ He was under the influence of alcohol.



Interventions for case 1

- ▶ When the participant reported the case to the clinic the community nurses were involved.
- ▶ –they involved her main partner
- ▶ – they also involved her parents (because at that time, she was staying with her partner)
- ▶ After counseling, the partner allowed her to use the Ring again.

Interventions cont'd

- ▶ The clinic staff always discuss disclosure to partners right from the screening process.
- ▶ Participant group discussions also focus on the issues of disclosure of ring use to partners. Including timing of disclosure.



- ▶ Several participants who do not disclose, have indicated that partner never feels the ring.

INTERESTING CASE NO 2

- ▶ One participant is not able to understand the concept of randomization.
- ▶ She does not believe that once randomized in an Arm, one stays in that Arm till the end of the study.

Action

- ▶ Participant was counseled appropriately in the clinic



Lesson learnt

- ▶ Consenting process and ongoing sensitizations are key to understanding of study procedures by study participants.
- ▶ Education background of study participants May play role in their understanding of study procedures.



CHALLENGE

- ▶ The participant tracking and randomization list was not tallying with Randomization/
- ▶ Prescription Tracking record because one participant was jumped after being terminated and this affected the booking system up to number 64 on the Randomization/

Prescription Tracking record .



Way forward

- ▶ The team was therefore instructed that all the participant Identification numbers on Qualitative Participant Tracking and Randomization list should be tallied with those on the Randomization/Prescription Tracking record for Clinic from number 65 so that they are the same.



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