Adherence and Community Messaging

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Preparation before study

Community messaging

- Small Community Meetings (kopanos)
  - Open to broader community
  - HIV/AIDS prevention messaging
  - General research messaging
  - Education on family planning methods
  - Inclusion and exclusion criteria

- Meetings with sub-district clinic staff
  - In-service training on research
  - Signed memorandum of understanding
Recruitment Messaging

- HIV/AIDS background and study goal
- Benefits for participants and community
- Trial duration and availability
- Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
- Adherence messaging
- Accommodate working women
- Reach out to males
Screening

- Invite prospective participant to bring male partner
- Explore reasons for interest in the study
- Allow enough time for informed consent process
- Adherence messaging
On going Community Engagement

• HIV/AIDS and prevention messaging
• Ring study messaging
• Win:
  – community support
  – male partner support
  – male support

for participant compliance and adherence to IP
Rumours

Challenge: Dapivirine ring causes cancer
  – Internet discussion about (oestrogen) ring

Resolution:
  – Clinic nurses assisted with education and information on cancer
  – Site staff counter messaged
    • Dapivirine ring
    • Study screening and follow-up processes
  – Participant education
On going Clinic Messaging

Referred participants experienced difficulties at clinics
- New nurses appointed who did not know about the study

Resolution
- Renewed clinic follow-up visits
- Study and study processes discussed with nurses
- Reminded of memorandum of understanding

Outcome
- Clinic nurses supporting study participants
QUESTIONS?

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Thank You