Preparing Participants and the Community for ASPIRE Results

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Outline

• Introduction

• Community Sensitization Efforts

• Continued Participants Engagement

• CAB engagement

• JHP Friends Engagement
Introduction

- Community preparation for results dissemination started during the study preparation phase and throughout the implementation period.

- Community input - how to do it better with MTN 020 results dissemination (informing the communication plan)

- Results dissemination was in cooperated in the community work plan
Community Sensitization effort

• Staff training on the importance of community preparation on results dissemination before study initiation and through out the study period

• Consultation meetings with CAB, Friends of JHP, and other stakeholders on how best to implement dissemination of results

• Utilized the media to reach out to the broader population
Community Sensitization effort

- Stakeholder meetings planned and accomplished as follows:
  - Local leaders
  - Religious leaders
  - Policer officers
  - School teachers
  - Women groups
  - Local NGOs
  - CBOs
  - Girls and young women
  - Sex workers
  - Hair dressing saloons
  - Legislature
  - Health workers
  - Men groups
Community Sensitization effort

- Participation in HIV and AIDS national events:
  - National HIV and AIDS dissemination Conference
  - College of Medicine dissemination conference
  - World AIDS day
  - Candle Light Memorial Day
  - World Nurses Day
Keeping in touch with participants

• Potential participants were prepared about study results during recruitment period:
  
  o Group counseling

  o One to one encounter

• Ongoing information provision at follow up visits

• Participants and partners adherence workshops.
Keeping in touch with participants

• Participants are encouraged to drop by the clinic anytime they visit QECH or for any reason.

• Community educators and tracers checking out on participants when found working in their areas.

• ‘Hi’ Monthly calls to those with phones
CAB Engagement

- Discussed MTN results dissemination during Ongoing meetings with CAB where results dissemination has been on the agenda throughout the study period.

- CAB Training and retreat on study implementation and findings

- CAB consultations during the work plan development

- CAB participation in community sensitization and stakeholder meetings

- Discussions on possible study results scenarios
Friends of JHP engagement

- Friends of Johns Hopkins (Friends of JHP) is a voluntary group of women and men who participated in previous studies conducted at Blantyre site.

- Friends of JHP were informed about the plans for study dissemination during study preparatory period and at each quarterly meetings and retreats.
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Lessons Learnt

• Community is desperate for MTN 020 results

• Results dissemination creates and cement community trust even for future trials

• Dissemination of results will encourage potential participants to do better in upcoming studies.

• CAB and Stakeholder consultation when coming up with a dissemination plan is crucial
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