

# ASPIRE STUDY

PLANNED ACTIVITIES  
JUNE TO DECEMBER 2015

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- ✓ Goals
- ✓ Study Update
- ✓ Activities:
  - How to maintain participants' contacts
  - Community sensitization
  - Plans for dissemination of ASPIRE results
- ✓ Anticipated challenges



# GOALS

- ✓ Maintain contact with participants
- ✓ Disseminate ASPIRE results
- ✓ Strengthen community relationships including increased male awareness and involvement
- ✓ Enhance community awareness of and support for:
  - HIV/AIDS research studies, microbicides and Pr-Ep
  - Meeting accrual, retention and product adherence



# SITE ACCRUAL & FOLLOW-UP

| PERIOD               | ACTIVITY          | NUMBER (%)  |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Aug 2012 - June 2014 | Enrollment        | 253 (100%)  |
| Aug 2012 - present   | Early termination | 20 (7.9%)   |
| Aug 2012 - present   | Lost to follow-up | 2 (0.8%)    |
| March - June 2015    | Planned exits     | 231 (91.3%) |



# MAINTAINING PARTICIPANTS' CONTACTS(1)

## ✓ At the exit visit:

- Verbal consent for maintaining contact
- Locator (residence) information updated
- Telephone contacts updated for participant and significant others



# MAINTAINING PARTICIPANTS' CONTACTS (2)

## ✓ After the exit visit:

- Courtesy calls/visits, at least quarterly and as indicated
- Encourage participants to call in as well
- Provision of FP services and condoms for those in need
- Conduct close-out meetings; acknowledgement, reactions towards study completion, HOPE study, maintaining contact, risk reduction



# COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

## ✓ Through:

- Stakeholders meetings in the areas where they reside
- Radio talk shows
- Male involvement events with CAB for a supportive environment

## ✓ Content:

- upcoming HOPE study
- clinical research



# PLANS FOR DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS (1)

- ✓ Plan for stakeholders' dissemination
  - Update stakeholders directory with various tiers
  - Define detailed schedule as per MTN guidance :
    - Timeline
    - Place
    - Attendees
    - Presenters





# PLANS FOR RESULTS DISSEMINATION (2)

- ✓ Use MTN communication package (L. Rossi)
  - RING and ASPIRE study background
  - Anticipated results scenarios
  - Results for ASPIRE ± RING study
  - Questions and answers(RING &ASPIRE)
  - Summaries of VOICE 003, FACTS 001, ASPIRE & other Pr-Ep study results

=> Implement ...



# IMPLEMENTATION.....

## PARTICIPANTS

- 4 dissemination meetings for participants within one week

## STAKEHOLDERS

- 1 meeting for IRB'S, MOH, Researchers & NGO's
- 6 community meetings for leaders

## BROADER COMMUNITY

- 1 meeting for male partners who disclosed
- 12 awareness meeting for the broader community



# CHALLENGES

- Participants relocation -the city is getting reorganized and people are forced to move out
- Unreliable phone networks/contacts
- Lack of physical addresses
- Time lag between end of ASPIRE → results → HOPE
- Other related studies that may come out with new information
- Staff attrition especially that % effort will have reduced for some
- Pregnancies



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