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HIV Prevention
Trials Network

STUDY OVERVIEW AND LESSONS LEARNED

HPTN 075

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Outline

- Study design
- Study objective
- Study duration
- Current study status
- Lessons learnt

Study Design

- Is an observational cohort study.
Participants were recruited over six months at four sites in SSA using convenience sampling strategies, with no replacement for participants lost to follow-up.
- Participant will be followed for 12 months, during which five study visits involving structured HIV behavioral assessments, medical examinations, and collection of biological samples will be conducted.

Study Objective

- To determine the feasibility of recruiting and retaining men who have sex with other men (MSM) in a multi-country prospective cohort study in preparation for HIV prevention studies in Sub-Saharan Area (SAA)

Study Duration

- Total study duration in the field is 21 months:
 - > 3 months of implementation preparation
 - > 6 months of accrual
 - > 12 months of follow-up

Blantyre Site

- Established in 1989
- Implements studies for all networks
- First ever MSM study
- Start date: 19 Jan 2016 (screening)
- Number screened - 129
- Number enrolled – 100 (Pos17 Neg 83)

Site Office



Current Study Status

- Total number enrolled – 100
- Total number exited – 46
- In follow up – 54
- Last participant to be exited in June

Lessons Learnt

- There is a possibility to recruit participants in our setting despite current laws.
- Most of these participants are mobile
- There is Stakeholder involvement in studies involving MSM
 - IRB
 - CAB
 - Staff (Govt & JHP)
 - Media
 - MSM affiliated organizations
 - Police
 - Participants

Lessons Learnt, cont...

- MSM have unique needs during the study implementation.
- It pays to keep in touch with screened out participants
- Do the unusual for recruitment and retention
- MSM remains a criminal offence
- Mapping is important

Thanks

What are your comments/questions



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