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Operational Session - Update
Bangalore, India
Bangalore – in attendance

Prof Vasanthapuram Ravi

Prof BN Gangadhar

Prof Kasi Sekar

Prof Anita Desai

Dr Priya Thomas

Dr Settahalli Narayana Vijaya Kumar

Dr Pradeep BS

Dr Jagadeesh Munichannappa

Dr Netravathi M (Netra)

Dr Chitra Pattabiraman

Vasundharaa Nair
Bangalore - apologies

Prof Gopalkrishna Gururaj
NIMHANS, Bangalore

Dr Vykuntaraju KN
IGICH, Bangalore

Dr Prasanna Kamath

Prof Santosh Kumar Chaturvedi
NIMHANS, Bangalore
Progress to date

• Ethics approvals
  ▪ HMSC approval – 6\(^{th}\) January 2020
  ▪ Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health - pending but submitted;
  ▪ Medical College Kolar – yet to be submitted;
  ▪ DH Kolar – yet to be submitted.

• Financing:
  - Invoice for first payment of study funds sent this week. Expected to be paid by the end of January.
Next steps

• Staff to be recruited as part of study:
  - Social Scientist at NIMHANS;
  - Study coordinator at NIMHANS;
  - Research Officer at NIMHANS;
  - Research Officer at IGICH;
  - Research Officer at SNR Hospital, Kolar;
  - Research Officer, RL Jalappa Hospital, Kolar;
  - Lab Technician at NIMHANS.
Study start date

- Indicative study start date of early March 2020.
  - Week 1: pre-start intensive training at NIMHANS
  - Weeks 2 & 3: Begin data collection at sites.
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Operational Session - Update
Vellore, India
Vellore – in attendance

Prof Priscilla Rupali

Dr Sharon Jose

Prof KPP Abhilash

Prof Asha Mary Abraham
Vellore - apologies

Prof Gagandeep (Cherry) Kang
CMC/THSTI

Prof Nihal Thomas
CMC/Chittoor Hospital

Prof Valsan Verghese

Dr Anbu Suresh Rao
Scudder Memorial Hospital Ranipet
Progress to date

- HMSC ethics approval now obtained;
- First payment of study funds received by CMC in September 2019;
- Training workshop of co-investigators took place at CMC.

- Recruitment:
  - Positions for study staff at CMC already advertised;
  - Recruitment expected to be finalised by mid-February.
Next steps

• To be recruited as part of study:
  - Social Scientist (in possible collaboration with NIMHANS);
  - Research Coordinator at CMC;
  - Research Officer at CMC;
  - Research Officer at Chitoor;
  - Research Officer at CHAD;
  - Research Officer at SMH, Ranipet;
  - Research Officer at GVMCH;
  - Lab Technician at CMC.
  - Possible addition: Physician Coordinator at CMC.
Study start date

• Indicative study start date of early March 2020.
  - Week 1: pre-start intensive training at CMC
  - Weeks 2 & 3: Begin data collection at sites.

• Training needs:
  - Mandatory induction training to CMC processes – 1 day.
  - Study training workshop including site visits.
  - GCP training.
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Operational Session - Update
Recife, Brazil
Brazil – in attendance

Dra Camila Pimentel Lopes de Melo

Dr Anna Fajardo-Modol

Lorena Cronemberger
Brazil – apologies

Dr Rafael Freitas de Oliveira França
Fiocruz, Recife

Prof Carlos Brito
University of Pernambuco, Recife

Dra Lúcia Brito Ferreira

Prof David WG Brown
Fiocruz, Rio
Progress to date

- Ethics approval at local level;
- First study payment received in September 2019;
- Review & Translation into PT of the CRF;
- Staff recruitment:
  - Senior Social Scientist at Fiocruz;
  - Junior Social Scientist at Fiocruz;
  - Study coordinator at Fiocruz;
  - 1 Research Nurse, 1 Social Worker & 1 Nurse Technician at Hospital da Restauracao;
  - 2 Nurse Technicians & 1 Resident in Infectology at Correia Picanco;
  - Lab Technician at Fiocruz identified.
Progress to date (cont.)

Start date of 4\textsuperscript{th} November 2019

- Training of staff from Restauracao and Correio Picancu at Fiocruz;
- Piloting of data collection at both sites and one patient journey at CP.
Next steps

- CONEP (national ethics approval) submitted at end of October 2019, with decision expected in February;
- Data collection to start in February regardless of CONEP approval;
- More training of study staff;
- Securing long-term position of study coordinator;
- Taking into account the Carnival period in February;
- Purchase of equipment required for study implementation.
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Operational Session - Update
Blantyre, Malawi
Malawi – in attendance

Dr Macpherson Mallewa
Dr Linda Nyondo-Mipando

Dr Jen Cornick
Dr Arnold Jumbe

Dr Nicola Desmond
Dr Arnold Kapachika

Dr Stephen Ray
Dr Gareth Lipunga
Malawi – apologies

Prof Victor Mwapasa
College of Medicine
Progress to date

• **Ethics**: Approval from all District Committees, QECH still pending.

• **Data collection**: Pilot data collection has begun in Chiradzulu and ready to begin in Thyolo & Machinga. Pilot journey data collected from Chiradzulu.

• **Financing**:
  - MLW has started to receive study funds;
  - CoM to receive first study payment this week.
Progress to date (cont.)

- **Staff recruitment:**
  - Project coordinator for Malawi recruited in October 2019 and based at MLW;
  - Identified data collectors at Districts;
  - QECH TBC;
  - Potential recruitment of a study nurse.
Next steps

- Theme 1 data to be collected starting with Chiradzulu;
- Training at sites in Machinga & Thyolo in coming weeks;
- Push for QECH approval.
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Introductions
Liverpool, UK
UK – in attendance

Prof Tom Solomon

Dr Benedict Michael

Dr Fiona McGill

Dr Bhagteshwar Singh

Dr Girvan Burnside

Mr Andrew Carey

Dr Christopher Parry

Ms Jessica Jones

Dr Ava Easton

Dr Greta Wood
UK - apologies

Prof Richard Lilford CBE

Dr Lance Turtle

Dr Mike Griffiths
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Introductions
External Advisory Panel
EAP – in attendance

Prof Charles Newton
Oxford University, UK

Dr Patricia Carvalho de Sequeira
Fiocruz – Rio, Brazil
EAP – apologies

Prof Rosanna Peeling
LSHTM, UK

Dr V Ramasubramanian
Apollo Hospitals, India
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Introductions

Patient & Public Involvement Panel
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- Ava Easton (Chair)
- Elizabeth Rodgers
- Liz Bland
- Natali Brasil
- Mariana Olivia
- Lalraj
- Mini Maheshwari
- Charlotte Hannibal
- Judy David
- Dr Reeta Mani
- Mrs Mwandida Nkhoma