

TGHN COVID-19 Working Groups SS working group

Minutes

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Location: Zoom

KAP SURVEY FEEDBACK

Nicole: so regarding the KAP survey, my main comment is that some of the questions are quite leading. We have to decide if we leave them as they are or if we work around those to make it options and people choose. I don't think COVID information has disseminated into all communities – it has been around for less than a year.

If I asked you 'Do you think handwashing is a good way to protect you' or 'What can you do to protect yourself'. The first is a leading question, and second one you have to choose your answer. People are more inclined to say yes if you ask them directly about hand washing (a leading question), but it is more clear people know how to protect themselves if they have to give their own answers. A good way to do it might be if you do a multiple choice you can put myths and real ways of protecting yourself, it is clearer if they understand the actual practices to protect yourself or myths.

If we leave it as it is we need to acknowledge in limitations that people may just put yes but don't really know.

Festus: Yes, maybe we should change those questions to multiple choice then.

[Eman to work with Nicole on this point]

Festus: I wanted to discuss some things in the first section. Festus: I thought that because we have a consent form, that we don't need to capture personal information in the survey.

Eman: But for data entry, the consent forms and survey are separate.

Festus: yes, but we will automatically link consent forms and survey answers for the participants. If you have participant number 1, you can link the survey to their consent form. We can discuss this further when we do the SOPs

[agreed to check when we develop the SOPs]

Nicole: When you put family number Eman, what did you mean by it? Number of people in the house?

Eman: Sometimes you have 3 families living in a home

Nicole: Why would we need that information as we are doing the head of the household

Eman: in this situation we have 3 heads of households

Nicole: is that the same in Kenya Festus?

Festus: I think when you get to the house it is random, but we should still use the age brackets.

[agreed]

CONSENT FORMS COMMENTS

Nicole: So, for the consent forms I think I did some similar changes. For the 'Investigators' should we put them all or just the ones from the country, because each country has a leading institution.

Davide: The only note: if data is transferred to other institutions, you will need to accredit them.

Nicole: Okay maybe we should put 'other institutions involved' then.

Davide: Yes, that's important

[Festus to action this point]

Nicole: For the Purpose – we describe the disease, we say it's a new drug, no vaccines etc, and only way to prevent it is handwashing, facemasks etc which gives them information for survey answers. But obviously it is important so I'm not sure what you want to do here.

Douglas: I think we can remove that information

[changed on the document]

Nicole: Ok. One more question – Participants is 10-25, is that the number we agreed on our grant. You also mention healthcare workers but I thought it was mainly going to be in the households.

Festus: [couldn't hear reply]

Nicole: On the Sponsorship section, I put it in red because we need to wait and see if we get the funding. On the contact section, we're not collecting data at TGHN, so we don't need to ask for ethics approval – think we'll just need one from KEMRI, one from Egypt, and one from Bunu.

Festus: Maybe we should put contact information for each country.

Nicole: Yes, that's a good idea.

[Festus to action this point]

Nicole: When you explain the focus group, I'm not sure if the words are too technical or not – will people be able to understand that. I know that KEMRI do a lot of focus groups, but I'm not sure how it works with Eman and Bunu. Just wondering if it's a new participant who has never been in research, it may be too technical for them.

[Festus to action this point]

Nicole: The only thing is the consent form for the KAP – I commented on that consent form not this consent. Perhaps Festus if you want to read my comments you can adapt it from there. Maybe what if we do we can work on this and the KAP survey, wait and see what happens with the grant and next week start working on the SOPs.

Both agree. [Festus to action this point]

Nicole: We also need the initial community engagement plan to be developed a bit. If you send us the list we can see if anything else is missing and divide work next week.

Next STEPS:

- Finish the consent forms - **Festus**
- Finish the KAP survey – **Eman and Nicole**
- Hear from GECCO – **Steve to check his emails**
- SOP's: **Festus** will make a list of the ones we need and then we will divide work