



Webinar Report

Treatment protocols and approaches from different countries:

The African Story

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Summary

On the 14th December 2021, [The Global Health Network](#) supported the webinar ‘[Treatment Protocols and approaches from different countries: The African Story](#)’ in conjunction with [UVRI](#) and [EACCR](#).

The session brought together experts in the field from across Africa to share their experiences on handling the COVID-19 pandemic in their institution. The chair, **Dr Bruce Kirenga** (Chief Research Scientist and founding Director of the Makerere University Lung Institute), has guided the webinar. The first talk was about “*The role of research in shaping policy in the COVID-19 pandemic*”, presented by **Dr. Joseph Bonney** (Emergency Medicine Specialist, Ghana). Later, **Dr John Lusiba** -an internal medicine physician and Cardiologist working with the Uganda People’s Defense Forces- spoke about the “*Covid-19 therapeutic options in Ghana*”. Finally, **Dr Khozva D. Zyambo**, a general paediatrician and public health practitioner working for the Ministry of Health in Zambia presented “*COVID-19 Treatment Protocols & Approaches: The Zambian Story*”.

The session was concluded with a constructive 15-minute Q&A roundtable moment.

Registration

A total of **417** people registered for this event, from **50 countries**. On the day, 217 people attended the webinar. The countries with the highest registration numbers were Uganda with 217 people, the United States with 26 registrants, Nigeria, and Ghana with 21 each, and then the United Kingdom, Kenya and India.

Attendee report

Demographics: There were **217 attendees** from **29 countries**, which corresponds to an attendance rate of 52%. The countries with the higher attendance were Uganda, the United States, Ghana, Kenya, and the United Kingdom.

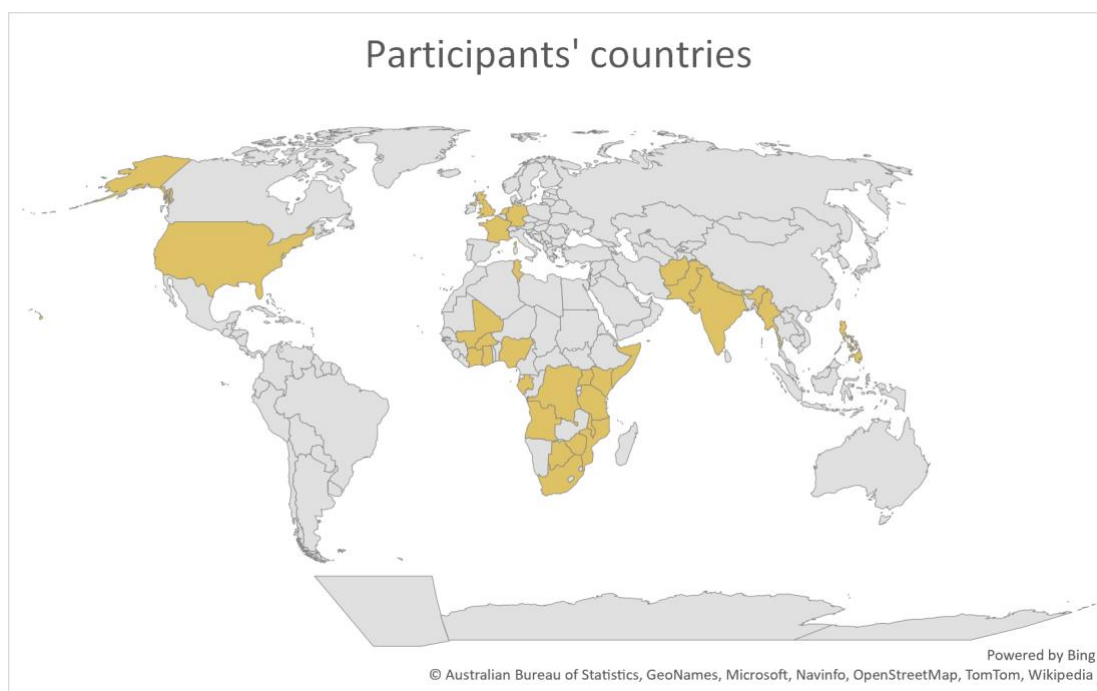
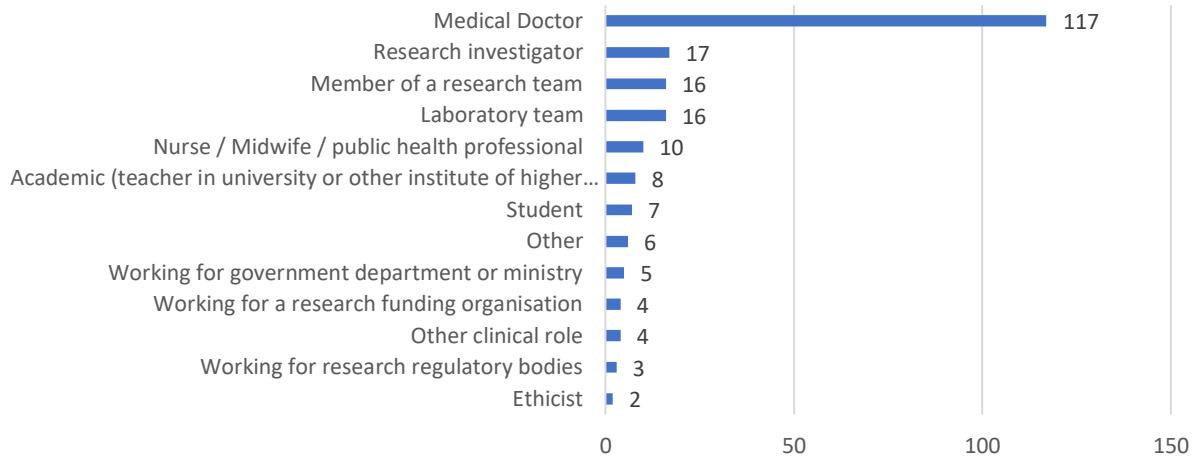
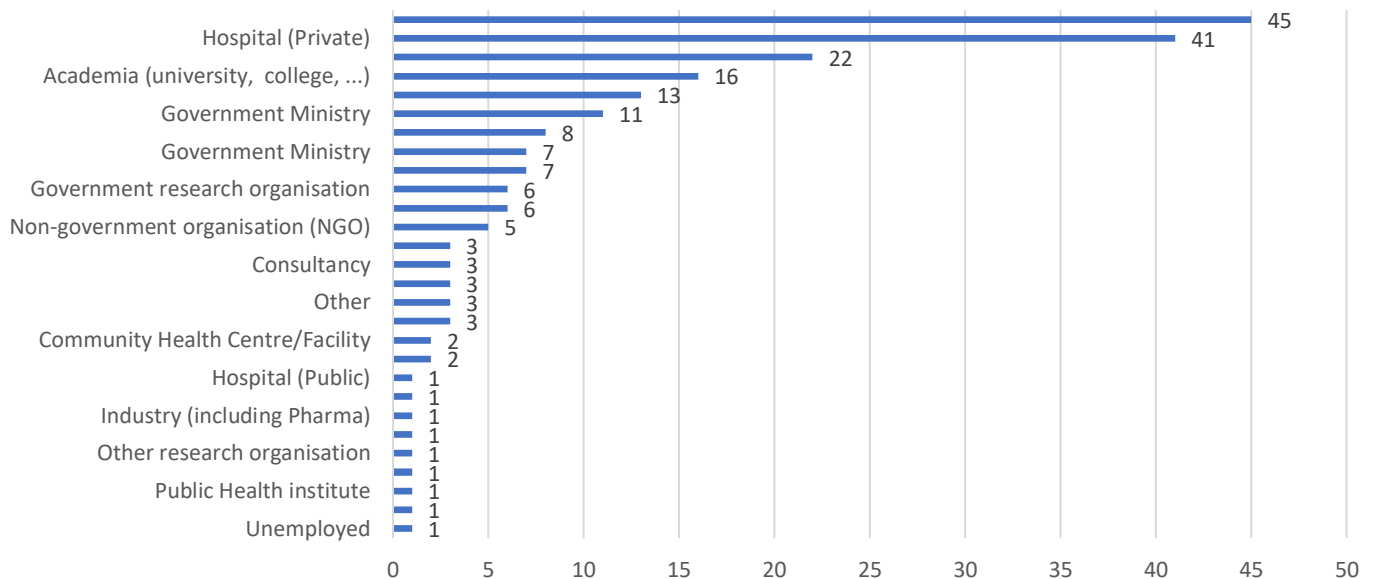


Figure 2. Map showing geographical distribution of participants, covering 29 countries across the world.

Participants' role



Participants' main institution where they work/study at



Feedback survey

The comments from the participants who responded to the feedback survey were very positive. All of them agreed that *“The concepts and skills presented were explained well”* and that *“The session was a good fit for their needs”*.

Among the key take-aways from the session highlighted by participants were the advocacy for covid-19 vaccinations, the various therapies used in treatment of Covid 19, the health need of Africa and the interesting discussion *“about the low rates of COVID in Africa despite the low vaccination rate”*. Moreover, participants wrote that they have learnt about *“using research to improve upon existing protocols in healthcare delivery”* and *“the quest for universal health coverage”*.

Participants highlighted that, as a result of attending this session, they will *“participate in clinical studies to help establish the knowledge of treatments in our setting”*, *“look out for collaborative systems with existing funding to contribute to community development”* and *“engage more with my African stakeholders”* among others.

The main development opportunities in which participants would be interested in taking part in the future are: grant opportunities for pilot studies, seminars, twinning or site exchange programme, pairing with a mentor and online learning courses.