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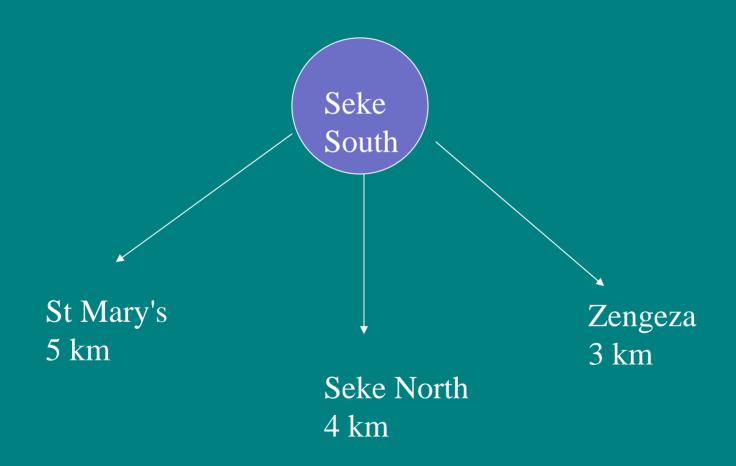




Seke South location

- Located within Seke South Polyclinic (offers primary health care)
- Within low income urban community
- Population of Chitungwiza 189 133 women of child bearing age.
- Has 3 other polyclinics within 5km radius

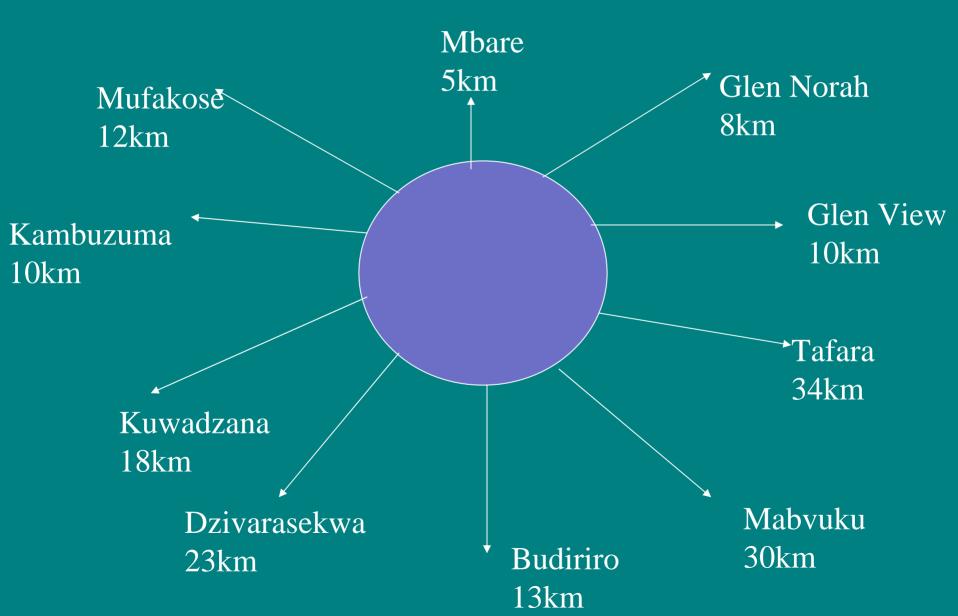
Location of Seke South Clinic



SPILHAUS LOCATION

- Southern part of urban Harare and serves the city's low income suburbs.
- On the grounds of Zimbabwe's 2nd largest hospital a referral and teaching hospital.
- Within ZNFPC complex which offers a wide range of reproductive health services
- Well established referral linkages for health care and support.
- Recruits from surrounding 13 low income suburbs – a pool of 132 692 women (15-45yr)

Location of Spilhaus Clinic



Recruitment of high risk women

- Site has done relatively well in targeting high risk women
- MAJOR CHALLENGES
- ➤ Risk is assessed more at individual level rather than in groups.
- Site specific criteria used for recruiting high Risk participants to be used

Community Involvement

- CAB plays key role in our interaction with communities
- CAB knowledgeable about research issues
- Ability to disseminate information to community through CAB and other stakeholders.
- COMMUNITY ADVOCACY GROUPS
- > WASN- Women's Action Support Network
- ► WAG- Women's Action Group
- ► PADARE Male Involvement
- Beaurocracy is prohibitive when dealing with urgent issues like rumors or negative information

Retention

- CHALLENGES
- > Seasonal migration to rural areas
- > Cross boarder traders
- ➤ Women who do not disclose to partners about being in the study.
- KEY LESSONS
- > Retention is a process that starts at recruitment.
- > Use of the data base
- > Participant Retention meetings.
- ➤ Male partner involvement also key

Product Adherence

CHALLENGES

Relying on self reports by participants, no way to verify information.

KEY LESSONS

- > Standardisation of adherence counseling messages.
- ➤ Group meetings with participants to discuss adherence issues.
- Regular review of adherence data with study staff useful.



