HPTN 035 Zimbabwe

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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

- Seke South
  - St Mary's: 5 km
  - Seke North: 4 km
  - Zengeza: 3 km
SPILHAUS LOCATION

- Southern part of urban Harare and serves the city’s low income suburbs.
- On the grounds of Zimbabwe’s 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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)
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.