



AfriKADIA WP3: Providing Scientific Evidence to Support Policy Change and Build Clinical Trial Capacity in eastern Africa

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WP3: Objectives

- To strengthen research capacity in the eastern African region
- To improve scientific networking among LEAP members, South-South and South-North collaborations
- To provide scientific evidence to support policy change and to strengthen communication and dissemination of research results within participating countries in eastern Africa

WP3 – Main activities (1)

1. To strengthen research capacity in the eastern African region:

- Conduct good practices (**GCP/GCLP**) and study-specific training in all sites
 - GCP training; SIV at initiated sites
 - Full GCP for 28 new staff from all LEAP sites (May 29-30, 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya)
- Conduct **task-specific** training for laboratory personnel
 - Happens during monitoring visits
- Develop and implement a **QC/QA plan** for specific **laboratory tests**
 - All sites signed up for external quality assessment programme for laboratories. Gondar has not participated because of delays in import processing causing delays in QA delivery. Generally, site participation has been poor because of delays in QA sample delivery due to change in distributor, introduction of pre-shipment inspection regulation in Kenya.
 - Building GCLP capacity at sites: initial GCLP assessments done at all sites. A follow up programme is already initiated and done for Doka. Initial training on EQA reports interpretation was performed at Doka for lab staff.

GFP training



- Strengthen partners capacities on financial management
- Finance officers and investigators
- Nairobi, Kenya, July 26-27, 2018
- 28 participants from LEAP partner institutions

Data Management

- Provide **short-term data entry training** to clinical trial site users (rK28 RDTs) /WP2
- Data sharing - Submission to ethics committees ongoing for the use of a data sharing platform through the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO).
 - Kenya and Sudan – approval received
 - Ethiopia and Uganda – pending
- Support given to Kenya's MOH, WHO. 5-day follow up training on **DHIS2**, Machakos county, eastern Kenya. 20 GOK Health Information Officers, 6 leish endemic counties

WP3 – Main activities (2)

2. To improve scientific networking among LEAP members, South-South and South-North collaborations

- Annual LEAP meetings – 25th LEAP meeting Oct.3&4, 2018, Kampala, Uganda
- 2nd LEAP Scientific Conference Q3 2018
- 6th LEAP newsletter

3. To provide scientific evidence to support policy change and to strengthen communication and dissemination of research results within participating countries in eastern Africa

- Develop communication tools (e.g., website, video, fact sheets, press releases)
- Hold information/dissemination meetings in communities and with local and regional national governments
- Perform a cost-effectiveness analysis of the proposed treatment and diagnostic tests

WP3 – Main activities (3)

Update:

➤ Communication tools

- Press release on launch of study/consortium (Done - Apr 2018)
- One on one meeting with stakeholders (Done- April (with VL Uganda Focal person), May (South Sudan VL Focal person)
- Website is now LIVE – www.afrikadia.org
- Factsheet - current treatment challenges and the project's strategy (Jun 2018) – first draft done, development currently ongoing
- Informational pamphlet and poster on VL - disease manifestations, transmission diagnosis etc (July 2018) - first draft done, development currently ongoing
- Media Field visit (Nov 2018)
- One patient story and one health worker story (Done – over 6 patient and healthworker stories)

THANK YOU

