



Recap of day 1 Key issues and action points



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Opening Remarks

- Explore opportunities for sub studies within the study but outside the POC budget.
 - Action- discuss and explore grant applications to different funders including EDCTP
- Relevance of the project in the rapidly changing environment
 - There is still need to study the effectiveness, feasibility and psychosocial aspects of POC.
- Experience of implementation of POC in East Africa
 - Ug. – POC for Early Infant Diagnosis
 - Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda?
- POC presents an opportunity to meet UNAIDS target of 95:95:95 by 2030



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Management

- Inclusion of EDCTP in SAC
- Seek guidance from EDCTP on virement of funds
- Reports(tech & Fin.) to EDCTP within 60 days (May 2021)
- Need for Trial Management Committee (TBD further)
- Expedite site selection by 25th April 2021
- Since data analysis will be in clusters will help to overcome the challenge of achieving the targeted numbers for under 5years



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m-PIMA Platform

- Early site study identification to expedite and fast track provision of m-PIMA
- Possibility to have 2 machines per site for backup
- Need for validation and regulatory clearance of use of m-PIMA in other countries
- Due to breach of confidentiality, uploading data from the m-PIMA will not be possible



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Personnel

- Recruitment of already trained and experienced research Assistants for qualitative and quantitative data collection
- Consider collaborative recruitment and deployment of research assistants for all work packages
 - Action point hold a meeting after the launch to discuss this further.



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