

Operations Research Subgroup Conference Call – 1/14/15

Kenya ORT call

- **Follow up on nutrition and iCCM:** Dyness sent two documents: reports from the UNICEF Africa CCM survey and NYC meeting led by the NGO forum and the annual workplan. There are a number of questions when trying to identify programs in Africa that have tried to integrate nutrition into iCCM strategy. Tables in the report summarize things very succinctly.
 - Based on the second table, there are a lot of countries that are implementing nutritional screening and/or interventions or are attempting to do so. Raises questions about how broad the coverage is and what assessments are being done on the impact of nutritional status.
 - Many of these programs are tied into treatment centers. David Hamer and a team are trying to do so in Zambia and there are many components involved (deciding to do community based treatment after, etc.). Focusing on prevention and treatment is easier in the context of CCM.
- **Workplan:**
 - Only a few activities that have been lifted, like RACE activity that Franco is leading
 - We must examine the additional cost of including these interventions. In Zambia, David Hamer and Godfrey Biemba are working with the two health ministries to test c-Stock and see how it works with community health workers. It will be a relatively short project because of time and money constraints, but they will test this and a mHealth supervision strategy within 6 months.
 - Evidence dissemination: For 2015 ASTMH, symposium requests just came out. Other areas: Journal of Global Health reviews are out, Ethiopian Medical Journal supplement on CCM experience is nearly complete (publishing date tentatively in the next quarter)
- **OR study by WHO on pneumonia:** review is in December, trying to finalize choice of sites, hopefully things will move quickly after that.
 - ASTMH panel discussion in 2015: October in Philadelphia, good to focus on integration efforts. There might be data from the Global Fund work on iCCM – we could get the CCM TF to present, along with other JSI supply chain work. If anyone has thoughts for topics to present in the iCCM symposium, please send them to Mark Young or David Hamer by next week.
 - GF and iCCM: discussed proposal that came through, National Malaria Program in Nigeria.

- RACE project: Trying to revive operational research, will send out protocols to identify support. The outcome measure is similar.
- Presentation: Debra Jackson (UNICEF) presented APHA powerpoint (attached in previous email) on the multi-country Integrated Health Systems Strengthening Program