

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES

Y-CHECK INVESTIGATORS' MEETING

From the 16th-20th of January 2023, the Y-Check study hosted investigators from the World Health Organization, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Mwanza Intervention Trials Unit and the University of Ghana. During the five-day visit, the visitors spent a day in the field observing Y-Check in action in Chitungwiza and met with THRU ZIM staff at Ross Avenue. Y-Check studies are due to start in Mwanza, Tanzania and Cape Coast in Ghana later this year. Learn more about the Y-Check study here: <https://www.thruzim.org/adolescenthealth>



Y-Check investigators visiting Seke 3 High School in Chitungwiza



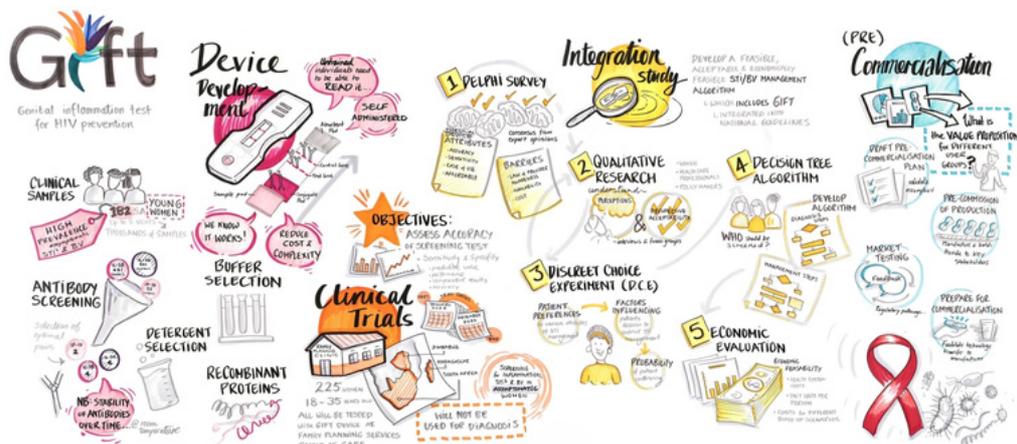
Y-Check investigators visiting the study's health screening tents

GIFT INVESTIGATORS' MEETING

During the week beginning January 16th, the GIFT study convened for its official investigators' meeting in Boschendal, South Africa. The study aims to test the Genital Inflammation Test (GIFT) in a clinical trial setting among women from South Africa, Madagascar, and Zimbabwe. For the first few days, the Zimbabwe, South Africa and Madagascar sites of the study met to discuss the study's progress to date and timelines. Each site had the opportunity to explain how they operate in an effort to strengthen synergy across board. The study's work packages were presented to the strategic advisory board and gained professional advice on strategy going forward. After the main meeting, a training was held for the third work package which involves the implementation of the GIFT device at family planning clinic level targeted at women between the ages of 18-35 years. The main procedures of the study were thoroughly covered. A highlight of the trip was a special dining experience the team had at The Werf Restaurant. Learn more about the GIFT study here: <https://gift.org.za/>



GIFT training on fractional sample collection



GIFT workpackages flow drawing

IPSAZ BEGINS RECRUITMENT

The IPSAZ study started enrolling participants from Mbare polyclinic from the 12th of January 2023. Participants are pregnant women attending clinic for their routine antenatal check-ups. Enrolled participants are offered testing for chlamydia, gonorrhoea, trichomoniasis, and hepatitis B, alongside routine HIV and syphilis testing. Testing is performed on-site at the clinic, with results and treatment available on the same day as testing. Participants are treated as per the Zimbabwe STI management guidelines, with treatment also provided for partners. Additionally, participants with hepatitis B are referred to see a liver specialist, and birth dose vaccination will be arranged for new-borns born to mothers with hepatitis B. To date, 50 individuals have been enrolled from Mbare, with enrolment expanding to Mabvuku later this year.

Learn more about the IPSAZ study here: <https://www.thruzim.org/multimorbidity>

MENOPAUSE DISSEMINATION EVENT



Understanding the impact of HIV infection and the effect menopause on the health, and particularly musculoskeletal health, of African women (The MENOPAUSE Study)

26th January 2023

On Thursday the 26th of January, the study held its online dissemination event. The study aimed to understand the impact of HIV infection and the effect menopause has on the health, and particularly musculoskeletal health, of African women. The event was endorsed by the South Africa Menopause Society and the National Osteoporosis Foundation of South Africa and featured an engaging line up of presentations themed around menopausal health and musculoskeletal health in mid-life women.

To learn more about the study, view the following links on our YouTube channel:

- Menopause film (Shona version): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TO7tfxoE500&t=5s>
- Menopause film (Ndebele version): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzsYRek-RTg&t=31s>

FRACTURES E3 STUDY ISSUES NEWSLETTER

Catch up on all the latest news for the Fractures E3 study.

Link here: <https://mailchi.mp/0c07dac7ef1e/fe3newsletter2-8112913>



Constance Mackworth-Young

CONSTANCE MACKWORTH-YOUNG RECEIVES LSHTM AWARD

At the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Awards ceremony held last December, Constance Mackworth-Young, received an award for making exceptional contributions to innovative and stimulating education. This recognition came as result of the development and delivery of the EMPOWA Programme: Empowering Professionals for the Wellbeing of Adolescents.

THRU ZIM RECEIVES LSHTM AWARD

Congratulations to us for being recognised at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Awards held last December. We received an award for making exceptional contributions to enabling people at LSHTM to develop. This is a massive win for us as nurturing the next generation of global health leaders in Africa is a key part of the THRU ZIM mission.



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5 MINUTES WITH...

MISHELLE MUGAVA



Mishelle Mugava

What do you do and when did you start?

I joined THRU ZIM in February 2021 as a data officer for the ERASE-TB study. My work involves quality control and assurance of data collected through a paper-based system. I use the OpenClinica database to capture all the main study's data. I use the ODK database to capture data for the IMBA Hutano sub-study as well. I also handle query resolutions for the study team. My role also extends to IT support in the data department such as IT inventory and various data management issues.

Where can we find you in the office?

You can find me in the data office, my desk is aligned to the door.

What do you enjoy about your work?

I value the rapport I have developed with my colleagues because we communicate very well. My colleagues are flexible and are great team players as well. As a hardworking person, I enjoy meeting our targeted mandates from a data collection standpoint within the ERASE-TB study. Query resolutions are also done in a timely manner using the data quality control assurance systems that I oversee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eleventh EDCPT Forum

Here is an exciting overseas conference opportunity for studies. EDCPT has announced its upcoming 11th forum set to take place at the Palais des Congrès de Paris in Paris, France, from the **7th-10th of November 2023**.

The Forum theme is "Partnering for Global Health Research Innovation and Impact in Africa - Celebrating EDCTP: two decades and beyond". This Forum will mark EDCTP's 20th Anniversary and will be jointly supported by the second EDCTP programme (EDCTP2) and the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (GH EDCTP3 JU).

Information about registration and abstract submission details will be made available soon!

PUBLICATIONS

Timire C, Sandy C, Ferrand RA, Mubau R, Shiri P, et al. (2022) Coverage and effectiveness of conditional cash transfer for people with drug resistant tuberculosis in Zimbabwe: A mixed methods study. PLOS Global Public Health 2(12): e0001027.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0001027>

OPPORTUNITIES

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer for the Global Health Program in the Sydney School of Public Health

This is a special lecturing opportunity to candidates that are interested in developing the field of global health in terms of equity, justice and impact. The University of Sydney (USyd) is searching for three academics (at lecturer or senior lecturer level) with a track record of teaching and research in either Applied/Field epidemiology or Political/Social science; and with expertise in one or more of: Infectious diseases; Climate induced risks to health; Indigenous health; and Food systems.

Candidates do not need to have a PhD (those whose PhD is still in process or have equivalent experience will be considered). USyd also supports visa processes for international hires.

If you are interested in this position, follow this link to apply: https://usyd.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/USYD_EXTERNAL_CAREER_SITE/details/Lecturer-Senior-Lecturer_0099988

Application deadline is **Saturday the 18th of February 2023**.

Youth Researcher CeSHHAR

CeSHHAR is recruiting for a youth researcher (Female, preferable aged 18-20).

Suitable and interested candidates must send their applications to vacancies@ceshhar.co.zw and subsequently forward to webster@ceshhar.co.zw

Job Role Requirements

Under the overall supervision of the study Coordinator, the Youth Researcher will be responsible for conducting qualitative research with very young adolescents (10-14 years). Responsibilities include: Assisting with qualitative data collection; Transcribing and translating qualitative data; Assisting with data analysis (e.g., writing interview summaries and analytic memos) and any other research duties as may be assigned.

Qualifications and Experience

Advanced level certificate. Sound knowledge and experience with qualitative research methods of in-depth interviewing and focus group discussions (including participatory approaches); Proficient in computer skills such as Microsoft Office packages and possession of good interpersonal skills and good verbal and written communication skills in both English and Shona languages (additional proficiency in Ndebele is an added advantage) and Comfort in dealing with sensitive issues. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Call for applications for NIHR IHCOR-AFRICA Online Training

NIHR IHCOR-Africa Group is offering a portfolio of training in collaboration with the Initiative to Develop African Research Leaders (IDeAL), the Pan African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR), the Kenyan Cardiac Society (KCS), and Science for Africa Foundation. The consortium is calling for applications for the first course titled "Introduction to hypertension research". The deadline for applications, including the supporting documentation, is **Monday the 13th of February 2023**.

Please following this link for more information: <https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/files/nihr-ihcor-africa-online-training.pdf>

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



GIFT Zimbabwe team enjoying a lighter moment at The Werf Restaurant

Please do send us your submissions for "Picture of the Month" – it really can be about anything you and colleagues found interesting, entertaining, funny, and/or visually stunning. Fun captions are encouraged.

"Picture of the Month" will receive a small token of our appreciation, so let's get creative!

Share your news, publications, pictures, announcements: publicengagement@thruzim.org. Follow us on Twitter:
<https://twitter.com/ThruZim>

THANK YOU!
