

AGENDA

The 4th LSHTM Trials Day

Tuesday 27 October 2026 | 08:30 – 17:00 CAT

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	Ellen Chiyindiko
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome	Trials Network Steering Committee & BRTI / THRU-Zim representative (Jacqueline Kabongo)
09:15 – 10:15	Outcome measurements in complex interventions	<p>Moderator: Katharina Kranzer <i>LSHTM</i></p> <p>Claire Calderwood <i>Imperial College London / BRTI</i></p> <p>Sarah Bernays <i>University of Sydney</i></p> <p>Sam Gnanapragasam <i>King's College London / BRTI</i></p>
10:15 – 11:15	Coffee and e-posters – operations and methodology	<p>Moderator: Joyce Nakitende <i>LSHTM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyprian Tinashe Masviken: “When You Can’t Randomise: Lessons from Emulating a Neonatal Trial Using Routine Clinical Data in Zimbabwe” Sazinkosi Manguni: “Beyond the protocol: Medical device reliability and outcome measurement in randomised trials in Africa” Onismo Mufare: “Health System Situational Analysis to Inform Site Selection for a Cluster-Randomised Trial in Zimbabwe (RESTORE)” Namono Janet Rhina: “Digitising Clinical Trial Pharmacy Operations: Operational Lessons from Medicine Accountability” Joseph Okoeguale, Reuben Eifediyi, Sylvanus Okogbenin: “End-to-End Investigational Medicinal Product Logistics for the INTEGRATE Lassa Fever Therapeutics Platform Trial in Nigeria: Operational Experience, Challenges, and Lessons Learned” Nyasha Dzavakwa: “Beyond efficacy: Unpacking mechanisms of impact in a randomised controlled trial of adherence among young people” Dyson Likomwa & Marcella Vigneri: “Designing for Rigor Amid Disruption: Methodological Lessons from a Climate-Resilient Health Baseline in Southern Malawi-Save the Children” Leonard Naphazi Kambewa: “Designed Elsewhere, Deployed Here: An Implementation Science Case for Community Co-Design in African Clinical Trials”
11:15 – 12:15	Abstract presentations	<p>Moderator: Eugene Ruzagira</p> <p>4 x 10-minute presentations, with Q&A</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constance Mackworth-Young: <i>“The contribution of Anthropology to randomised trials: Lessons from three trials in Zimbabwe”</i> • Francis Kasujja: <i>“Combining Superiority and Non-inferiority Hypotheses in a Pragmatic Trial”</i> • James Hargreaves: <i>“A way of thinking about cluster and individual level causal estimands in real-world trials of complex public health interventions”</i> • Luanna Fernandes and Yashi Gandhi: <i>“Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to Define Trial Clusters Based on Healthcare Utilisation Patterns: Lessons from the IMPRESS trial”</i> 	
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 14:15	Keynotes	Moderator: Shirine Voller
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Region preparedness for outbreak evidence generation ▶ Lessons learned from the Vitality trial ▶ Experiences of preparing for an Ebola vaccine trial 	<p>Armél Zemsi <i>MRC Unit The Gambia at LSHTM</i></p> <p>Nyasha Dzavakwa <i>BRTI</i></p> <p>Eugene Ruzagira <i>MRC/UVRI & LSHTM Uganda Research Unit</i></p>
14:15 – 15:15	Abstract presentations	Moderator: Jacqueline Kabongo 4 x 10-minute presentations, with Q&A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria B Tumusiime: <i>“Streamlining regulatory in Multisite clinical Trials through coordinated ethics and regulatory submissions. Lessons learned from the IMPALA Trial”</i> • Owolabi James Oluwadamilare: <i>“Before the swab: Co-Designing Strep A CHIS Acceptability with The Bakau Community”</i> • Siphosami Musikavanhu: <i>“Beyond Dispensing: Operational Lessons from Pharmacy-Led Implementation of Decentralized Clinical Trials in Zimbabwe”</i> • Efe Petra Edeawe: <i>“From isolation ward to trial-ready site: operational lessons in preparing for a randomised Lassa fever vaccine trial in Nigeria”</i> 	
15:15 – 16:00	Coffee and e-posters – ethics and engagement	Moderator: Armél Zemsi

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Raja: “Navigating the ethical and operational realities of conducting a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled chemoprevention trial among plantation workers in Sabah, Malaysia” • Linnet Zvoushe: “Beyond disinformation to engaging with unstable information: Implications for trust in clinical trials” • Mary Nyantaro: “Navigating Consent at the Margins: Power, Literacy, and Inclusion in Paediatric Research in Uganda” • Ekaete Tobin, Ola Egbuta, Stephen Ojiefu: “Strengthening Lassa Fever Surveillance During an Outbreak Through a Clinical Trial–Public Health Emergency Operations Centre Partnership in Edo State, Nigeria” • Osahogie Isaac Edeawe: “Minimally Invasive Tissue Sampling in Lassa Fever outbreaks: Ethical and Cultural challenges of Obtaining consent in ISTH Irrua Edo state 2025-2026” • Dorothy Ainembabazi: “Common Ethics and Regulatory Committee Responses to Clinical Trial Applications in Uganda: Lessons Learned and Recommendations from Five Joint Reviews” • Bernadette Nayiga: “Disseminating Negative HIV Vaccine Trial Results: Lessons from the PrEPVacc trial” • Osahogie Isaac Edeawe: “Communication Gaps in Multi-Centre Clinical Trials in Nigeria: Operational Challenges and Lessons from Managing Diverse Stakeholders” 	
16:00 – 16:55	Panel discussion Ethical issues in conceptualising and designing trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Equipoise in trials ▶ Post trial access ▶ Trials of complex interventions 	Moderator: Rashida Ferrand Charles Weijer <i>Western University</i> Paul Ndebele <i>George Washington University</i> Sarah Bernays <i>University of Sydney</i>
16:55 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Trials Day organising team