

The EACCR3 Annual Newsletter





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The Core Focus Areas of EACCR3

EACCR3 aims to strengthen the capacity to conduct internationally acceptable health research with specific focus on clinical trials on poverty related diseases (HIV, TB, Malaria) and neglected Infectious emerging and re-emerging diseases) in the region.



HIV

HIV-AIDS is a security
threat of great public
health concern in the
region. This work
package is where HIVspecific research
networking and
research capacitybuilding activities are
implemented. The HIV
work package is located
at Uganda Virus
Research Institute
(UVRI) and is led by a



Tuberclosis

The EACCR TB work
package is coordinated
by Prof Sayoki G
Mfinanga who is also the
Chairperson of the TB
work package
management
committee, assisted by
Dr Mbazi Senkoro who is
also serving as the
secretary of the TB work



Malaria

The Malaria work
package is co-ordinated
by Dr Nobert Peshu
based at the KEMRIWellcome Trust
Research programme in
Kilifi, Kenya. The malaria
work package is run by a
management
committee composed
of five members, each
representing a country

EDCTP Funded Project Updates

We currently have two EDCTP funded projects running under EACCR3





March 2021

September 2021

EAPoC-VL project begun in March 2021

The purpose of EAPOC-VL project is to examine the feasibility, acceptability and effectiveness of using point of care viral load(PoC VL) monitoring to improve virological suppression among children and adolescents (age 0-19) years) living with HIV in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

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In the News...



To Do More Research, Attend Fewer

Workshops

Scientists from Eastern
Africa have pledged to
conduct at least two
research studies and
groom several females
and junior scientists in
the next three years.



female scientists, says Prof. Kaleebu

The director of Uganda
Virus Research Institute
stated that there is a
disparity between male
and female scientists
and therefore the need
to train more female
scientists in the CAFE-SEA
grant.



World Malaria Day 2022_EDCTP supports innovative approaches to fight malaria - EDCTP

On this year's World
Malaria Day, EDCTP joins
its partners and
stakeholders in
harnessing innovation to
reduce the malaria
disease burden and save
lives. EDCTP has
dedicated over EUR 150
million funding towards
achieving the 2030
targets of the WHO
global malaria strategy.



EACCR Secretariat Hosts HIV Virology Training

A short course on
HIV virology was held
from 21st to 25th March
2022 at the Uganda Virus
Research Institute. The
training equipped 18
participants with basic
knowledge and skills in HIV
virology including
practical skills in
determining HIVsubtypes and
drug resistance
mutations.

Last year's events and workshops

We have had a number of hybrid workshops and webinars that have been facilitated by the Eastern Africa Consortium for Clinical Research.



Treatment protocols and approaches from different countries: The African Story

The webinar provides insights on how to



EACCR 3 / EDCTP 2 Launch

The EACCR3 project was launched on two objectives namely; to discuss implementing modalities and

navigate the associated bottlenecks and successfully coordinate and implement high quality studies during epidemics in resource limited settings. governance structures of EACCR 3 and to discuss key deliverables & milestones of implementing EACCR3.



How to navigate practical research challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The African Story

This webinar brought together experts in the field from across Africa to share their experiences and unique challenges of conducting research during outbreaks and how they navigated them to deliver high quality research.



Re-visiting mandatory vaccination for COVID-19: evidence and ethics

Neque porro quisquam est, qui dolorem ipsum quia dolor.

Last year's publications

Our scientists are always working on papers. You can <u>access</u> some of the papers that have been worked on here.

Implementation Of Point Of Care HIV Viral Load Monitoring For People Living With HIV In Low And Middle Income Countries: A Systematic Review On Implementation Research Outcomes

Viral load monitoring has been rapidly increasing among people living with HIV in low- and middle-income countries. This leads to a huge burden on laboratories. Innovative Point-of-Care (PoC) tests enable a reduction of laboratory workload, but

"I Prefer To Take Pills When I Plan To Have Sex": Perceptions Of On-Demand Versus Daily Oral Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Among Adolescents In Kampala, Uganda

There is limited information about the use of on-demand and daily pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among adolescents and young people (AYP) in sub-Saharan Africa. We explored perceptions of both regimens among 14- to 19-year-olds perceived to be at high risk of HIV infection in Kampala,

the implementation bottlenecks are uncertain.

Uganda, using qualitative data collection methods.

Twitter Updates

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Helpful links

Read more about Prof Kaleebu named among top CEOs

Prof Sayoki wins national best health scientist award

EACCR Lead receives medal on labour day

EDCTP funded Virology training hosted at UVRI

Eastern Africa Consortium for clinical Research

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