



NEWSLETTER



INAUGURAL MEETING IN KIGALI, November 21-23, 2016

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ETHICAL APPROVAL

- **Ethical approval already obtained:** in Antwerp and Benin
- **Protocol submitted to IRB:** in Guinea, Mali and Rwanda
- **Submission under preparation:** in Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Senegal

NEXT STEPS

- Obtain **ethical approvals** in all countries
- Finalize specific **procedures**
- Recruit and train **internal staff** on the study in each site
- Finalize the **study database**
- Install **MiniSeq** equipment in Cotonou, Kigali and Antwerp
- Start **participants recruitment** in the study

PROGRESS TO DATE

Date	Event
9th-10th May 2016	IATA training on biological samples shipment (funded by DGD/ITM)
31st May 2016	Signature of the grant agreement between EDCTP and CNHPP
7th July 2016	Consortium agreement between all sites
21st-23rd November 2016	Inaugural meeting (partly funded by DGD/ITM): ⇒ Conception of the logo ⇒ Elaboration of the specific procedures (Laboratory, clinical, data management) ⇒ Finalization of the protocol, MTA, DSA
1st-31st December 2016	Translation of all specific documents in French Training on specific labs topics (Mali, Senegal)
Since 1st January 2017	Disbursement of partners budgets for the first year Submission to ethical comitee Design of the database