



PhArmacoVigilance Africa (PAVIA) Project

BACKGROUND

PAVIA project is a four (4) years project which kick-started in March 2018 and will run until to February 2022. It aims at strengthening pharmacovigilance systems (PV) in four African countries namely Ethiopia, Nigeria, Swaziland and Tanzania by bringing together stakeholders and coordinating ongoing activities and initiatives. In addition to providing direct support through training and technical assistance. The ultimate goal is to improve the readiness of African health systems to effectively deliver new medical products and to monitor their post-market safety.

PAVIA is funded by the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), a funding mechanism under the EU's Horizon 2020 research program. PAVIA activities focus on one area where important improvements can be made: the cooperation and linkage between countries' regulatory authorities responsible for pharmacovigilance and infectious diseases control programmes responsible for introduction of new drugs and vaccines for poverty related diseases.

PAVIA will have its initial focus on the introduction of new drugs and treatment regimens for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) by the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Programme (NTLP). PAVIA will establish "triangle" cooperation between NTLP, regulatory authority (Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority - TFDA) and a local medical research institute (MRI) - Kilimanjaro Christian Research Institute (KCRI) providing clinical expertise. This "triangle" will provide a channel for reporting and interpreting safety signals in MDR-TB treatment, serve as a training ground for country PV staff and clinicians, and provide a demonstration project for similar linkages with other disease control programs.

Aims and objectives

The aim of PAVIA is to improve the readiness of African health systems to effectively deliver new medical products and to monitor their post-market safety.

Specific objectives:

1. To strengthen governance and financial capacity of PV systems in enforcing PV activities
2. To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of national surveillance systems in capturing and processing reports
3. To build PV capacity and skills to exercise safety-monitoring activities throughout the country
4. To create an enabling environment to implement and sustain PV activities

WORK PACKAGES

PAVIA is structured into 5 work packages in which each aims at achieving part of the objectives. Each work package is assigned with a lead as seen on the table below:

WP 1: Coordination and management
WP 2: Policy, Law and Regulation Measures and Long-Term Sustainability
WP 3: Data collection and Signal Detection, including Data Management Measures
WP 4: Monitoring and Evaluation
WP 5: System, Structure, and Stakeholder Measures



Members of PAVIA project posed for a group photo at White Sands hotel in Dar Es Salaam during the International kick off meeting - April 30th to May 2nd, 2018

For more information visit PAVIA website at “<http://pavia-project.net>”.