

Mayisha II



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Role of Community Consultant



- Mayisha II Research Team
- Local Survey Group
- Fieldworkers
- Recruitment sites
- Research participants

Mayisha II Research Team



- **worked closely with team for duration of study**
- **phone calls**
- **meetings**
- **updates**
- **reports from the field**
- **made sure fieldworkers were paid**
- **information / complaints**

London Survey Group



- **member**
- **attending meetings**
- **Updating members about fieldwork**
- **getting advices & information on venues**

Fieldworkers



- **recruiting and training**
- **meetings and phone calls**
- **supporting fieldworkers as they recruited participants**
- **helped find venues/recruitment sites**

Recruitment sites/events



- **made initial contact**
- **delivered presentations**
- **sought permission to recruit**
- **supervised fieldworkers and recruited participants**

Research participants



➤ **recruiting**

➤ **Clarified anything about the study**

➤ **Listened to concerns of participants**

How the work went



- **very well, better than we expected**
- **role of community consultant very crucial**
- **more success with events than actual venues**
- **research participants more than happy to talk**
- **great uptake of oral sure**
- **very diverse & committed fieldworkers**

Lessons learned



- **venues were a bit problematic**
- **African participants hard to find**
- **Africans getting harder to define**
- **Sex/HIV still taboo subjects**
- **Faith communities still reluctant to engage research**
- **Research can be done in African communities**

Thanks for your attention

My colleagues

Moono Nyambe and Joshua Muhindo

will briefly relate their experiences

of working on the study

