HPTN 083 in Vietnam
Yen Hoa Health Clinic CRS, Hanoi

• Screened: n=241
• Enrolled: n=199
• Retention: 93-98%
• Daily site activities:
  – 10-15 participant visits/day
  – Lab testing
    • Bach Mai Hospital
    • Yen Hoa CRS
COVID-19 and HPTN 083 in Vietnam

23 Jan: 1st COVID-19 case

Feb-04 May: Schools & universities closed

28 Mar-12 Apr: Bach Mai Hospital closed; COVID-19 cluster

01-15 Apr: (extended to 24 Apr) National social distancing order

16 Apr: 268 COVID-19 cases, 0 deaths; >114,241 tests conducted

25 Mar-15 Apr: 083 site closed

16 Apr: 083 site reopens

25 Jul: Da Nang – new locally transmitted case; outbreak Da Nang and beyond

25 Jul: 083 site continues COVID-19 Management Plan + asks anyone who visited Da Nang not to visit the site for 14 days

28 Sep: 1077 cases, 35 deaths; No new local cases for 26 days

Jan: Vietnam govt early action

Early Mar: 083 site remains open; COVID-19 Management Plan implemented

17 Apr-present: 083 site remains open

99 days of no new local cases
COVID-19 Impact on Yen Hoa CRS Operations

- PPE – participants and staff
- Screening for symptoms and exposures
- Decisions to close site for COVID-19
  - Directives from HPTN, UNC CTU, Vietnam MOH, and/or UNC Vietnam Leadership
- Contingency plans with Bach Mai Lab

16 Mar: All sites paused screening/enrolling new participants
3-Week Site Closure: 25 Mar – 15 Apr

- No study visits were conducted
- Staff continued to communicate with participants via phone and social media, to ensure participants felt supported during closure
  - Provided updates about the site closure, scheduled visits for after site reopening, answered questions/concerns
Impact of 3-Week Site Closure

*During site closure:*

- Number of visits that had to be rescheduled: 98
  - Injection visits: 67
  - Safety visits: 31
  - One participant with grade 2 ALT needed to retest in a week; we were unable to arrange the retest at our site, had to arrange retest at an outside clinic.

*After reopening:*

- Within 7 weeks, we rescheduled and conducted 97/98 visits
- 1 visit missed during closure could not be completed
In response to COVID-19

- Vietnam government acted rapidly and decisively, resulting in many fewer infections and deaths nationwide
- UNC Vietnam and HPTN 083 were equally proactive, initiating thorough, but sound and reasonable safety measures for its staff and participants
- The short 3-week site closure had little effect on long-term retention
- Safety measures are still in place, but study activities continue uninterrupted