The Millennium Villages Project (MVP): Integrating the delivery of health and development interventions and assessing the impact on child survival in sub-Saharan Africa

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03/06/2010	Completed	[X] Results			
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Plain English summary of protocol

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Nil known

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N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

A pair-matched community intervention trial to assess the impact of an integrated health and development intervention on child survival and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in 10 sub-Saharan African countries

Acronym

MVP

Study objectives

- 1. After 5 years of operation, villages exposed to the MVP intervention will have a lower rate of under-5 mortality and parallel gains in MDG-related secondary outcomes when compared to similar villages not receiving the intervention.
- 2. That the coordinated delivery a multi-sector package of health and development interventions implemented through a broad-based local partnership is feasible in a diversity of sub-Saharan African contexts, and;
- 3. The intervention package can be delivered at a scalable cost of US\$40 per person per year in the health sector and US\$110 per person per year in total

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Columbia University Institutional Review Board approved on 30/01/2005 (ref: AAAA8202). The latest ethical review was approved on 17/04/2009.

Approval has also been received from all host-country IRBs

Study design

Pair-matched community intervention trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Child mortality, Millennium Development Goals

Interventions

The Millennium Villages Project involves the coordinated and simultaneous delivery of a package of proven interventions in health, agriculture, infrastructure and education at a projected annual cost of US\$110 per capita.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Under 5 mortality rate, measured at baseline, after 3 years and after 5 years of intervention exposure

Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Proportion of under 5s who are:
- 1.1. Stunted (low height for age Z-score)
- 1.2. Wasted (low weight for height Z-score)
- 1.3. Underweight (low weight for age Z-score)
- 2. Duration of breastfeeding
- 3. Age at introduction of complementary feeding
- 4. Proportion of under 5s with diarrhoea in past 2 weeks
- 5. Proportion of under 5s with diarrhoea in past 2 weeks who receive ORS
- 6. Proportion under 1s immunized against measles
- 7. Proportion of under 5s treated for pneumonia
- 8. Prevalence of malaria among under 5s
- 9. Proportion of under 5s with a fever in the past 2 weeks who receive appropriate anti-malarial treatment
- 10. Proportion of under 5s sleeping under Long lasting insecticide treated bed-nets
- 11. Proportion of pregnant women who received an HIV test
- 12. Proportion of newborns receiving a post-natal check in the first week of life
- 13. Proportion of women who receive at least 4 ante-natal care (ANC) visits
- 14. Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel
- 15. Survival rate to last grade of primary education
- 16. Asset based wealth index
- 17. Proportion of households reporting not enough food for 1 of past 12 months
- 18. Proportion of the population using an improved drinking water source
- 19. Proportion of the population using an improved sanitation source

Outcomes will be measured at baseline, after 3 years and after 5 years of intervention exposure

Completion date

01/06/2012

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Resident in a Millennium Village Cluster and informed consent to undergo periodic assessments. Selection of comparison villages is based on village-level parameters with the potential to influence child mortality and related MDG outcomes including:

- 1. agro-ecological zone
- 2. accessibility (distance to tar roads and markets)
- 3. principal livelihood strategies
- 4. crop types
- 5. levels of electrification
- 6. numbers of clinics and schools
- 7. presence of other development projects in the area

Participant type(s) Patient
Healthy volunteers allowed No
Age group Other
Sex All
Key exclusion criteria Does not meet inclusion criteria
Date of first enrolment 01/06/2006
Date of final enrolment 01/06/2012
Locations
Countries of recruitment Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya
Malawi
Mali
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal
Tanzania
Uganda
United States of America

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Sponsor information

Organisation

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA)

ROR

https://ror.org/051777d98

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA) (UNDP CU08-8798)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	09/06/2012	13/03/2019	Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes
Study website	Study website	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes