

# 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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## Plain English summary of protocol

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### Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS)

Nil known

### ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT)

NCT01125618

**Protocol serial number**

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

**Study participating centre**

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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? |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Results article</a>               | results                       | 09/06/2012   | 13/03/2019 | Yes            | No              |
| <a href="#">Participant information sheet</a> | Participant information sheet | 11/11/2025   | 11/11/2025 | No             | Yes             |
| <a href="#">Study website</a>                 | Study website                 | 11/11/2025   | 11/11/2025 | No             | Yes             |