

SNIP-AFRICA General Assembly held in Dar es Salaam from March 27-28, 2025

Dar es Salaam hosts the SNIP-AFRICA General Assembly as Groundbreaking Neonatal Sepsis Trial Launches in Africa

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – The SNIP-AFRICA project implemented in Tanzania by the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) and partners is currently hosting its second in-person General Assembly meeting in Dar es Salaam running from March 27-28, 2025, bringing together representatives from 12 partner institutions across Africa and Europe. Delegates from esteemed organizations, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Shionogi, and the African Neonatal Association, are in attendance.

About SNIP-AFRICA

Severe Neonatal Infection Adaptive Platform Trials in Africa (SNIP-AFRICA) is a multi-country research collaboration aimed at improving treatment for severe neonatal infections and sepsis in Africa. The project is funded by Global Health EDCTP3 and coordinated by Fondazione Penta ETS (Italy), working in partnership with institutions across Africa and Europe to advance innovative research and clinical trials with the aim of reducing neonatal mortality and improving health outcomes.

As part of this project, NeoSep1 is a trial comparing multiple antibiotic treatments to determine the most effective regimens for neonatal sepsis in Africa. The study, sponsored by the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP), is set to commence in April 2025 in two sites in South Africa before expanding to six additional locations in Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda. Findings from this trial have the potential to influence World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on neonatal sepsis treatment.

Ifakara's role in the project

Since 2023, IHI has been actively involved in sepsis surveillance and stakeholder involvement, both conducted at the St. Francis Regional Referral Hospital in Ifakara, Morogoro. Additionally, IHI is preparing to participate in the long-term follow-up study for infants with sepsis, looking at neurodevelopmental outcomes following treatment for neonatal infection. Ifakara scientists involved include Dr. Getrud Mollel, Prof. Maja Weisser, and Dr. Ezekiel Luoga - all site Principal Investigators. *More here:* [SNIP-AFRICA](#)

About Ifakara Health Institute

IHI is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research and policy translation. [More about Ifakara](#)

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Other partners are: University of Antwerp (Belgium); Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Kumasi (Ghana); Health Research Operations Kenya Limited (Kenya); Stellenbosch University (South Africa); DNDi-GARDP Southern Africa NPC (South Africa); University of Zurich (Switzerland); Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (Switzerland); Ifakara Health Institute Trust (Tanzania); MUJHU Care Ltd (Uganda); MRC Clinical Trials Unit at UCL (United Kingdom). [More about SNIP-AFRICA](#)

About Penta

Penta is an international independent scientific network dedicated to advancing child health research. With a focus on improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infections in children, Penta builds a global network to support health systems in achieving optimal outcomes for children and pregnant people. To date, Penta has sponsored over 50 clinical studies in various paediatric infectious diseases, involving over 50,000 children and pregnant people. [More about Penta](#)

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