

Responsibility to participants found to be HIV positive

The research team has an ethical obligation to ensure that participants identified as HIV positive during the trial (either at screening or during follow-up) have effective access to the best services locally available including antiretroviral drugs and community-based care and support

This obligation includes sustainable, post-trial access to these services

Responsibility with regard to a successful trial outcome

Post-trial access to study product, if confirmed to be a safe and effective vaginal microbicide for HIV prevention, is a moral imperative

Responsibility to family members and children

Researchers have a moral obligation to the families of study participants and should ensure as a minimum that the children and spouses of trial subjects are able to access appropriate local health services as required

Responsibility to the community

Wherever possible, researchers should provide the same SoC to members of the community from which study participants are drawn; in this case, all women working in food and recreational facilities in Mwanza City[34]