MORDOR VISITORS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015

In the month of June between 8 to 12, MORDOR project in Malawi received visitors from United States of America; Jeremy Keenan, Nicole and Professor Robin Bailey from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London (United Kingdom). The 2, Jeremy and Nicole from Gates Foundation and Professor Robin Bailey from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine came to check all aspects of fieldwork, drug delivery and recording and data management.

On the picture, Prof Robin Bailey, Nicole, Alvin (MORDOR Malawi Data Manager) and Jeremy Keenan

The study drugs are being Managed through a simple to use Microsoft access database which has both drug storage and field drug trucking components! Whenever drugs are being released from the stores, they are being recorded as in to which HSA in particular is taking the drug and the trucking system within the database trucks the drugs until they are returned (whether with empty bottles or unused bottles). The system is working well in that all drugs are being trucked and the project is able to know how many are in stores and how many are being used by each individual HSA. Once the database has determined the number of boxes of drugs to send to an HSA, the delivery document in issued and the HSA has to sign for the drugs upon receipt. The
HSAs are trained to return both used and used bottles and later sign the same delivery sheet as they complete the treatment in their HSA area. Then this is taken back to the database and everything recorded. All project data is being managed with the use of databases.

The visitors seeing field work

Data in the field is being collected using the Google Nexus 7 tablets and the collected data is being uploaded on salesforce cloud server for cleaning, randomisation and storage. Below are pictures of the visitors in the field checking how data is being collected and how the drugs are being administered to under 5 children in the study communities in Mangochi district in southern region of Malawi.

Once Morbidity study samples are collected, they are being scanned into tablets and uploaded for on salesforce server and access desktop databases are used for storage and other examinations in the laboratory.
Dr Sarah Burr amongst the MORDOR team working in Malawi accompanied the visitors