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NIHR Global Health Research Group
Developing Psycho-social Interventions

NIHR Global Health Research Group Update

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- Uganda has completed the fieldwork for the DIALOG+ in primary care study. Colombia are still recruiting the final participants and Bosnia and Herzegovina are looking to recruit their final participant. DIALOG+ sessions are underway in both Colombia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Argentina are recruiting the final patients to the DIALOG+ study. Intervention sessions are underway for those who have already been recruited. DIALOG+ is being delivered remotely.
- Three publications from the GLOBE studies have been published:
 - Botero-Rodríguez, F et al. Experiences and outcomes of group volunteer befriending with patients with severe mental illness: an exploratory mixed-methods study in Colombia, *BMC Psychiatry*, (2021) 21:239.
 - Rajabzadeh V et al. Understanding global mental health: a conceptual review, *BMJ Global Health*, 2021;6:e004631.
 - Sikira et al. The effectiveness of volunteer befriending for improving the quality of life of patients with schizophrenia in Bosnia and Herzegovina – an exploratory randomised controlled trial, *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences*, (2021), 30 e48, 1-7.
- Two papers from the GLOBE studies have recently been accepted for publication:
 - van Loggerenberg et al. Feasibility, experiences and outcomes of using DIALOG+ in primary care to improve quality of life and mental distress of patients with chronic conditions: an exploratory non-controlled trial in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia and Uganda, in *Pilot and Feasibility Studies*.
 - Botero-Rodríguez, F et al. The Colombian Volunteer befriending 12 month outcomes paper, in *Revista Colombiana de Psiquiatría*.

Congratulations to Francois, Hana, Filipe and everyone involved!

- We are sad to say goodbye to Michael McGrath who has now left the GLOBE project, but a welcome back to Erin Burn who is re-joining the team!
- Racheal Alinaitwe, Mauricia Kamuhirwa, Hana Sikira and Felipe Botero led our Global Health Seminar in June, where they presented the results from the completed volunteer support studies in Uganda, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Colombia. Uganda presented the results from all their results in May, and Colombia presented in in April.
- The global health research discussion group met at roughly monthly meetings between February and July to learn about critical appraisal and to apply this skill to selected research papers.

If there are any items that you would like to include in the next newsletter please contact: e.burn@qmul.ac.uk

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