



## NIHR Global Health Research Group Update

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### Project Updates

- ✕ • The DIALOG+ in primary care study is progressing in Uganda, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Colombia, despite some COVID-19 related difficulties. In Uganda, all patients have been recruited and received their first DIALOG+ sessions.
- Two publications from the GLOBE studies have recently been accepted for publication:
  - 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*.
  - Rajabzadeh V et al. Understanding global mental health: a conceptual review, *BMJ Global Health*

Congratulations to Felipe, Vian and everyone involved!

- Two papers from Pakistan and three from Bosnia and Herzegovina from the original GLOBE studies, as well as a protocol paper for the DIALOG+ in Primary Care study, have been submitted for publication. The Ugandan team are busy finalising their analysis.
- Argentina have begun testing the remote delivery of DIALOG+ to adapt to current COVID-19 restrictions and are hoping to recruit their first patients shortly.
- Dr Hana Sikira (University of Sarajevo) recently lead our Global Health Seminar in which she discussed results from the three RCTs conducted by the Bosnian team. Our next seminar will be held on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2:30pm (London). Dr Camilo Cabarique will present findings and experiences from Colombia and all are welcome to join! Email [m.mcgrath@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:m.mcgrath@qmul.ac.uk) for details.
- A new global health research discussion group has been started. We will meet on the second Thursday of every month at 2:30 (London) to critically appraise either a published paper or a manuscript that a team is currently working on. The next session will be on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

If there are any items that you would like to include in the next newsletter please contact: [m.mcgrath@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:m.mcgrath@qmul.ac.uk)