Field Visit Lessons

Malawi Team
Pre-Survey planning at National Level

• Standard protocol and SOPS
• Procurement of necessary equipment (including communication gadgets for teams e.g. walkie talkies)
• Recruitment of a full time survey coordinator and survey teams (including need for back-ups for 2\textsuperscript{nd} opinion e.g. x-ray reader)
• Printing of all necessary documents/IEC materials and survey team attire
• Training of teams
• Coordination and time management
Proper planning (Community)

- Sensitization of communities through community leaders on the survey
- Involvement of community members in survey implementation
- The verification of household members by ticking/not ticking of the census number as necessary
- Use of invitation letters and the staggering of the interview times
- Provision of incentives to households seems to be a push factor—there seemed to be a high
Implementation (Day 2)

• Choice and setting of venue (but need for privacy on the interview section, x-ray station)
• Scheduling/timing of client attendance
• Use of volunteers to guide clients through the flow
• Central processing /reading of specimens
• Use of Number Codes for client ID
• This can be done!!!
Adaptation

- Survey forms to reflect the Malawian community structures i.e. district, traditional authority, enumeration area
- Use of 2 x-ray readers
- Possibility of inviting each client individually