# LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF HEALTH AND AGEING IN KENYA (LOSHAK)

## Proposed National LOSHAK-Core & Regional LOSHAK-HCAP Surveys



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#### Outline

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## LOSHAK: Exploratory phase (R21) findings

- Easily adapted tools to local language & context
- Excellent internal consistency of each scale (≥ 0.75)
- Robust models with moderate to very good fit statistics
- Strong correlations of items to underlying constructs across the 4 main domains of cognition
- Orientation (T&P), Memory, Executive function, Language fluency
- Manuscripts at various stages
  - Published (1), Submitted (1), Finalizing (1), Analyses (1)
- Data Shared

#### Scope: Wave 1 LOSHAK Core & LOSHAK HCAP

- Nationally representative LOSHAK-Core (n=6580)
  - Sample from all 47 counties in Kenya
- Regional (6 coastal counties) LOSHAK-HCAP (n=2375)
- Strong partnership with KNBS, MOH & KEMRI
- Submitted to NIA in July 2024
  - Review feedback expected in November

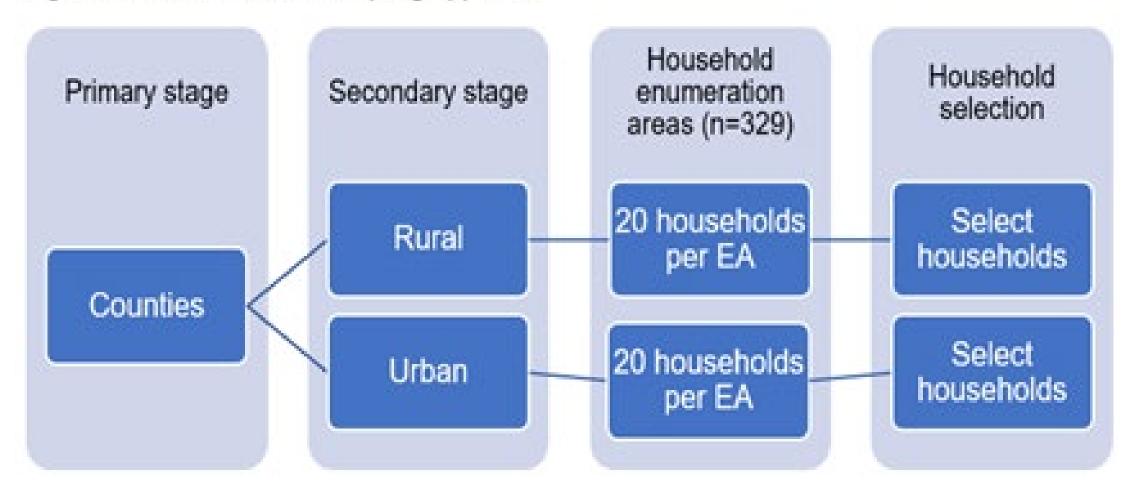




#### Specific Aims: LOSHAK Core & LOSHAK HCAP

- 1. Prepare for and collect Wave 1 data (LOSHAK-core)
  - Coverage of key HRS domains
  - Establish a national cohort for tracking in future waves
  - Collect & assay biomarkers from VBS
  - Translate tools to 16 languages
- 2. Estimate prevalence of MCI & AD/ADRD (regional)
  - Full LOSHAK-HCAP
- 3. Prepare and share data publicly
- 4. Capacity building across all components of LOSHAK

Figure 3: LOSHAK-Core sampling approach



#### LOSHAK Core vs. LOSHAK HCAP modules

#### Summary of LOSHAK-Core and LOSHAK-HCAP Household Characteristics Survey Modules

Domain	LOSHAK-Core	Physical home characteristics, climate shocks, fuel sources	
Housing and environment	GPS coordinates, physical home & neighborhood characteristics, residential history, climate shocks, energy/water access, fuel sources		
Income	All household sources/remittances from those living elsewhere	Not in HCAP	
Assets and debts	Adapted to Kenyan context	Not in HCAP	
Household consumption/expenditures	Adapted to Kenyan context	Not in HCAP	
Other informant reports	Caregiver burden (financial, physical and psychosocial impacts)	Caregiver burden, IQ-CODE (informant report of cognitive function)	

Domain	LOSHAK-Core	LOSHAK-HCAP	
Demographics	Birth date (or questions to approximate age), sex/gender, religion,	Same as Core	
	language(s), marital status, literacy, education		
Work, employment, retirement	Including formal/informal employment	Not in HCAP	
Pensions and cash transfers	Impact of recent economic interventions/stimuli	Not in HCAP	
Family & social networks	Data on all immediate family members, social activity, and connectedness	Social activity	
Psychosocial health	Depression, anxiety, subjective well-being, loneliness, life	Depression, subjective well-being, social	
	satisfaction, ill treatment, social status, perceived stress	status, perceived stress	
Physical health	self-rated health, report of specific diseases (e.g., CVD, diabetes,	Same as Core	
	hypertension, etc.), ADL/IADL/mobility limitations, sensory and oral		
	health, health events, health behaviors (using anchoring vignettes)		
Cognitive function, AD/ADRD	IQCODE (informant reported cognitive health) and core set of	IQCODE	
	cognitive measures including: Swahili Mental State Exam [SMSE], 10-word recall (immediate/delayed), animal naming, logical memory recognition, arithmetic, go/no-go test	Full HCAP instrument (next slide)	
Health insurance and healthcare utilization	Access/use of healthcare modalities, treatment(s) for specific	Access and use of healthcare modalities	
	conditions, including full herbalism/alternative medicine instrument		
Other	Exercise and physical activity, smoking, alcohol and rec. drug use,	Same as Core	
	food/water insecurity		

Cognitive tests in LOSHAK HCAP (Full HCAP)				
Domain	Tests			
Orientation	SMSE orientation to time, place			
Memory (immediate)	10-word recall immediate, story recall immediate #1, story recall			
	immediate #2, SMSE word recall immediate			
Memory (delayed)	10-word recall delayed, logical memory delayed #1 and #2,			
	constructional praxis delayed, SMSE word recall delayed			
Recognition	10-word recognition, logical memory recognition			
Language/fluency	animal naming, token test, SMSE object naming, SMSE phrase repetition,			
	SMSE 3-stage task, SMSE write/say a sentence			
Attention/speed	SMSE serial 7s, SMSE backward day naming, symbol cancellation,			
	forward and backward digit span, hand movement sequence test, trail			
	making test			
Abstract reasoning/executive	Raven's test, go/no-go trials 1 and 2, similarities and differences,			
function	reasoning (lost child scenario)			
Visuospatial	constructional praxis immediate, SMSE interlocking pentagons			
Arithmetic	making change			

Timetable and Milestones					
Year	1	2	3	4	5
Start-up tasks (hiring, survey development, translations, IRB, train the trainer, interviewer training)					
Pretesting					
Pilot, adaptation of instruments					
Wave 1 data collection (surveys, anthropometrics, biomarkers, wearable devices)					
Data cleaning, imputation, analysis and weighting					
Wave 1 data dissemination / Wave 2 planning					

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