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Background and objectives

- Site visits are crucial in multi-country studies
- AdAPT study involves 5 centres
- The MAHAN Trust, which serves a deprived population in the Melghat tribal area of India
- The visit aims
 - 1) To develop **understanding about MAHAN** and to **acquire skills** to tailor methodologies for research across diverse contexts, and
 - 2) To **offer training** to enhance local researchers' in AdAPT study



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Activities

- During the site visits, the fellows:
 - visited the research centre and school
 - trained junior researchers to conduct qualitative study
 - analysed the data that was collected for the study
- Challenges during the visit:
 - visa arrangement
 - language barrier - different 1st language in different parts of India
 - cultural differences - work, ethics, religion
 - self-care – safety, health and sanitation



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Outcome

- The site visits provided great learning experiences
 - No diagnosis of asthma in MAHAN
- Enabler
 - Good partnership with local researchers
 - Discussions and planning regarding challenges in conducting the studies involved.
 - Arrangements of an interpreter and co-researchers who understand the language and local context is essential.



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Way forward

- The site visits essential for multi-countries study.
 - Done early – writing proposal
 - Budget
- Pilot RCT
- Developing guideline for different context



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