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She was awarded the EDCTP-TDR Clinical Research and Development Fellowship in 2018, which offers researchers from the Sub Saharan Africa an opportunity to increase their competencies and assume leading roles in clinical trials. This involves placement at Centers of excellence for clinical trial in Europe for a year of which Novartis Pharma AG accepted her. Part of the competencies she intends to enhance during her stay at Novartis is on monitoring and audit of clinical research studies from the investigators and sponsors perspective. This will be achieved through didactic and on-site/hands-on trainings. She has taken some core on-line courses such as GCP on the Novartis UP4GROWTH platform. She also intends to enhance and strengthen Partnerships with Novartis and other African Institutions for clinical trials/research. This experience will build her capacity to provide training and leadership support during the re-integration period in her home organization.

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