

## **The CQUIN Learning Network 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:**

### **Differentiated HIV Service Delivery: Progress, Innovations and Challenges in the Era of COVID-19**

**Location:** Virtual

**Dates:** November 16 - 19, 2021

Since the launch of the *HIV Coverage, Quality and Impact Network* ([CQUIN](#)) in March 2017, the network has grown into a vibrant, high-impact forum that has made substantive contributions to the scale-up of differentiated HIV service delivery in Africa. Convened by [ICAP at Columbia University](#) with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and partnerships with the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition and other stakeholders, CQUIN has expanded from six to 21 countries, seven of which joined the network during the COVID-19 pandemic. The network has also markedly expanded in scope, with the inclusion of diverse technical areas and communities of practice.

The CQUIN network is designed to accelerate the scale up of differentiated HIV service delivery (DSD) and to address the barriers between adoption of DSD policies and the implementation of high-quality DSD models at scale. Ministries of Health and recipients of care are key stakeholders, represented on CQUIN's Advisory Board along with the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, the Global Fund, the U.S. President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and civil society representatives.

CQUIN activities promote south-to-south learning, diffusion of innovation, community engagement and co-creation of practical knowledge and tools. CQUIN also provides focused and strategic technical assistance, supports catalytic research projects, seconds national DSD coordinators as needed, and supports countries to plan, coordinate and monitor DSD activities. Since its launch, CQUIN has hosted 14 multi-country workshops, 33 webinars, 25 south-to-south learning visits, and 48 country engagement visits. Eight active communities of practice are working together to exchange best practices and co-create resources on topics including: differentiated monitoring and evaluation; DSD quality and quality improvement; advanced HIV disease; differentiated HIV/TB services; differentiated maternal and child health (MCH) services; differentiated services for key and priority populations; DSD for people with both HIV and NCDs; and DSD for displaced, mobile and migrant populations.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CQUIN pivoted most network activities to virtual platforms, although some country engagement visits and south-to-south learning visits have been feasible. To date in 2021, CQUIN has hosted seven webinars, three IAS2021 satellites, two all-network meetings, on [differentiated MCH](#) in May and on [DSD for key populations](#) in August, and three south-to-south visits. The 5<sup>th</sup> CQUIN Annual Meeting will take place virtually from November 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, convening all 21 network countries to share DSD implementation progress updates, innovations and challenges in the context of COVID-19.

### Key Objectives

- Review member countries' progress towards taking high-quality DSD for people established on ART to scale using the CQUIN dashboard, national data, and case studies
- Facilitate exchange of knowledge, best practices, innovations, resources and strategies for scaling up diverse DSD treatment models (DSDM)
- Identify common gaps, challenges and opportunities for future joint learning, co-creation of tools and resources and future south-to-south exchange visits
- Discuss differentiated service models, best practices, innovations and resources specific sub-populations

### Participants:

The virtual fifth annual meeting will bring together approximately 600 participants from the 21 CQUIN network countries, the CQUIN Advisory Group, and participants from the international community. Country teams will include ministries of health, national networks of people living with HIV, donors, development partners, implementing partners, civil society, and academic institutions.

### Agenda:

The meeting will be held over four half-days, from Tuesday, November 16 through Friday, November 19. Presentations will take the form of plenary, panel discussions, parallel sessions and breakout group discussions. A detailed agenda will be shared in advance of the meeting.

### Deliverables:

- Updated DSD dashboard for each network member country, highlighting progress towards DSD scale-up
- Updated DSD “model mix” data for each network member country, highlighting the proportion of recipients of care in each DSDM
- Country-specific action plans that sets priority activities for scaling up DSD in 2021
- Recommendations for joint learning and co-creation of tools
- CQUIN annual meeting website, with slides, recordings, and summary reports