

# Malawi-Update

CQUIN 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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HIV Learning Network The CQUIN Project for Differentiated Service Delivery

## Outline

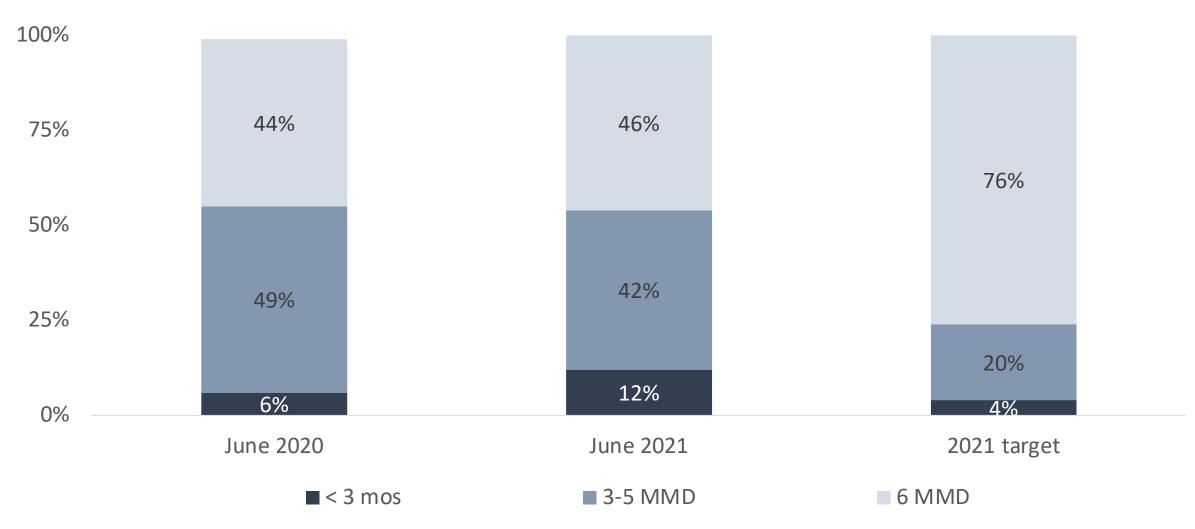
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  - CQUIN Dashboard Results
  - DART Model Mix
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  - Successes and Challenges
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# Change in Dashboard Domains since 2017

- Quality and Impact domains improved from orange to light green and orange to yellow, respectively
- Scale-Up Plan domain changed from dark green to light green

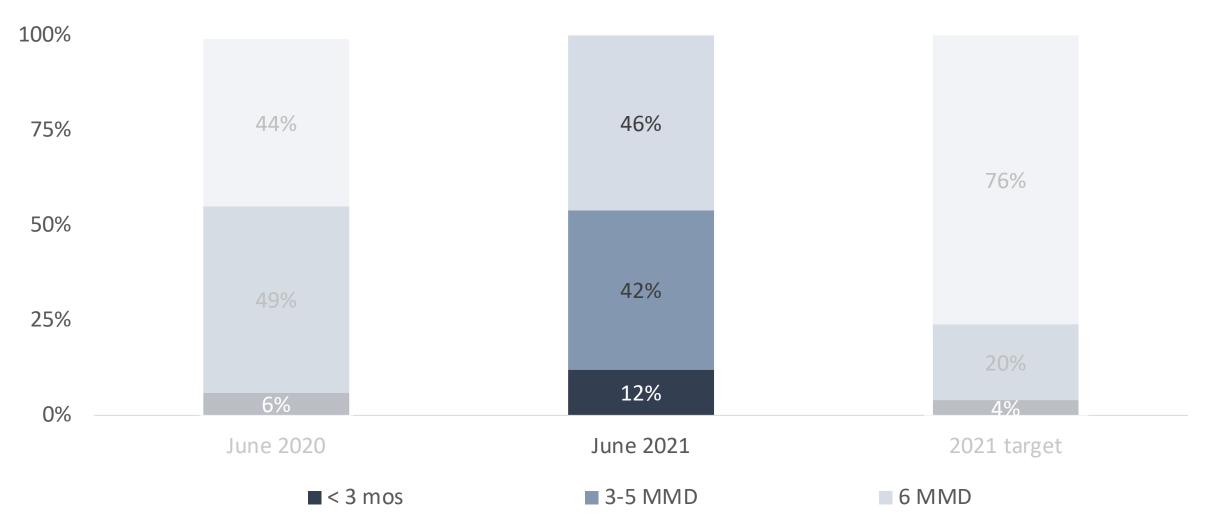
Domain	2017	2018 I	2018 II	2019	2020	2021
Policies						
Guidelines						
Diversity						
Scale-Up Plan						
Coordination						
Community Engagement						
Training						
SOPs/Job Aids						
M&E System						
Facility Coverage*						
Patient Coverage						
Quality						
Impact						

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## AHD Dashboard Results

Domain	Results
Policies	
Guidelines	
Implementation plan	
SOPs	
Coordination	
Engagement of RoC	
Training	
Diagnostic Capability 1 (Identifying AHD)	
Diagnostic Capability 2 (Identifying OI)	
Facility Coverage	
Patient Coverage 1 (Testing for AHD)	
Patient Coverage 2 (OI Screening)	
Patient Coverage 3 (OI Prophylaxis)	
Patient Coverage 4 (OI Management)	
Supply Chain Management	
M&E System	
Quality	
Impact	6

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# Update on CQUIN Action Plan

- Activities that have been successfully completed include:
  - Incorporation of quality improvement approach in AHD management
  - Integrate some DSD models into MCH and other programs
- Activities underway include:
  - To scale up AHD sites nationwide for both hub & spoke sites
  - Scale up or expand teen clubs & also target more on the KP group, AGYW, FSW, MSM

# **COVID-specific adaptations**

### Policies adapted in response to COVID19

- Enforcement of 6MD
- Suspension of HIV services that require large gatherings including Teen clubs
- Suspension of routine VL testing with focus on targeted VL testing

### Policies to be sustained beyond COVID19:

- 6MMD
- Resumption of Teen clubs with Covid-19 precautions
- DHO-linked Drop-in-Centres
- Mobile clinics
  - ART- provider managed Community ART programs
- Resumption of routine annual VL monitoring

M&E adaptations made in response to COVID19 and new DSD policies adapted to enhance data reporting

- Successful piloting of scan form technology in HIV Testing data capturing
  - Uses a smartphone and AI
  - The aim is to increase the speed, reliability and accuracy of reports
  - Simplify data generation with minimal physical visits to sites



### **ScanForm + Malawi-HTS**

#### WHAT Malawi HIV Testing Services (HTS) Pilot WHEN March - August 2021

9 facilities as shown on the map below

#### WHY

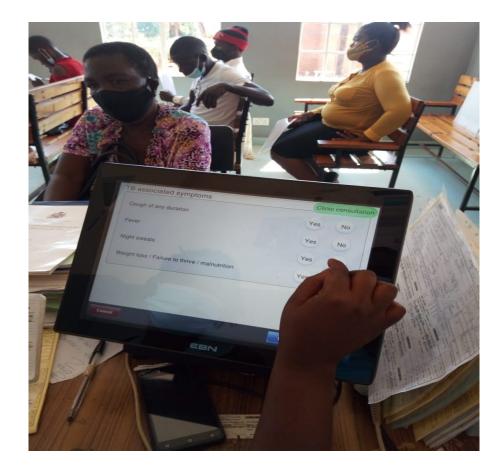
As Malawi continues to roll out new programs and consolidates HIV/AIDS epidemic control, the HTS registers require updates to generate timely and accurate summary statistics in accordance with the new 3-test algorithm.



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- Incorporated quality improvement approach in AHD management
  - Using R4H on diagnostics beyond facilities on the list
  - Treatment-Use of Flucytosine, Amphotericin B & paclitaxel
  - Service providers orientation on both AHD & QI
  - QITs established
  - Coaching lessons
- Improved EMR down times
- Consistent stock availability of ARV and other commodities





- Low uptake of AHD commodities
- Delayed turn around time for VL sample results at some facilities

 Model mix risks patient double counting between the DSD models

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# 2022 Goals and Targets – 1

By CQUIN's next annual meeting (end-2022):

- 75% of people on ART to be in less-intensive DSD treatment models
- DSD model mix to accommodate all flavors-
  - Area still under discussion for more clarity & feasibility in the M&E system
- Strengthen integration of TB/HIV services into less-intensive models?
- Strengthen integration of NCD services into less-intensive models?
- Strengthen integration of family planning into less-intensive models

# 2022 Goals and Targets - 2

### Plans for AHD services

- Scale up additional 240 spoke sites
- Development of treatment SOPs
- Demand creation on AHD services
- Plans for differentiated MNCH services
  - Scale up POCs for HIV detection among exposed infants
- Plans for differentiated HIV services for mobile, migrant and/or displaced people
  - Scale up HIV services in the wellness centers established in the border districts

## 2022 Goals and Targets - 3

- Plans for differentiated KP services
  - To scale up HIV testing and linkage to treatment and prevention services for KPs
    - Promote index testing services
    - Use of KPs as HIVST kit distributors
  - Scale up treatment access points
    - Accreditation of DICs into standalone ART sites
- Any plans for impact assessment
  - To Interim results from the AMBIT study & evaluation report available

# 2022 Goals and Targets – 4

- One most important DSD-related goal or target for our country's plans for 2022
  - MoH diagnostics to establish 2 molecular labs
  - Electronic viral load results return initiative
    - A novel initiative to reduce VL result TAT and improve result utilisation by both service providers & ART clients
    - Pilot underway at 4 purposely sampled health facilities spread in all the administrative regions
    - Outcomes:
      - 1. Reduction in results turn around time to <21 days
      - 2. Empowerment of ART clients to make informed decisions with their VL results that are aligned to the T=T campaign
  - Have the DSD operational guideline in place





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