

#### Delivering High-Quality DSD Services at Scale A CQUIN Learning Network Workshop

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#### **Outline**

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- QI activities implemented
- Sample case studies
- Data
- Successes and challenges
- Lessons learnt
- Next steps

#### Background

- Zimbabwe started implementing DSD models in 2015
- Models offered include (CARGs, FARGs, Fast Track, Outreach, Facility Clubs)
- Out of 1,638 facilities 93.7% (1,136) offer DSD models
- Eligibility criteria for DSD models
  - ➤ At least 6/12 on ART
  - ➤ Viral load < 1000 copies/ml
  - ➤ Established clients on ART with good adherence
- By end of 2021 only 36% of the total ART clients were in DSD models against target of 55%
  - ➤ Despite VL coverage of 71% and VL suppression of 96%

## Distribution of ROC by Model 1% 0% 6% 9% 15%

64%







Other

#### **Project Implementation**

- Zimbabwe aims to increase the proportion of eligible RoC enrolled in DSD models from 36% to 55% by December 2022
- Selected 14 sites from two provinces (7 from each)
  - ➤ 12 PEPFAR / 2 Non-PEPFAR support
  - ➤ High volume sites with ≥ 600 PLHIV on ART
  - ➤ Low DSD coverage
- Conducted initial Quality Improvement trainings for the 14 sites
  - > Facility teams, district coaches and district focal persons
  - First training 7 facilities (November 2021), second training- 7 facilities (March 2022)
- Each facility team developed its QI for DSD projects
  - > Aims aligned to the national overall goal for DSD
- Using the Model for Improvement during implementation

#### QI Activities Implemented

- Facility teams were expected to
  - Give feedback to workmates and form QIT
  - ➤ Conduct stakeholder analysis
  - > Redefine their problem and aim statements
  - Conduct root cause analysis
  - > Conduct process mapping and identify opportunities for improvement
  - ➤ Use Focusing Matrix to prioritize solutions
  - > Create driver diagrams
  - > Create QI corner and run charts
- QI chairperson and team responsible for day-to-day operations
- Day to day implementation progress monitoring is conducted by
  - > District coaches in PEPFAR sites
  - ➤ HIV focal persons in Non-PEPFAR sites
    - Coaching, mentorship and support
- National and provincial teams to conduct quarterly visits to monitor progress

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- Facility worked on the following deliverables from the training
  - ➤ Gave feedback to other facility members
  - > Team formation with clear roles (Inclusion of expert patients)
  - ➤ Conducted stakeholder analysis (VHWs, HCC members, CBO)
  - Conducted process mapping
  - Collected baseline data
  - ➤ Opened a project folder (QIT meeting minutes, PDSA cycle plans available)

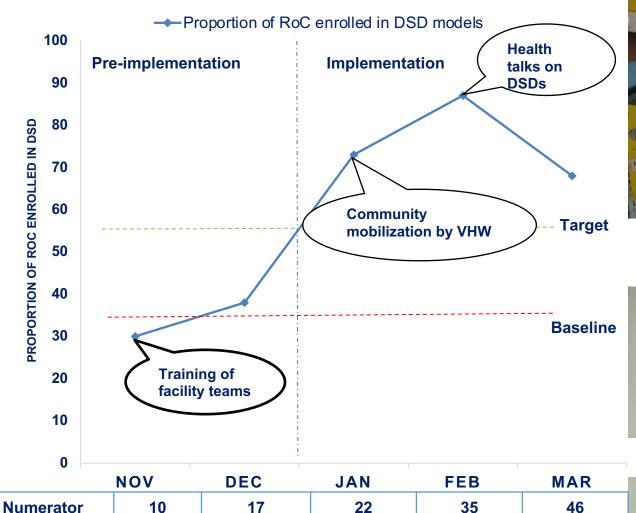
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Implementation started in December 2021

- Tested changes include
  - Capacitation of VHWs to conduct community mobilization
  - Health education at facility every morning
- Good documentation in green books and DSD registers

Good task sharing in the OI department

#### Run Chart For DSD QI - Chakari Clinic



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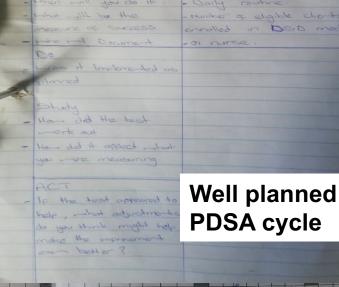
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Good DSD documentation in RoC booklets

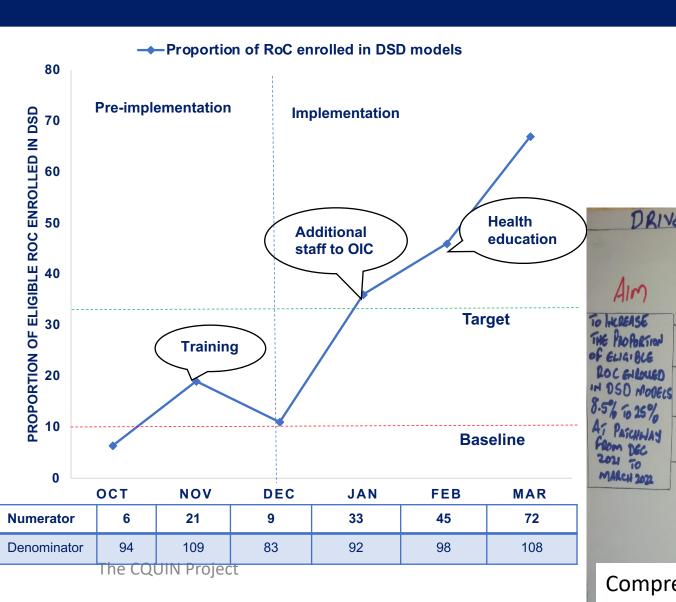
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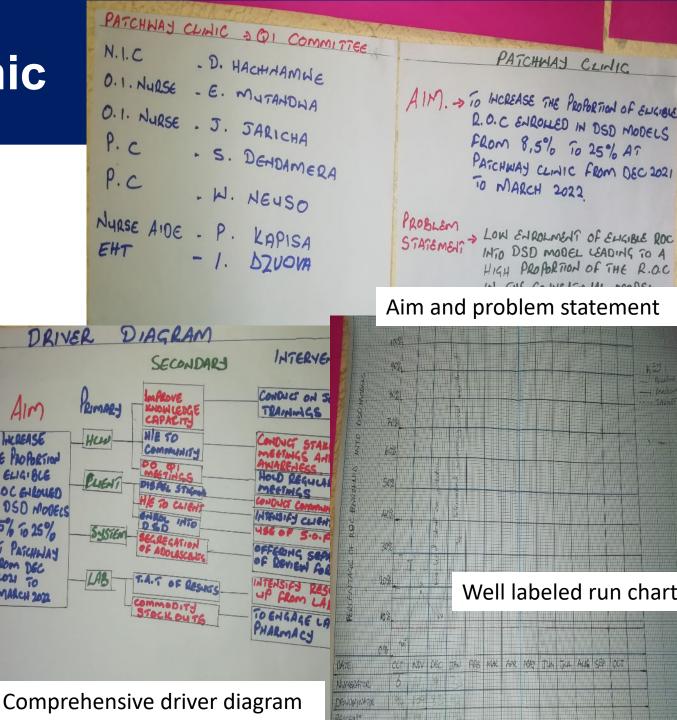
- Facility worked on deliverables from the training
  - ➤ Gave feedback to facility staff
  - ➤ QIT formation-Involvement of CLF
  - ➤ Stakeholder analysis done (no inclusion of their roles)
  - ➤ Process mapping done (no new map)
  - ➤ Baseline data collection done
  - ➤ Project folder & QI corner available (Tested changes, run chart on wall).

## Aim: To increase the proportion of eligible RoC enrolled into DSD Models from 10.5% to 35% at Patchway Clinic from December 2021 to 31 March 2022

- Main challenge was poor staff task allocation in the OI clinic
  - ➤ Difficult to identify eligible clients
- Lack of awareness on available DSD models among clients
- Documented tested changes
  - ➤ Staff task allocation in the OI clinic to improve identification of clients
  - ➤ Intensified screening of eligible clients
  - Health education on DSD models every morning to increase demand

#### Run Chart - Patchway Clinic





## Aim: To increase the proportion of eligible RoCs enrolled in DSD models from 2% to 30% from November 2021 to November 2022 at Kariba Hospital

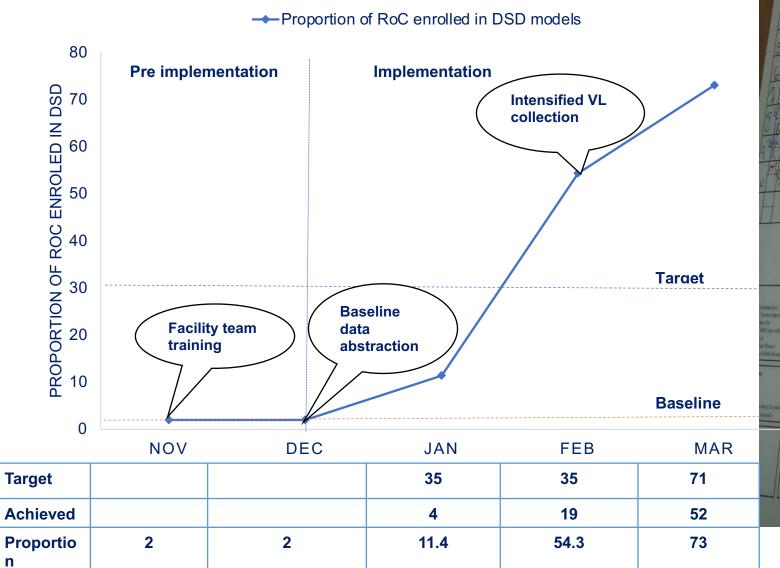
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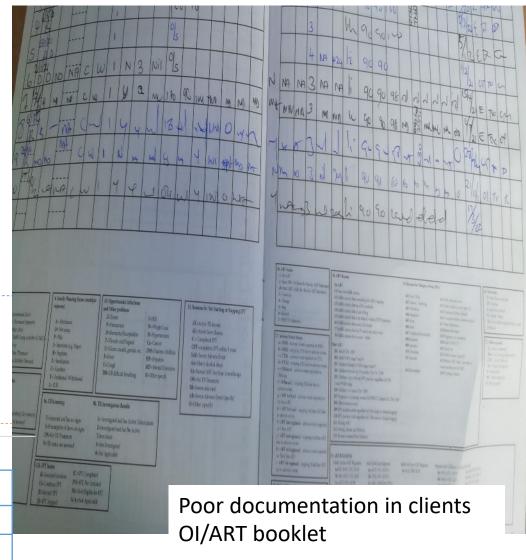
- >A clear aim statement,
- ➤ Conducted stakeholder analysis,
- ➤ Gave feedback to hospital management
- ➤ Performed process mapping and RCA
- Prioritized solutions
- However, team had not
  - Created a QI folder or corner
  - >Started documenting evidence of meetings conducted
  - >Assigned roles to the QI team

## Aim: To increase the proportion of eligible RoCs enrolled in DSD models from 2% to 30% from November 2021 to November 2022 at Kariba Hospital

- Despite unavailability of the key steps in QI project implementation team had started
  - ➤ Intensified VL collection among their clients
  - ➤ Involvement of community cadres in demand creation
  - ➤ Enrolled 75 clients into FT since January 2022
  - ➤ Although team reported the above activities
    - ➤ No documented test of changes available

#### Kariba Hospital Data and runs charts





#### What worked (Successes)

- Involvement and capacitation of VHW/CLFs/Expert patients in demand creation
- Morning health education sessions on DSD models
- Team work –most facilities had a cooperative QI team were everyone could contribute freely to the success of the project
- Allocation of staff duties and tasks in the OI clinic
- Intensification of VL collection to increase the proportion of eligible clients

#### Challenges

- Inadequate implementation knowledge among facility teams and coaches
- Inadequate health care workers in OI clinics
- Poor documentation in clients booklets and DSD register
  - Benefit of reducing workload not realized
- Lack of team work at some facilities
- Inadequate support from district managers
- Lack of clear identification system of eligible clients

#### **Lessons Learnt**

- Team work is key to a successful QI project
- A dedicated QI coach is critical when implementing QI
- Early support and mentorship visits post training
- Facilities to run similar projects with same targets for easy tracking
- Documentation of PDSA cycles critical
  - ➤ Assist teams to decide on successful tested changes
- Cohorting of clients allows easy identification of eligible clients for VL
  - ➤ Increasing eligible clients for DSD

#### **Next steps**

- Teams to continue with implementation
- To source for funding to conduct learning sessions
  - ➤ Motivating poorly performing facility teams
  - ➤ Capacitate coaches in poorly performing sites
- To train coaches in non PEPFER districts (HIVFP overwhelmed)
- Support and mentorship visits for the second group (May 2022)
- Plan for scaling up to other facilities
- Focus on quality and fidelity as facilities meet coverage targets

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