



## **Uganda Update**

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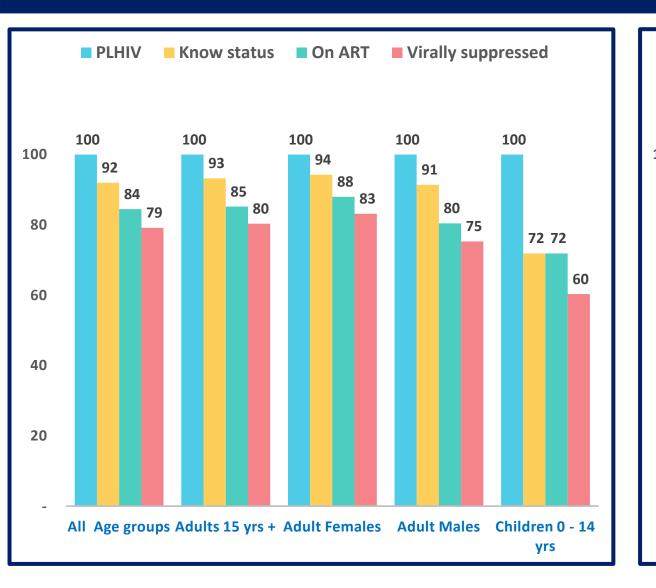


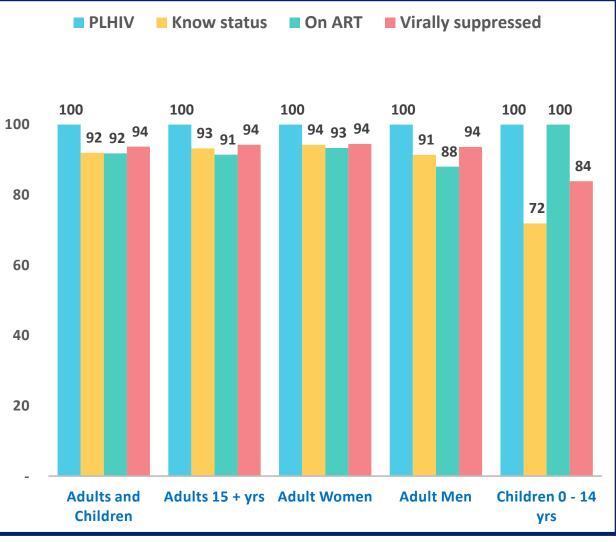
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#### HIV Treatment Cascade: June 2023 (DHIS2)





#### **CQUIN Treatment Dashboard Results: 2023**

Policies				
Guidelines				
Diversity				
Scale Up Plan				
Coordination				
Training				
Procurement				
Facility Coverage		Community Eng.	M&E System	
<b>Key Populations</b>	Client Coverage	TB/HIV	МСН	
Quality	AHD	HTN	Family Planning	Impact
Most mature don	Least mature domains			

- 63% (12/19) domains are more mature (Dark or Light Green)
  - The M&E, MCH and FP domains are in less-mature stages due to a lack of targets for these; hence coverage cannot be reported
- The domains in yellow, orange and red, highlight opportunities for improvement for the next implementation year



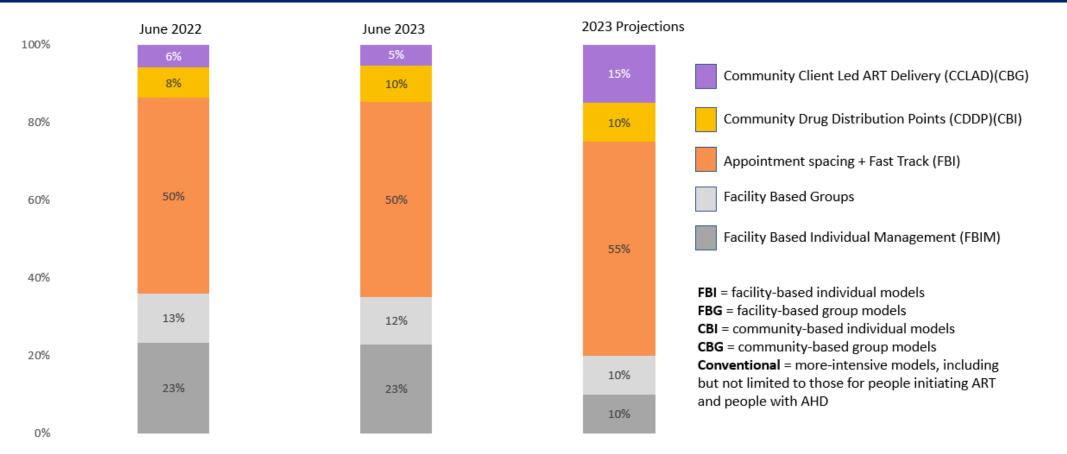
#### **CQUIN Treatment Dashboard Results: Change Over Time**

	Uganda	
	2022	2023
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FP		
HTN		

- 7/19 of the domains have improved since the previous staging in 2022
- The community engagement domain regressed due to the new assessment score for this year
- With the rollout of the new guidelines and tools and the opening of DSD in Uganda, we hope to have more domains improve next year



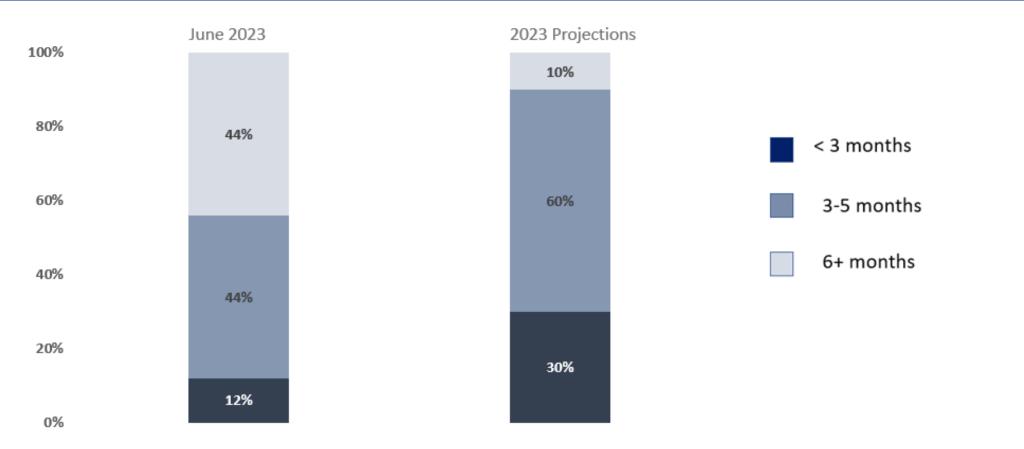
#### **Differentiated Treatment Model Mix**



- The country has been slow to attain the CCLAD projections because of a changing landscape in funding
- CDDPs are showing slight improvement due to the scale-up of the community pharmacy model which is one of the approaches of CDDP and being favored in urban / semi urban places



#### Differentiated Treatment: Multi-month Dispensing



- A majority of RoC (88%) receive 3+ months of drug refills in 2023. Uganda far exceeded (44%) the 2023 MMD6 projection of 10%
- This data is captured through PEPFAR In-country Reporting System (PIRS) as it is not yet integrated into the DHIS2.



#### CQUIN AHD Dashboard Results 2023

Policies	
Guidelines	
AHD Scale-up Plan	
SOPs	
Coordination	
ROC Engagement	
Training	Diagnostic Capability 1
Facility Coverage	Client Coverage 1
Supply Chain	Client Coverage 2
M&E System	Client Coverage 3
Quality	Client Coverage 4

Most mature domains

Impact

Least mature domains

- All AHD CMM domains except Impact were staged light or dark green
- The light greens are a target for improvement as the country improves on stocks for AHD commodities



#### CQUIN Testing & Linkage Dashboard – 2023

Policy: Strategic Model				
Mix				
Financing and Resource				
Allocation				
SOPs				
Meaningful CE				
Coordination				
dHTS Training	Procurement & Supply			
	Chain Management			
Linkage Tx: Confirm/	Population Coverage		Policy: Optimizing HIV	
Verification Testing			Testing	
EQA/IQC	Linkage to Tx: Timely		Implementation and	
	Linkage		Scale-Up Plan	
Proficiency Testing	Impact: Linkage to		M&E	Private Sector
	Treatment			Engagement
Clinical Services	Impact: Linkage to	Policy: Linkage	Linkage to Prevention	Impact: Knowledge of
	Prevention		and Other Services	HIV Status

Most mature domains

Least mature domains

- Much has happened in the HTS program in Uganda since the last staging (Feb 2023)
- Currently working on the optimization plan (dHTS scale up plan) that caters for improvement in poorly performing domains.



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#### **Country Level Planning and Coordination**

- Uganda uses DSD TWG and sub-committee groups as platforms for planning and coordinating DSD activities
  - Four TWG meetings and 8 subcommittee meetings were held in the past year
  - The national network of PLHIV, NAFOPHANU, is represented in these meetings
- Action items funded by PEPFAR include:
  - Scale up of Alternative Drug Distribution Points (ADDPs) across the country with integration of other services including FP, NCDs, TB, PrEP (Bill & Melianda Foundation)
  - $\circ~$  Review of the DSD implementation guidelines
- Action items funded by Global Fund include:
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Support for the TWG quarterly meetings  $\,$
  - DSD DPRs (2023) and dissemination of DPR results
- The team developed concept papers and presented them to donors, including PEPFAR and GF to secure donor buy-in for these action plans and funding prioritization through COP23 and GF



#### **Engagement with CQUIN**

- Participation in any country-to-country visits
  - As a host: Rwanda, Ghana, Sierra Leone
  - As a visitor-Mozambique-Ghana and Uganda-FP integration
- Any DSD Performance Reviews? DPR 2023 data collection completed in October 2023, Dissemination scheduled for December 2023
- Resources or tools from other CQUIN network countries- lvory Coast dHTS job aid
- Other DSD-related activities supported by CQUIN
  - DART and AHD staging meetings
  - Technical support during dHTS optimization (scale up) plan writing
  - **O DPR concept writing, and DPR2023 indicator**
- Describe key lessons learned and impact on country DSD implementation plans.
  - HIV service integration has further inspired the already existing integration service model at community level- See Uganda poster on HIV integration



### Update on Country Action Plan from the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (2022)

- Activities that have been successfully completed include:
  - Develop & implement quality indicators for tracking AHD, NCDs management
  - Develop a family centered approach for RoC with AHD and NCDs
  - Perform DQA for DSD services
  - RoC surveys
  - Develop quality indicators for monitoring dHTS
- Activities that are still underway include:
  - None
- Activities that were dropped include:
  - Develop DSD quality indicator
  - Pilot DSD quality indicators in selected facilities



#### Were any activities added to the action plan midyear?

- After the dHTS meeting in March2023
  - Linkage to prevention and other services
  - Private sector engagement/oversight
- After a country-to-country visit?
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Integration of FP in the ART clinic point of care points  $\,$



#### Integration of HIV and Non-HIV services into DSD

- What integration policy(ies) did you adopt this year or working on?
  - Integration of other services into the community approaches. These include FP, NCDs, TB, Prep
- What activities are being implemented to scale up integration of FP and NCDs into DSD models?
  - Stakeholder engagements have taken place including private partnerships
  - Implementation modalities on FP integration are being developed
- What are the major barriers in the country against scale up of integrated services?
  - **o** Commodity stocks, majorly NCDs
  - Which community actors will take lead, data capture and facilitation



#### **DSD Implementation Successes in 2023**

- Integration of the DPR into country mechanisms
- Community Retail Pharmacy Drug Distribution Point (CRPDDP), has reached 45,000 RoC on the model.
- Review and updated the National DSD implementation guideline to the current 2022 guidelines
- Held successful capability maturity model staging meetings for AHD, dHTS, and DART
- Development of the national HTS scale up plan, with an inclusion of linkage to combination prevention services for people who test HIV negative and are at high risk of acquiring HIV



#### Challenges in DSD Implementation

- Data alignment of some indicators is a challenge for some of the domains like M&E, community engagement, other services like FP, NCDs.
- Working with communities Vs their expectations in their roles, facilitation.
- Unfunded priorities



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What are the *most important* DSD-related goals and/or projections in your country's plans for 2024?

• Integration of other services into community models

What do you want to learn from other countries in the CQUIN network in the coming year?

• M&E for integrated services



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