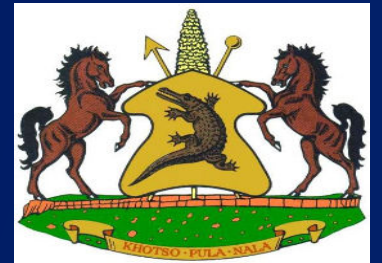


Lesotho Update

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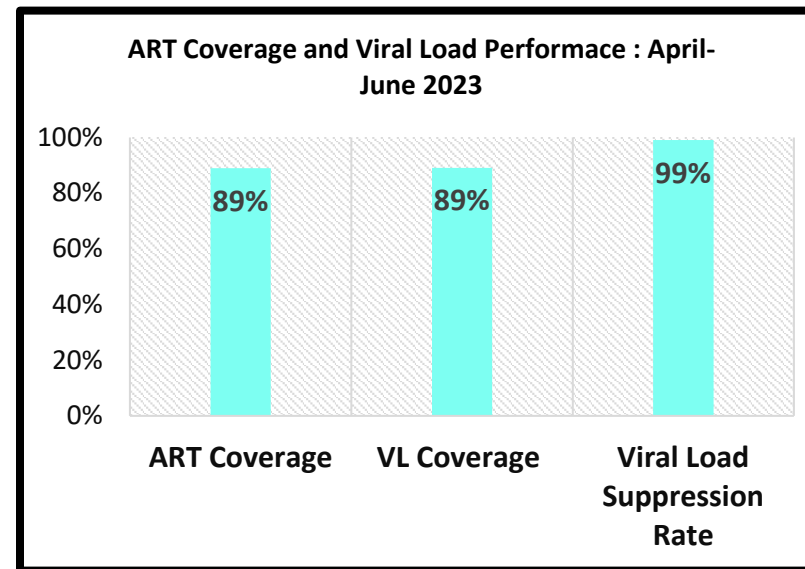
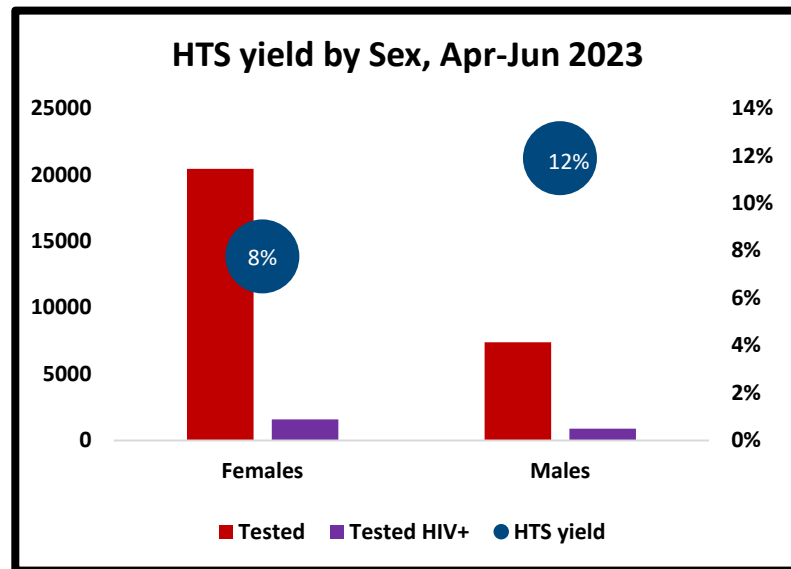
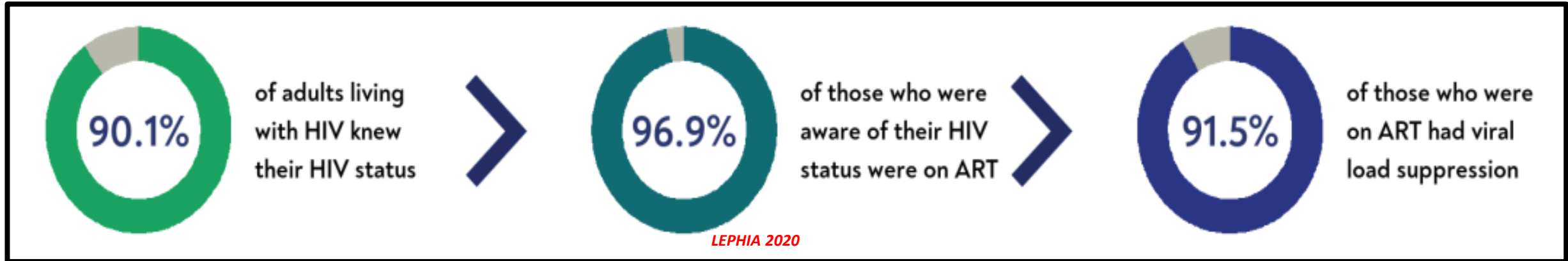
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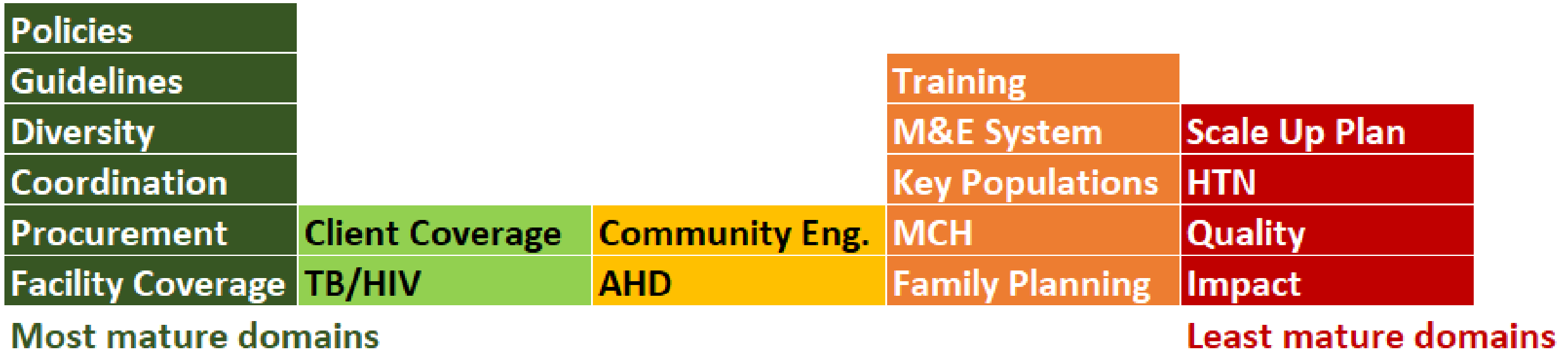
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Progress towards the 95:95:95 targets



- Lesotho attained 90:96:91 in 2020 (LePHIA2020)
- Low ART and VL Coverage (<90) by June 2023
- Significantly high testing yield, higher among males (12%)

CQUIN Treatment Dashboard Results: 2023



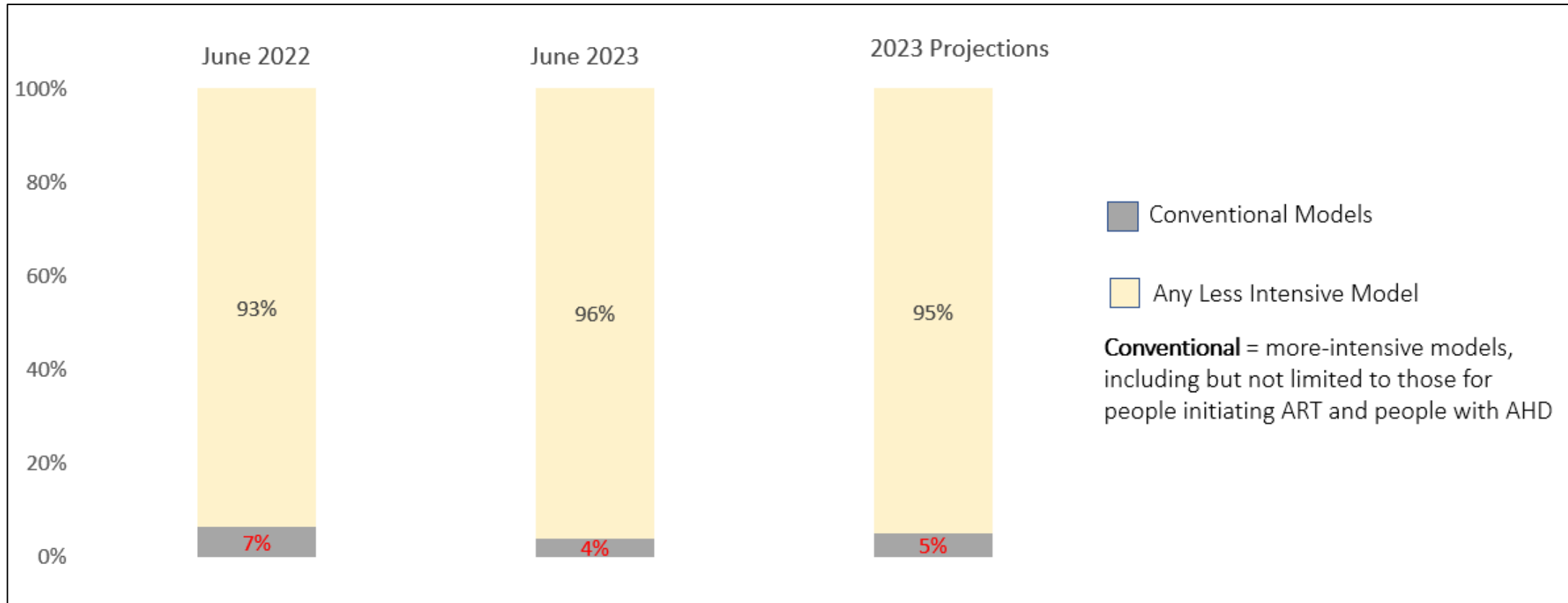
Maturity in 8/19 (42%) of domains – DG and LG, currently working to improve on the least mature domains

CQUIN Treatment Dashboard Results: Change Over Time

	Lesotho	
	2022	2023
Policies	Orange	Green
Guidelines	Green	Green
Diversity	Yellow	Green
Scale-up Plan	Red	Red
Coordination	Yellow	Green
Community Engagement	Yellow	Yellow
Training	Orange	Orange
M&E System	Orange	Orange
Facility Coverage	Green	Green
Client Coverage	Light Green	Light Green
Quality	Red	Red
Impact	Red	Red
P&SM	Green	Green
AHD	Yellow	Yellow
KP	Red	Orange
TB/HIV	Orange	Light Green
MCH	Orange	Orange
FP	Orange	Orange
HTN	Grey	Red

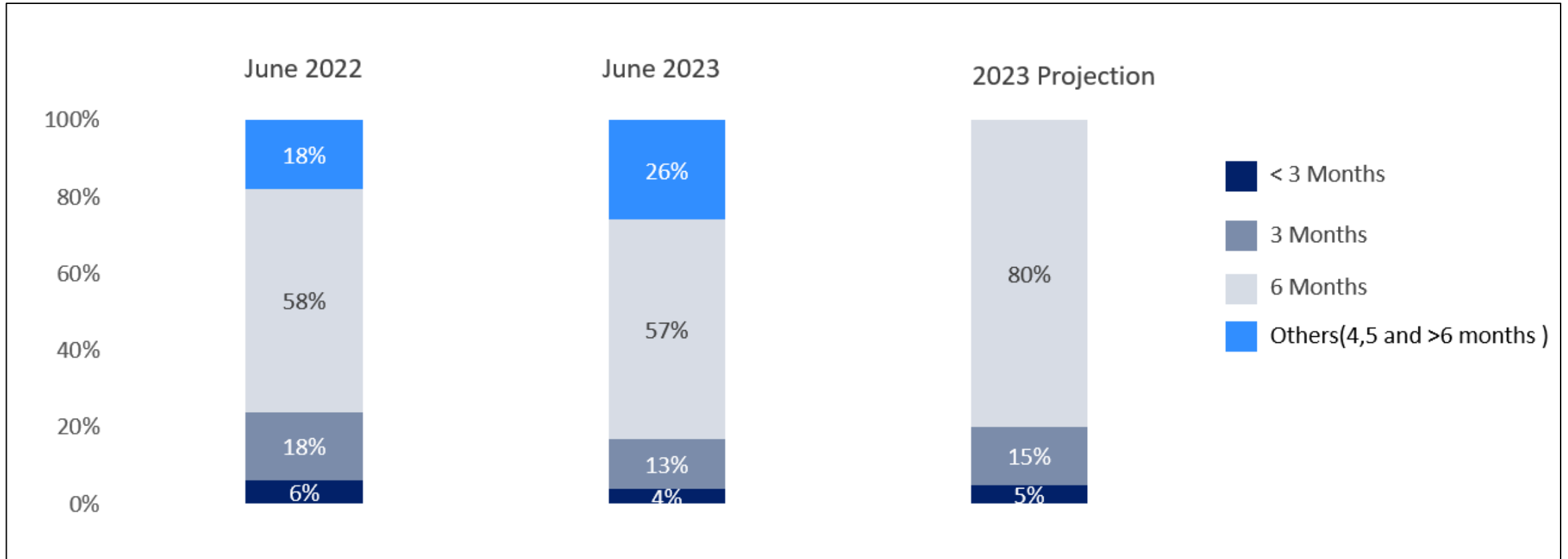
- **Notable progress in the following five domains:**
 - Policies, diversity, coordination, KP and TB/HIV domains
- **Maturity sustained in four domains:**
 - Guidelines, facility coverage, client coverage and P&SCM
- **Status quo in the following domains:**
 - Scale-up plan, community engagement, training, M&E System, quality, impact, AHD, MCH&FP domains
- Currently, in the process of developing DSD operational guidelines, and updating M&E tools

Differentiated Treatment Model Mix



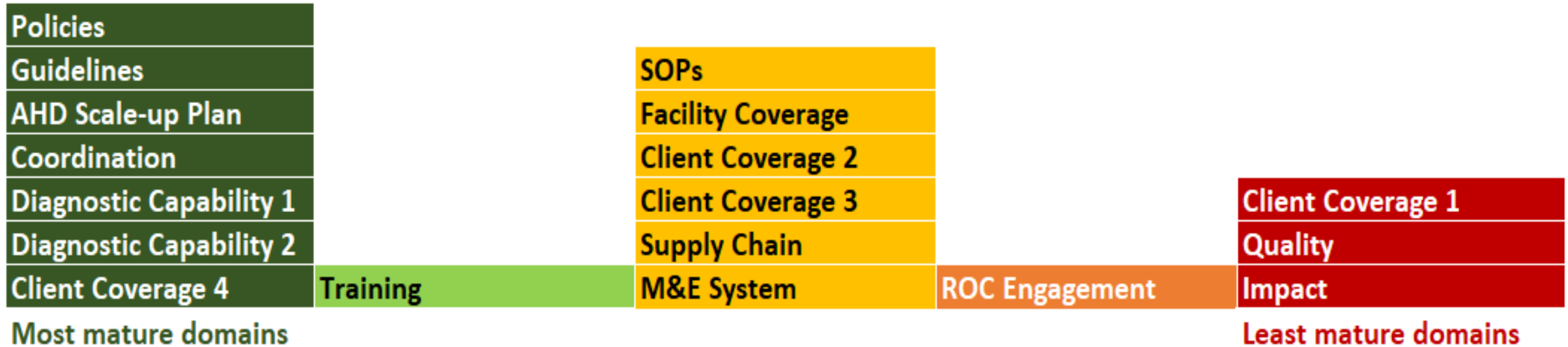
- Coverage for clients on DSD for less intense models (LIM) improved from 93% in 2022 to 96% in 2023 (mainly due to improved documentation)
- Tools have been revised to capture the different LIM from next year

Differentiated Treatment: Multi-month Dispensing



- 70% of clients are in 3-6 MMD as of June 2023
- M&E tools revised to align with WHO categories (<3MMD, 3MMD, 6MMD)
- Others (includes 4,5 and > 6 all together)

CQUIN AHD Dashboard Results 2023



- Eight out of 18 (44%) of the domains are mature or dark green / green
- M&E system does not capture ALL coverage data at national level, hence orange score
- Insufficient information available to estimate client coverage 1, but available coverage data for facility, and client coverage 1&2 is between 25-49% of eligible RoCs/facilities
- The updated M&E tools will facilitate improved reporting of national level coverage

CQUIN Testing & Linkage Dashboard – 2023

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

Most mature domains

Least mature domains

- Nine out of 22 (41%) of the domains are mature
- Currently implementing dHTS action plans developed in March 2023
- Prioritized domains this year include M&E, scale up plan, and private sector engagement

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Country Level Planning and Coordination

- DSD activities are coordinated in the country by the HIV/TB TWG
- There were no meetings specifically for DSD however, during the joint TB/HIV strategic plan development (April-August 2023), DSD activities were discussed during writing meetings.
- Different recipient of care organisations were represented including LENEHWA, LENASO, MANTSOPA Institute etc.
- **Activities funded by PEPFAR**
 - Procurement of glucometers and BP machines for health facilities in 8 districts
 - Inclusion of the DSD agenda under COP23
- **Activities funded by Global Fund**
 - Development of Health sector HIV/TB strategic plan that has DSD strategic objectives.
 - Revision of HIV and AIDS patients monitoring tools to include integrated indicators on DART models, NCD and Mental Health in the National M&E system
 - Printing of M&E tools
- **Process used to prioritize these action plans**
 - Activities prioritization involving all the stakeholders
 - The Ministry of Health and PEPFAR implementing partners were involved in the COP23 prioritization processes

Engagement with CQUIN

Communities of practice joined by Lesotho

- DSD Coordinator's CoP
- Advanced HIV disease (AHD)
- Differentiated HIV testing services (HTS)
- Differentiated M&E
- Differentiated TB/HIV
- DSD for key populations
- Community engagement

Prospective

- Quality improvement
- NCD
- Family planning

Country-to-country visit

- Selected and prioritized for early 2024

CQUIN-supported quality assessment exercises

- dHTS staging in March 2023
- DART, and AHD staging in September 2023

Resources or tools from other CQUIN network countries

- Strategic plan (Soth Africa, Kenya and Uganda)
- GC7 Application (Eswatini, and Malawi)

DSD-related activities supported by CQUIN

- dHTS staging in March 2023
- DART, and AHD staging in September 2023

Key lessons learned and impact on country DSD implementation plans

- Yet to develop

ICAP CQUIN TA visit to Lesotho, September 2023

Update on Country Action Plan from the 6th Annual Meeting (2022)

- **Activities that have been successfully completed include:**

1. Development of Health Sector Strategic plan that includes DSD strategic objectives
2. Procurement of glucometers and BP machines for health facilities in 8 districts
3. Inclusion DSD agenda under COP23
4. Revision of HIV and AIDS patients monitoring tools to include integrated indicators on DART models, NCD and Mental Health integration into National M&E system
5. Training of data personnel on revised tools

- **Activities that are still underway include:**

1. Development of the DSD manual
2. Development of national DSD scale up plan
3. Training of healthcare providers on DSD models and implementation
4. Distribution and operationalization of revised tools

No activities were added to the action plan mid year

Integration of HIV and Non-HIV services into DSD

- **Integration policy adopted during the year**
 - The new strategic plan includes integration of FP, Mental health, and other NCDs
- **Major barriers in the country against scale up of integrated services**
 - Commodities for NCDs
 - Lack of skilled health workers (Mental health)
 - Need for in-service training for HCWs on management of NCDs
 - M&E systems do not routinely report integration data at national level
- **Activities being implemented to scale up integration of FP and NCDs into DSD models**
 - Procurement of glucometers and BP machines for health facilities in 8 districts
 - In-country discussions on integration of services are on going
 - Updating M&E tools to record and report data on integration

DSD Implementation Successes in 2023

- **Initiated discussions to classify existing DSD models**
 - Various community models exist but are not being reported
 - M&E tools are being reviewed to capture these models
- Revision of M&E tools means Lesotho will be in position to report on a detailed model mix, and coverage rates
- Scale up of EMR to more ART sites provides an opportunity to access de-identified patient level data at national level

Challenges in DSD Implementation

- Lack of clear definitions on DSD models
- Not all DSD indicators included in national M&E system
- Currently the national M&E system is not able to provide de-identified patient level data at central level

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DSD priorities for 2024

DSD-related goals and/or projection for 2024

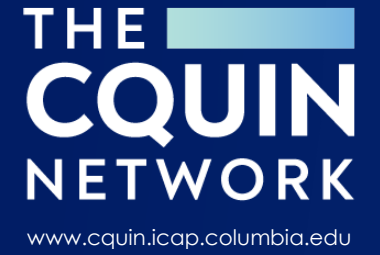
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- Development of national DSD scale up plan
- Training of health care workers on DSD models and implementation
- National roll out of revised M&E tools

What we want to learn from other countries in the CQUIN network in 2024

- Facility and community-based DSD
- Meaningful engagement of recipients of care
- VISITECT implementation for AHD
- KP programming
- M&E of DSD

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