

Malawi Country Updates

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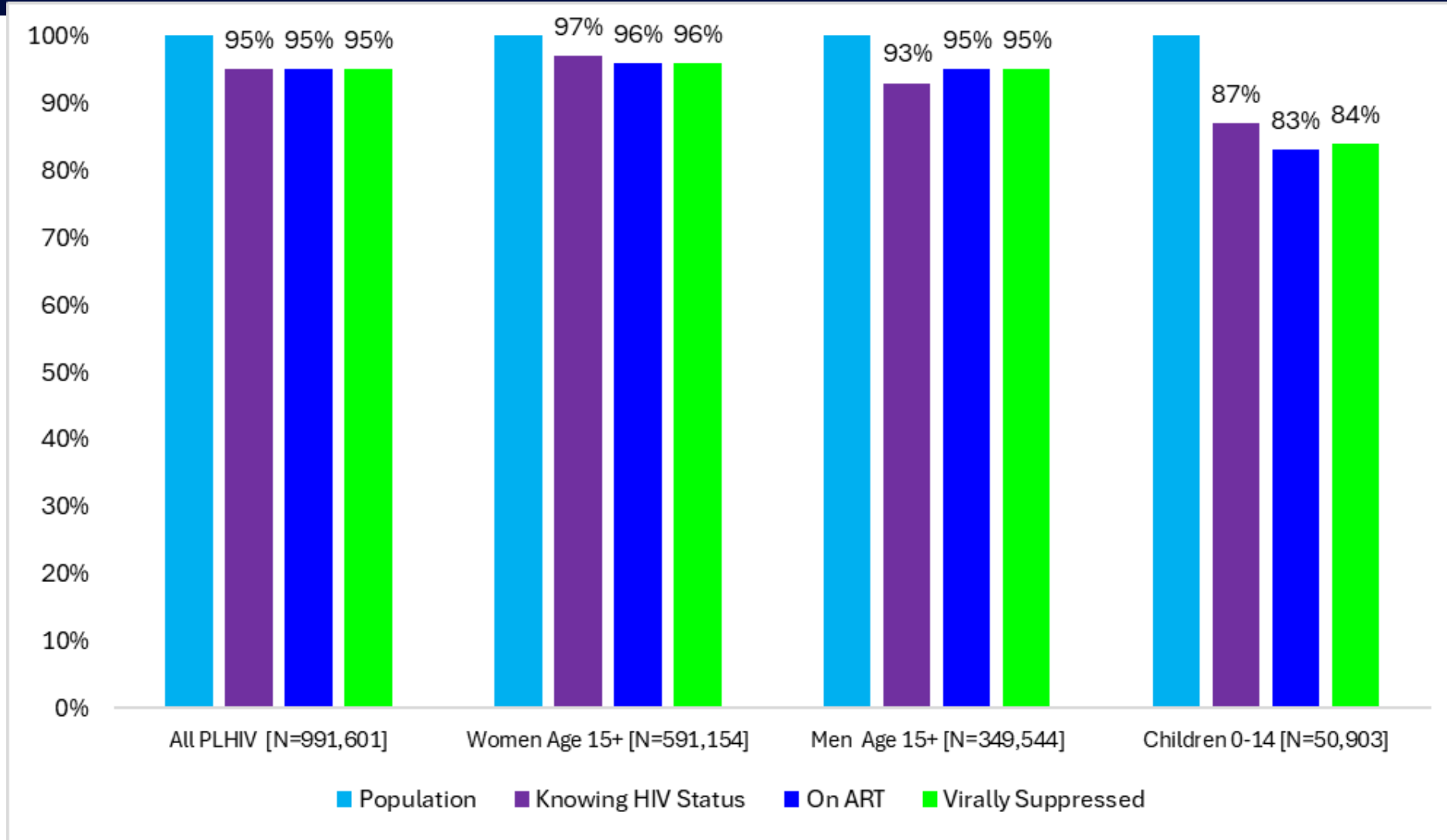
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Progress Towards the 95:95:95 Targets



Data Source:
Spectrum
Estimates Dec.
2023

Malawi Treatment CMM Results: 2024

Policies				
Guidelines				
Diversity				
Coordination				
Community		Scale Up Plan	M&E System	
Procurement		Key Populations	Family Planning	
Facility Coverage	Training	TB/HIV	Quality	
Client Coverage	AHD	NCD/HIV	Impact	MCH
Most mature				Least mature

- Ten domains have achieved a high level of maturity (dark/light green) while the MCH domain had the least mature scoring (red)
- The 2025 DSD country action plan will prioritize strategies to enhance the performance of less mature domains, while drawing insights from member countries that have witnessed success
 - Priority domains in 2025 are MCH, M&E, FP, Quality and Impact domains

Malawi Treatment CMM Results: Change Over Time

Domains	2022	2023	2024
Policies	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green
Guidelines	Yellow	Light Green	Dark Green
Diversity	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green
Scale Up Plan	Orange	Orange	Yellow
Coordination	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green
Community	Yellow	Light Green	Dark Green
Training	Orange	Yellow	Light Green
M&E System	Red	Orange	Orange
Procurement	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green
Facility Coverage	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green
Client Coverage	Red	Light Green	Dark Green
AHD	Orange	Light Green	Light Green
Key Populations	Light Green	Orange	Yellow
TB/HIV	Red	Orange	Yellow
MCH	Red	Red	Dark Red
NCD/HIV	Light Green	Orange	Yellow
Family Planning	Orange	Orange	Orange
Quality	Red	Orange	Orange
Impact	Red	Red	Orange

- The Training domain made substantial strides in maturity, moving from a less mature yellow to a more mature light green score.
 - This was achieved through the MOH securing funding to facilitate training sessions for healthcare providers.
- While several domains have demonstrated sustained maturity, challenges persist in certain domains. The Quality, FP, and M&E domains have not made significant progress.
- The MCH domain remains a significant concern, hindered by the national ART treatment policies not considering pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV and their infants to be eligible for less-intensive DART models

Malawi Differentiated Treatment Model Mix

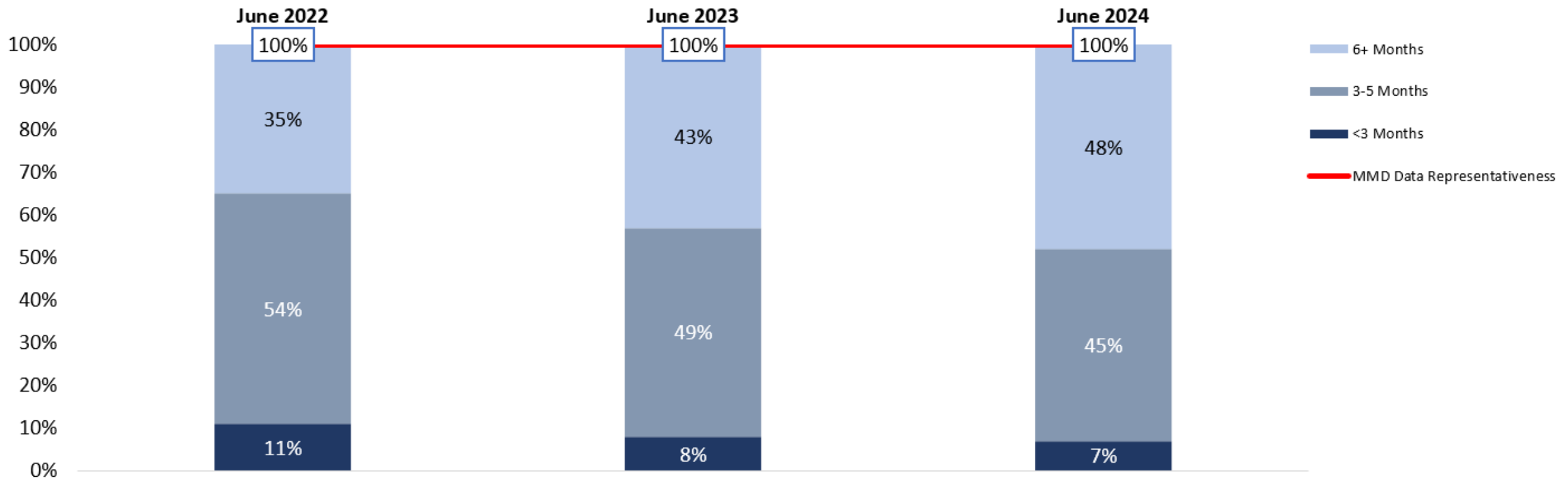
All DSD models currently implemented in Malawi have been captured in the EMR

- ❑ Currently, the data is managed at IP level

- ❑ The national EMR reporting on RoC DSD model mix will be piloted once funding has been secured

- The pilot will involve selected HF across the country to evaluate the system's functionality and reporting efficiency
- Lessons from the pilot will guide national roll-out and further system enhancements

Malawi Differentiated Treatment: Multi-Month Dispensing



- The % of RoC on shorter spacing intervals has steadily declined from 2023 to 2024
- The proportion of RoCs receiving 6+MMD increased by 5% between June 2023 and June 2024
- MMD data source: The EMR with 100% coverage of the national treatment cohort

Malawi AHD CMM Results 2024

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

- Most mature staging (Dark/ light green) was achieved in 67% (12 out of 18) of domains within the AHD CMM.
- In FY25, Malawi will prioritize strengthening the least mature domains while continuing the scale-up of AHD services.
- M&E tools for AHD are being utilized across all AHD sites nationwide.
- Comprehensive supervision and mentorship tools for AHD are established and operational.

Malawi AHD CMM Results – Trend Over Time (2022-2024)

Domains	2022	2023	2024
Policies	Light Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Guidelines	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
AHD Scale-up Plan	Yellow	Light Green	Dark Green
SOPs	Orange	Dark Green	Dark Green
Coordination	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
ROC Engagement	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Training	Light Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Supply Chain	Dark Green	Dark Green	Yellow
M&E System	Orange	Yellow	Dark Green
Diagnostic Capability 1	Orange	Light Green	Orange
Diagnostic Capability 2	Red	Red	Red
Facility Coverage	Orange	Light Green	Orange
Client Coverage 1	Orange	Orange	Yellow
Client Coverage 2	Dark Green	Yellow	Orange
Client Coverage 3	Light Green	Yellow	Light Green
Client Coverage 4	Red	Red	Light Green
Quality	Red	Dark Green	Dark Green
Impact	Red	Light Green	Dark Green

- Overall, 67% of AHD CMM domains are in the most mature staging
- M&E system: All the necessary AHD-related data elements are being systematically collected, reported, analyzed, and reviewed regularly and are integrated into national M&E tools and the national HMIS for HIV/ART services
- Facility Coverage regressed in maturity due to insufficient data to adequately describe services provided onsite or through referral systems for the spokes
- The least mature domains will be an area of focus for FY25 because it's essential to strengthen AHD services and maximize health outcomes for people living with HIV

Malawi Differentiated Testing CMM – 2024

Policy: Strategic Model Mix	
Finance/Resource Allocation	
SOPs	
Community Engagement	
Private Sector Engagement	
Coordination	
M&E	
Procurement/Supply Chain	
Population Coverage	
Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing ²
Linkage to Tx: Verification	Policy: Linkage
EQA/IQC	dHTS Training
Proficiency Testing	Impact: Knowledge of Status
Clinical Services	Impact: Linkage to Tx

Most mature domains

- 86% (19 out of 22) of the domains are most mature
- In 2025, Malawi will prioritize strengthening the least mature domains while sustaining progress with the more mature domains
- The M&E of dHTS now captures client-level data using the ScanForm technology

Scale-up Plan
Linkage to Prevention
Impact: Linkage to Prevention

Least mature domains

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dHTS	
Domains	2024
Policy: Strategic Model Mix	Green
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing	Light Green
Policy: Linkage	Light Green
Finance/Resource Allocation	Green
SOPs	Green
Scale-up Plan	Orange
Community Engagement	Green
Private Sector Engagement	Green
Coordination	Green
dHTS Training	Light Green
M&E	Green
Procurement/Supply Chain	Green
Population Coverage	Green
Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	Green
Linkage to Tx: Verification	Green
Linkage to Prevention	Orange
EQA/IQC	Green
Proficiency Testing	Green
Clinical Services	Green
Impact: Knowledge of Status	Light Green
Impact: Linkage to Tx	Light Green
Impact: Linkage to Prevention	Orange

DART	
Domains	2024
Policies	Green
Guidelines	Green
Diversity	Green
Scale Up Plan	Yellow
Coordination	Green
Community	Green
Training	Light Green
M&E System	Orange
Procurement	Green
Facility Coverage	Green
Client Coverage	Green
AHD	Light Green
Key Populations	Yellow
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AHD	
Domains	2024
Policies	Green
Guidelines	Green
AHD Scale-up Plan	Green
SOPs	Green
Coordination	Green
ROC Engagement	Green
Training	Green
Supply Chain	Yellow
M&E System	Green
Diagnostic Capability 1	Orange
Diagnostic Capability 2	Red
Facility Coverage	Orange
Client Coverage 1	Yellow
Client Coverage 2	Orange
Client Coverage 3	Light Green
Client Coverage 4	Light Green
Quality	Green
Impact	Green

Overview of the HIV Program 2024 CMM Results

- Across the three CMMs i.e. dHTS, DART and AHD—enabling domains such as policies, guidelines, coordination and training show relatively robust and sustained progress
 - Many indicators within these domains are green, signaling maturity and consistent implementation across programs.
 - 13% of the domains showed an upward shift from FY23 to FY24
- Program priority areas include AHD diagnostic capability 2, dHTS scale-up plan, dHTS linkage to prevention and impact of dHTS linkage to prevention
- Plans to ensure outcome domains are addressed in an integrated manner include:
 - Strengthening of diagnostic capabilities through cross-program resource sharing
 - Implement joint Quality Improvement (QI) initiatives
 - Focus on data integration for strategic decision-making

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Stakeholder Coordination and Prioritization Processes

DSD coordination process

- DSD sub-group level with guidance from the national C&T TWG
- Three DSD coordination meetings were convened since the last annual review meeting in Durban
- Three DSD staging meetings have been done since last year i.e. DART, AHD and dHTS

RoC organisations represented include:

- JONEHA
- Manet+
- COWLHA
- Manaso
- Y+

Confirmed funds and prioritized activities by different donors

- Integration of DSD models in the EMR
- Mentorship on TB/HIV service integration
- Capacity building of health care providers in provision of FP and ART services with AHF support

Processes used to prioritize activities in the action plans to get donor buy-in

- Joint planning with DSD stakeholders
- Alignment of action plans with the funding cycles for both COP22 and GF/C
- Grant application and negotiation

Engagement with CQUIN

Communities of Practice: Malawi is an active member of the following 10 CoP:

- M&E
- Quality & QI
- MCH
- HIV/NCD Services
- FP
- HIV/TB
- Key & Priority Populations
- HIV Testing & Linkage
- Community Engagement in DSDs
- DSD Coordinators

- **C2C Visits:** Malawi hosted Zimbabwe for a C2C learning exchange visit on the differentiated models for re-engagement into care



Date of the C2C: 5-7 Nov. 2024

Update on Country Action Plans from 2024 Meetings

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

- Conducted situational analysis to understand the level of service integration across facilities supported by MoH and partners
- Conducted mentorship on TB/HIV service integration (AHD) with WHO support
- Finalized development of integrated HIV/SRH/MCH/GBV guidelines, protocols and SOPs
- Strengthened systems for EID including prompt HIV testing and early initiation of ART for HIV positive children

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

- Integration of FP into DART Models
- Train additional healthcare workers on KP-friendly services

- **Activities that were dropped include:**

- Align ART and NCD care appointments for the recipients of care for both HIV and NCD treatment services.
- Conduct orientation of TB officers to ensure that TB commodities are accessed by PLHIV
- Conduct regular district level reviews of TPT and TB treatment cascades

Update on Integrating Non-HIV and HIV Services

- Policy support: HIV/NCDs integrated in current HIV treatment guidelines
- Integration leadership roles have been defined with the Directorate of HIV/AIDS to take lead
- Defined the models of integration based on the available HF capacity
 - Services for HIV integration include: HTN, DM, CaCx and Mental Health (Depression, Anxiety etc.)
- Integration sub-committee developed with CSO engagement
- Developed tools for HIV/NCD integration baseline assessment
 - Conducted the first round of pilot data collection
- M&E for Integration: To be included in the existing HIV M&E tools

Program Sustainability Efforts and Opportunities

- Country-owned and country led HIV response including DSD programs
 - Highest political endorsement to the country's strategic plan
 - Alignment to HSSP III including the “One Plan, One Budget, One Report” framework
- Full integration of the HIV program into the routine health system
 - Service delivery (especially at the primary level), HRH, strategic information, supply chain management, leadership and governance and health infrastructure
- Share of domestic financing allocation to the HIV program to increase to at least 30% by 2030 with 50% as an ideal target

DSD Implementation Successes in 2024

- Conducted dHTS, AHD and DART CMM self-staging
- Conducted situational analysis to understand the level of service integration across facilities supported by MoH and partners
- Conducted a baseline assessment to select high-volume HF where integration will be enhanced and tracked
- Supported HF with required commodities for HTN and NCD case management
- Conducted integrated support supervision to HF implementing HIV/HTN as part of routine quarterly supervision visits

Challenges in DSD Implementation in 2024

- **M&E:** Inability of the national HMIS to track DSD model mix coverage
 - National EMR is in the process of incorporating DSD data reporting elements centrally
- **Supply chain gaps:** Inconsistent access to TB-LAM test kits hampered service delivery
- **Conflicting priorities** between DSD program implementation and other assignments
 - Unable to conduct DPR in 2024. Plans are underway to have Malawi's 1st DPR in 2025
- **Inadequate funding** to carry other activities in the 2024 country action plan

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DSD Priorities for 2025

2025 most important DSD-related goals and/or projections

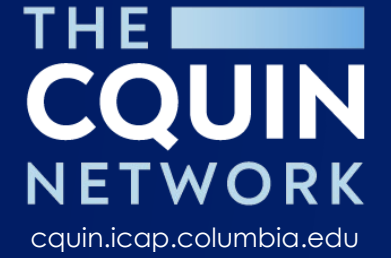
- Expanding the HIV/NCD integration agenda
- Scale-up of the AHD program
- Addressing retention and re-engagement to treatment
- Improving data quality and management

2025 planned lessons to gain from other CQUIN countries

- Strengthening sustainability and local ownership of HIV programs
- Integrating person-centered services
- Best practices in PrEP and Long-Acting ARVs
- Data-driven quality management

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