

# Liberia Progress Update

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# **Presentation Outline**

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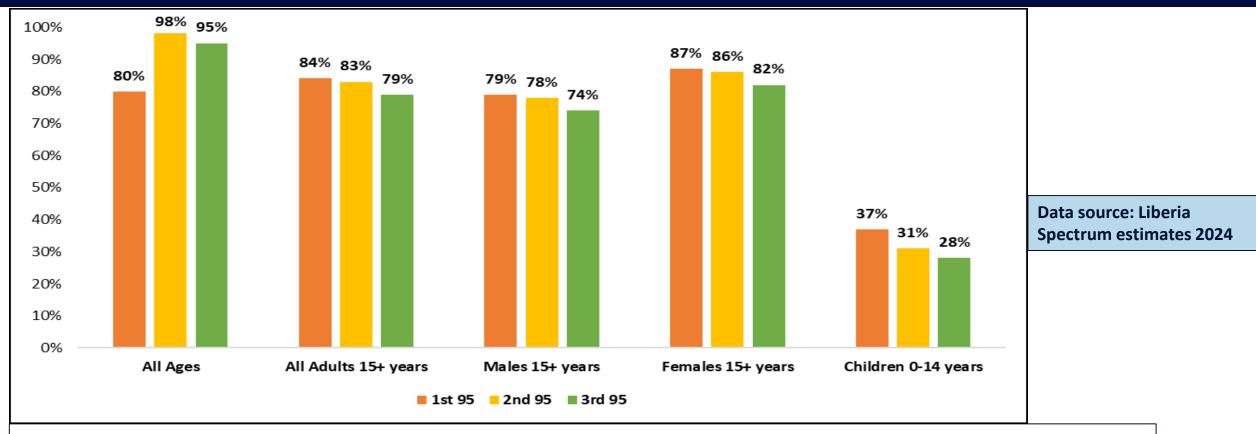
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# Progress towards the 95:95:95 targets



- The HIV prevalence: Female 15+ yrs= 1.2%, Males 15+yrs = 0.7%, Overall 15 to 49 yrs = 0.9%
- Children remain a gap



### Liberia Treatment CMM Results: 2024

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

Most mature Least mature

- 53% of domains (10 out of 19) are classified as more mature (Dark/Light Green)
- The quality, AHD, KP, MCH, and FP domains are notably the least mature
- Delayed funding approval has resulted in slow implementation of supported activities
- All the least mature domains mentioned above have been prioritized for improvement in 2025
- The MCH integration pilot is currently ongoing, and we plan to initiate AHD training in the last quarter of 2024



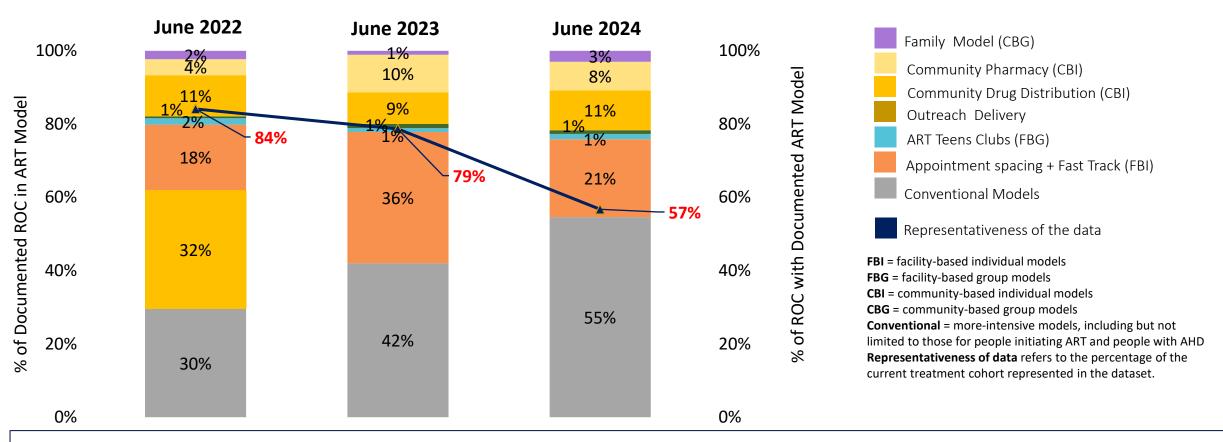
# Liberia Treatment CMM Results: Change Over Time 2022-2024

- Liberia has achieved a stepwise improvement in domain maturity, reaching 53% (10 dark/light green domains) in 2024
- Liberia remains concerned about the integration of (TB,HIV, MCH, NCD, and FP) and the improvement of Quality domains
- Integrated services for TB, NCD, and FP, have commenced, with pilot programs already underway for MCH and Mental Health
- In 2025, we aim to enhance integrated services further and prioritize the quality-ofservice delivery

Domains	2022	2023	2024
Policies			
Guidelines			
Diversity			
Scale Up Plan			
Coordination			
Community			
Training			
M&E System			
Procurement			
Facility Coverage			
Client Coverage			
AHD			
Key Populations			
TB/HIV			
MCH			
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Quality			
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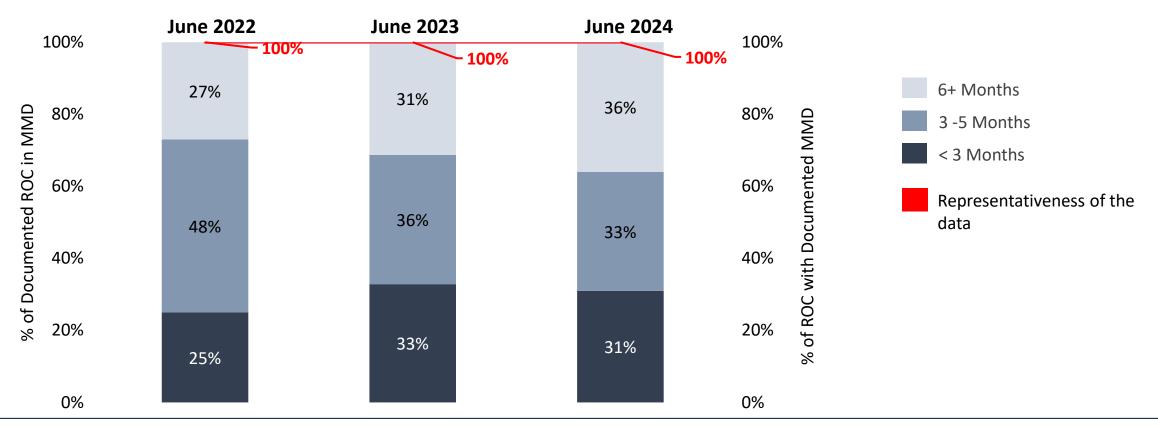


### Liberia Differentiated Treatment Model Mix Change Trend (2022-2024)



- There is a notable increase in the number of RoCs who are in conventional models from 2023 to 2024
- The country experienced some challenges with data due to an update to the DHIS2 system

## Liberia Differentiated Treatment: Multi-month Dispensing



- The graph indicates a 5% increase in 6-MMD uptake from 2023 to 2024
- This growth is linked to the roll-out of provider training on DSD implementation
- By June 2024, 69% of RoC received >3MMD



#### Liberia AHD CMM Results 2024

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

- In the 2024 AHD staging, 39% (7 out of 18) of domains achieved maturity (Dark/Light Green)
- Outcome domains are primarily the least mature, with only 28% (5 out of 18) achieving maturity
- AHD is a priority for Liberia, and we have planned nationwide training for mid-level health workers, who constitute 98% of service providers for HIV
- All outcome domains have been incorporated into our plans for 2025



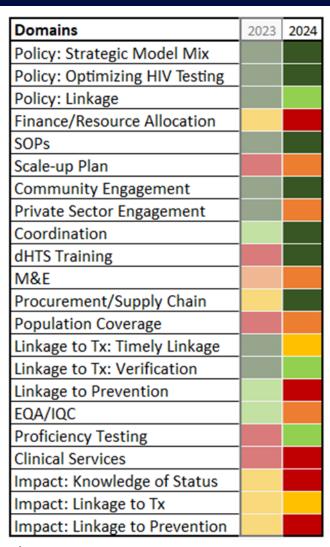
# Liberia AHD CMM Results – Trend over time (2022-2024)

- Modest improvement in maturity in many domains in 2024 compared with 2023
  - The completion of the AHD policy and the training of doctors in AHD screening made improvement in these domains possible
  - Completion of the AHD pilot also played a role
- Outcome domains remained the least mature
  - A nationwide training for AHD has been approved, the tool has been revised, and most of the outcome domains will improve following the completion of the training that is currently ongoing

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



# Liberia Differentiated Testing CMM – 2024



- In the 2024 dHTS CMM staging, 45% (10 out of 22) of the domains scored dark/light green
- The finance and resource allocation, private sector engagement, and linkage to treatment domains, including timely linkage, linkage to prevention, and EQA/IQC, notably regressed
- The least mature domains reflect the current reality at the time of the staging; however, significant improvements have been implemented since then, and we anticipate progress in the next staging



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dHTS		DART		AHD	
Domains	2024	Domains	2024	Domains 2024	
Policy: Strategic Model Mix		Policies		Policies	
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing		Guidelines		Guidelines	
Policy: Linkage		Diversity		AHD Scale-up Plan	
Finance/Resource Allocation		Scale Up Plan		SOPs	
SOPs		Coordination		Coordination	
Scale-up Plan		Community Engagement		ROC Engagement	
Community Engagement		Training		Training	
Private Sector Engagement		M&E System		Diagnostic Capability 1	
Coordination		Procurement		Diagnostic Capability 2	
dHTS Training		Facility Coverage		Facility Coverage	
M&E		Client Coverage		Client Coverage 1	
Procurement/Supply Chain		AHD		Client Coverage 2	
Population Coverage		KeyPopulations		Client Coverage 3	
Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage		TB/HIV		Client Coverage 4	
Linkage to Tx: Verification		MCH		Supply Chain	
Linkage to Prevention		NCD/HIV		M&E System	
EQA/IQC		Family Planning		Quality	
Proficiency Testing		Quality		Impact	
Clinical Services		Impact			
Impact: Knowledge of Status		-			
Impact: Linkage to Tx					
Impact: Linkage to Prevention					

# Overview of HIV Program 2024 CMM Results

- Across the enabling domains in the three
   CMMs, there is consistency, and we will focus on improving the least mature domains
- The Impact Domains and Quality Domains are prioritized areas for strengthening
- In our 2025 plan, we have prioritized all outcome domains with the least mature scores for implementation. For example,
  - The TB/HIV roll-out began two months ago
  - Integration of MCH, FP, and NCD is also a priority
  - We have completed training for trainers (TOT) in HIV and Mental Health (MH) integration and have started training providers in four of the fifteen counties



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#### **Stakeholder Coordination and Prioritization Processes**

#### **Action plan items funded by PEPFAR:**

- The roll-out of DSD training in 26 facilities caters to about 70% of ROC, with support from FHI 360 EpiC
- Funded the roll-out of the TB/HIV integration training to the 26 supported sites in four counties
- Funded the National DSD Guideline Development meetings and printing of some copies



## Stakeholder Coordination and Prioritization Processes 1/2

#### **Action items funded by Global Fund:**

- The HIV Integrated Biological and Behavioural Surveillance Survey (IBBSS), currently ongoing
- Early infant diagnosis (EID) training for Health Care providers across the fifteen counties
- GF procured and distributed ten point-of-care machines to conduct Viral Load and EID testing
- Funded on-site data verification (OSDV) to verify and validate HIV data reported by facilities across the country
- Conducted mentorship to enhance clinicians' skills in quality HIV service provision
- Conducted Supportive Supervision at Miners' testing sites



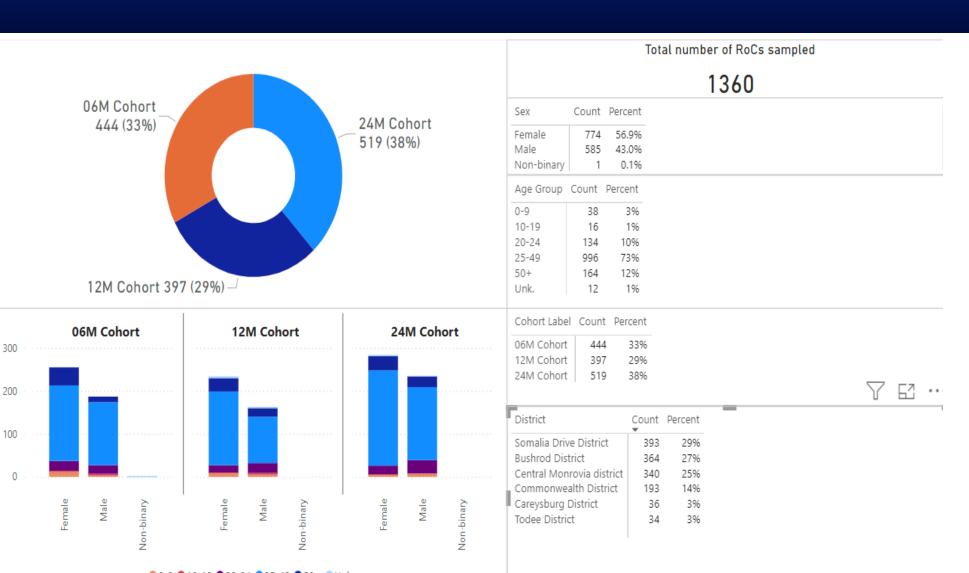
### Stakeholder Coordination and Prioritization Processes 2/2

#### Action items funded by other donors:

- Global Reach II supported On-Site Data Verification and Mentoring at PEPFARsupported facilities
- Those action plans developed for DSD implementation are shared with the TWG members, Including Implementing Partners, and it is also in the GC7 implementation plan



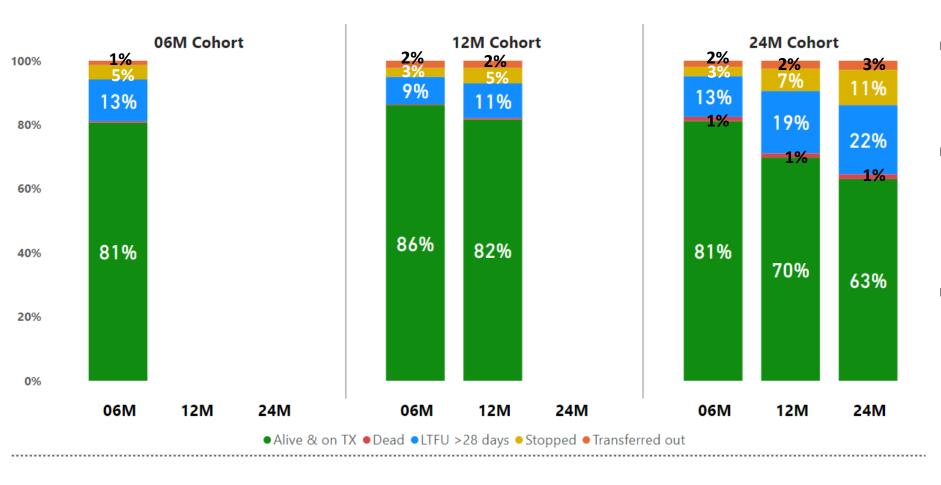
#### Liberia 2024 DPR - RoC Characteristics



- 1,360 sampled
- Female (56.9%)
- Male (43.0%)
- Non-Binary (0.1)
- Majority in 25-49 years age bracket



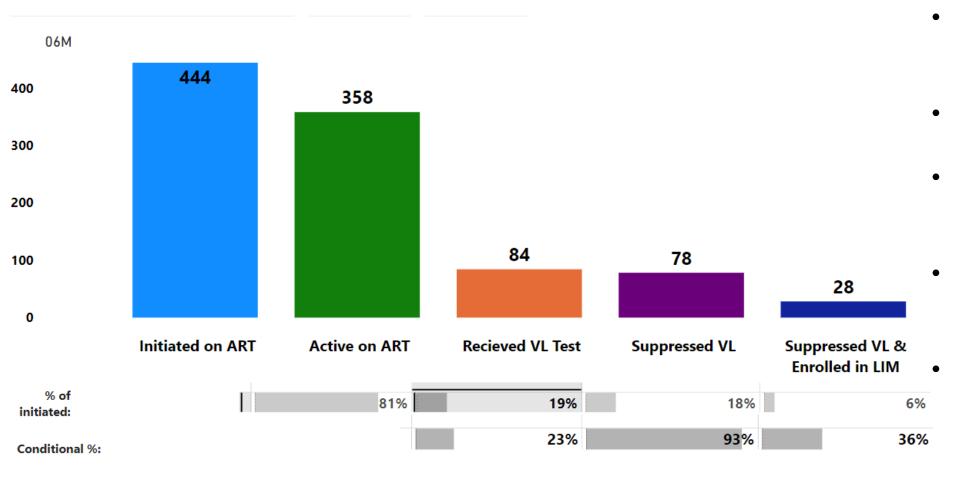
#### Liberia 2024 DPR - RoC Outcomes



- 81% were retained on ART 6 months after ART initiation (6m Cohort)
- Declining retention with length on ART for the 12- and 24-month cohorts
- No significant differences in retention between male/Female



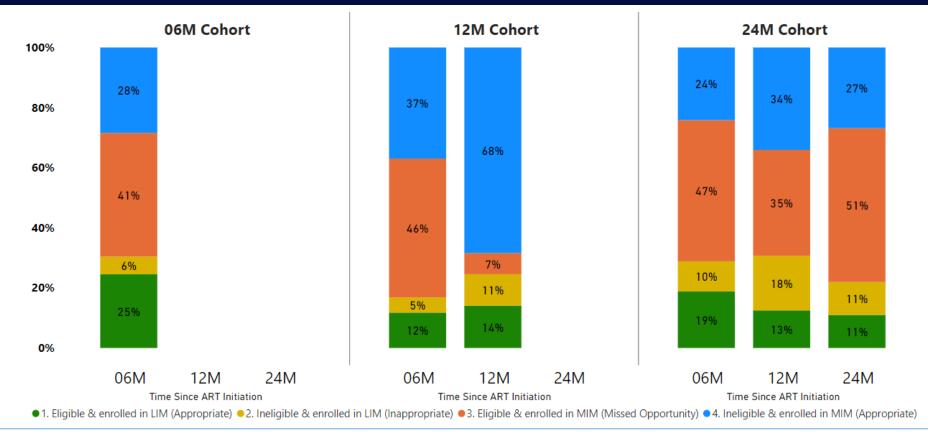
#### Liberia 2024 DPR – Conditional Cascade



- Initiation on ART: 444 RoC (100%) within the 6month cohort
- Retention at 6 months:358 RoC (81%)
- Viral load testing: 84 RoC (19% of the cohort, 23.5% of those retained)
  - Viral suppression: 78 RoC (93% of those tested, 18% of the cohort)
    - Enrollment in LIM: 28 RoC (35.9% of those virally suppressed, 6.3% of the cohort)



# <u>Liberia 2024 DPR – Model Appropriateness</u>



- Significant missed opportunities for transition to DSD for eligible recipients of care
- We identified the barrier to transition to DSD as the lack of DSD training, and we are working on a mitigation plan

# Update on Country Action Plans from 2024 Meetings

#### Activities that have been successfully completed:

- Development and printing of the National DSD Guideline
- DSD Performance Review (DPR)
- Began DSD training in four of the fifteen counties
- TPT and TB/HIV integration roll-out to 26 health facilities

#### Activities that are still ongoing:

- IBBSS the survey is currently ongoing
- DSD training to continue in the rest of the counties
- The KP size estimate survey is ongoing

#### Activities that were dropped:

 No planned activity was dropped but rather reprogramed for the fourth quarter of 2024 and PY 2025



# Update on Integrating Non-HIV and HIV Services

 Liberia has integrated TB/HIV, FP/HIV, and MCH/HIV and is progressing with NCD/HIV and Mental Health/HIV integration

 A central DSD Technical Working Group (TWG) made up of multi-stakeholders serves as the coordinating body for DSD

The Coordination is headed by the DSD coordinator at NACP/MOH



# Program Sustainability Efforts and Opportunities 1/2

# DSD activities initiated by CQUIN that have been adopted by in-country funding mechanisms to ensure they are sustained

 Capacity building of national staff and providers on DSD implementation - best practices learned from CQUIN network members and implemented by the national program. For instance, Decentralized Drug Delivery (DDD), integration of other services (FP, TB), and comorbidities (HTN, DM)

#### Adaptations/modifications made to these initiatives to enable their sustainability

 The modification to these activities is integrating it into existent services run by the Ministry of Health and NACP. For instance, Integration of (FP, Tb, NCD, and MH) with HIV services



# Program Sustainability Efforts and Opportunities 2/2

# Other plans put in place to ensure implementation of country DSD programs are sustained

- Full integration of these services into a national program funded through the National Government
- A National Plan and Roadmap for sustainability entails the integration of other services into HIV service provision
- These services are fully and holistically part of the roadmap for sustainability



# **DSD Implementation Successes in 2024**

- The roll-out of DSD training in 26 facilities that cater to about 70% of ROC
- Started roll-out of the TB/HIV integration training to additional facilities
- The National DSD Guideline development and printing
- HIV Integrated Bio and Behavioural Surveillance Survey(IBBSS)
- The KP size estimation survey is ongoing
- Distribution of ten point-of-care machines to conduct Viral Load and EID testing in specific regions of the country
- Conducted DSD Performance Review (DPR)



# DSD Implementation Challenges in 2024

- The slow start to the implementation of the GC7 due to delay in the Grant transition process
- Insufficient numbers of the m-PIMA/ Xpert Machines for Viral Load and EID specimen analysis.
- Delay in the roll-out of the DSD training in the rest of the counties.



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#### **DSD Priorities for 2025**

- To revise the dHTS Guidelines and optimize testing to identify positive cases to close the
   15% deficit in the first 95%
- To complete the Advanced HIV Disease training for mid-Level health workers
- To enhance and expand the integration across other CoPs (TB, NCD, MCH, FP, MH, etc.)
- Prioritize quality service across DSD implementation
- Improve the M&E system to capture data on integration
- Maintain the gains on viral load testing and Early Infant Diagnosis



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

Technical Area of Interest	Proposed Country	Proposed date (month/year)
Advanced HIV Disease	Kenya	2025
DSD of MCH	Uganda	2025
Quality Improvement	Ghana	2025
Family planning Integration	Uganda	2025

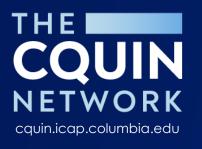


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# Thank You!

