

Rome Action Plan Follow-up

UNAIDS October 2018 update on Action 35

UGANDA

- First Lady will launch Free to Shine Tuesday, Oct 16. Treatment retention among children and adolescents in Uganda is suboptimal at 73% and 67% respectively. MOH has noted the low retention figures among children and is launching a surge “Bring back our mothers and babies” as one of the key activities under Free to Shine
- DNDI meeting hosted by CIPLA in Sept on ensuring access to LPV/r pellets, which saw stockout mid-2017.
- Sept MoH released the 2018 Consolidated Guidelines for HIV prevention, care and treatment through ART, with WHO support.

KENYA

- The Second Strategic Framework for the Engagement of the First Lady in the Promotion of Healthy Lives and Well-Being of Women was launched (as an advocacy tool), and presented by H.E. the First Lady to the First Lady of US, Melania Trump.
- UNAIDS negotiated for the FL of Kenya to serve as champion for the validation of EMTCT of HIV and syphilis, and including EID and pediatric treatment
- UNAIDS is coordinating UN support to NASCOP on development of county-specific business plans for EMTCT, EID and pediatric treatment, per the National Framework for EMTCT of HIV and syphilis 2016-2021.

LESOTHO

- MOH has committed to continue supporting POC EID at the end of the UNITAID grant, seeking support from PEPFAR and Global Fund
- 28 platforms for POC EID currently in country (15 Alere Q, 13 GenExpert)
- Self testing roll out to target adolescents

MALAWI

- Roadmap for Accelerating Children and Adolescents HIV and SHRH in Malawi has been completed and being finalized for printing

- Launch of Free to Shine initiative by the First Lady scheduled for end of October 2018
- The ACT (Accelerating Children HIV/AIDS Treatment) project evaluation completed; validation meeting organized with clear recommendations for sustaining future implementation of project interventions

CAMEROON

- UNAIDS has supported Mentor Mother groups training and deployment in West and Littoral province, targeting uptake/retention in services by pregnant women and following the mother-baby pairs including supporting EID for the infant.

SWAZILAND/eSwatini

- POC Birthtesting being piloted in 3 sites (July – Dec 2018)
- Multisectoral guidelines to support adolescents link to HTC, treatment and care services are in development
- Ongoing support for HIV testing, adherence support and provision of IPT for children and adolescents using several approaches – birth testing, mother baby pair follow up, teen clubs, POC. Of 510 children and adolescents testing positive, 89% (453) were linked to facilities where they could access treatment.
- Child Health Forum revived

ZAMBIA

- High level political support by H.E. the President and Minister of Health, through residential launch of “Know your child’s HIV status” as part of the ART SURGE campaign, including key national events where statements of support made in support of scale up efforts
- Process underway to finalize city and district level estimates for country data, inclusive of EMTCT and pediatric estimates.
- Establishment of integrated Health Situation room, including mother baby program indicators as part of overall accountability is being rolled out nationally

- Country recently launched manufacturing plant for production of HIV and malaria commodities

TANZANIA

- Ongoing advocacy for the registration of LPV/r pellets, and advancing optimization of pediatric therapies as included in the Global Fund 2018-2020 grant
- Funding for the development of a communication package on Free to Shine secured for national roll out, including of pediatric care and treatment

NIGERIA

- The Minister of Health has re-established the National Treatment and PMTCT Program. The GoN will start scale up of treatment (including pediatric treatment) services with domestic resources for test kits and ARVs in 7+1 states.
- GRAIL (Galvanizing Religious Leaders for Accelerated Identification and Linkage) is an initiative with technical support from Caritas Internationalis, UNAIDS and funding from PEPFAR working to bring focus to the large gap in children living with HIV not on treatment. The project is focused on addressing (1) the myths surrounding HIV and increasing awareness and knowledge of HIV, and (2) to reduce HIV-associated stigma and discrimination.
- Technical and advocacy support for the Global Fund funding application, which has now moved to grantmaking, includes funding for primary prevention among adolescents/women of childbearing age, and increasing the efficiency and uptake of EID services and services to follow mother-baby pairs at facility and community levels.
- UNAIDS and UNICEF supporting the GoN to increase EID coverage and start family-focused HIV testing in 5+1 Fast Track States, partnering with ASWHAN (Association of Women Living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria) with technical and financial support.
- Family based testing approach being piloted in 4 States (Kaduna, Benue, Anambra, Lagos), increased testing for adolescents being carried out in 3 States (Benue, Lagos, FCT)