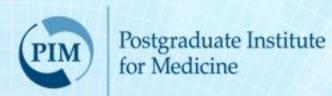


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# Health Systems in Transition: From Emergency to a CountryOwned, Chronic Care HIV Response

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Eliminating new HIV infections in children and reaching 15 million people with treatment by 2015 requires political will, sufficient resources, and innovation.

Sustaining and further advancing these goals will require <u>country-owned health systems</u> <u>capable of high-quality chronic care.</u>



# **Country Ownership:**

When a country leads, implements and, eventually, finances the national response to health and development.

# **Country Capacity:**

The individual and collective capacity of national and decentralized health authorities, civil society organizations, private providers, and communities to provide and sustain high-quality HIV services.



# Strong Health Systems Are Critical to Advancing Country Ownership

**WHO Building Blocks** 

Leadership/Governance

**Health Care Financing** 

**Health Workforce** 

Information & Research

Medical Products/Technologies

**Service Delivery** 





**UNAIDS Country Ownership Framework-2012** 

# Global Momentum in Country Ownership

• Paris, Accra, and Busan Declarations

PEPFAR Country Health Partnerships and Sustainability Plans

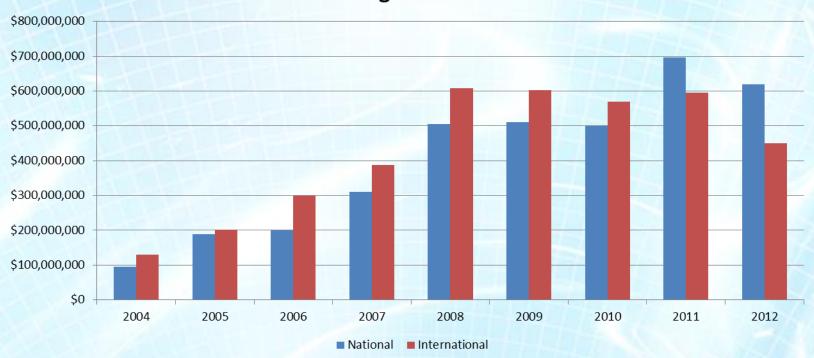
Global Fund "New Development Framework" & Strategy

Increased Funding for national partners and capacity building



# Global Momentum in Country Ownership (2)

### CDC Funding from 2004-2012



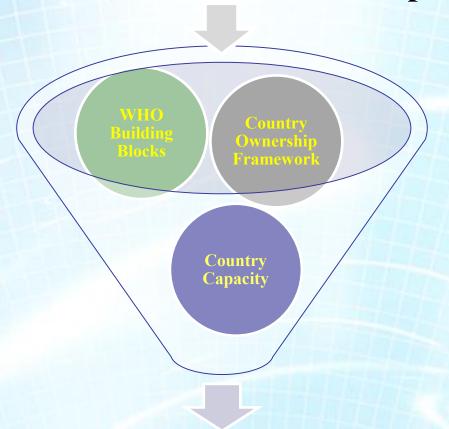


# Broader Trends in Country Ownership of HIV Programs

- PEPFAR Track 1.0 ART Transition
- India Avahan Program
- Recognized need for:
  - Comprehensive country ownership and transition metrics
  - Greater strategic investments in strengthening health systems and civil society
  - Long-term, responsive technical assistance
  - Increased donor alignment



# **Broad, Theoretical Concepts**



# Practical, Evidence-Based Approaches



# **Process for Defining Approaches**

Current Best Available Evidence and Practices

Responsive to country priorities

Generalizable approaches to be tailored to country context



# **Broad Approaches to Operationalize Health Systems Strengthening**

### **WHO Building Blocks**

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Operationalization in HIV Programs

### **HSS Approaches**

Integration of HIV Services

Decentralization of HIV Services

Comprehensive Capacity
Building

Task Shifting

Community Systems
Strengthening

Performance-Based Financing



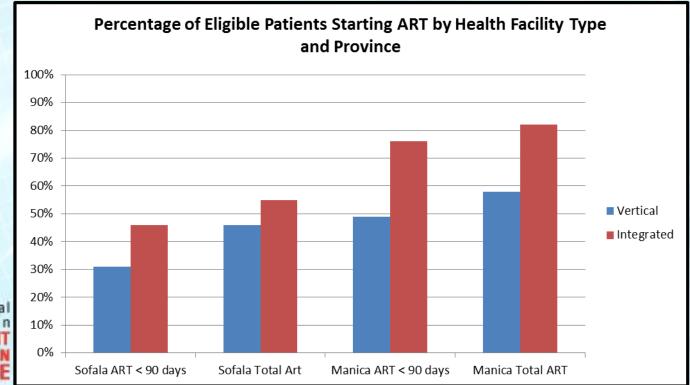
## A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Integration of HIV Services Primary Care/HIV care and ART

### Integration of HIV services into African Primary Health Care-Mozambique case study

- 67 facilities from 2005-2008
- "Integration approach enables the public sector PHC system to test more patients for HIV, place more patients on ART more quickly and efficiently, reduce loss-to-follow-up, and achieve greater geographic HIV care coverage compared to the vertical model."

Source: Pfeiffer et al.: JAIDS 2010

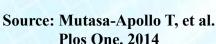




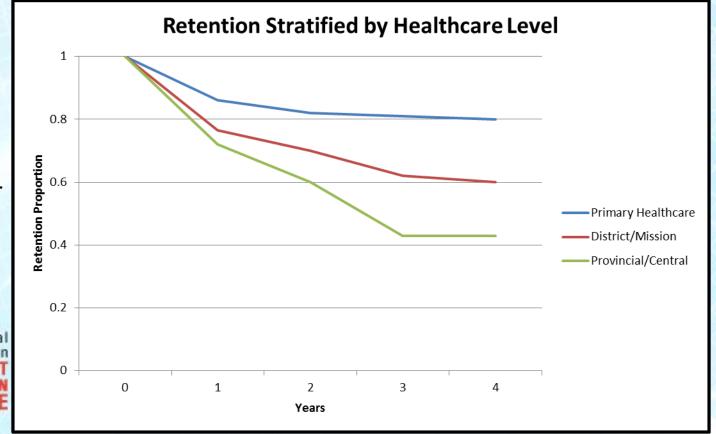
## A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Decentralization of HIV Services

### Patient Retention, Clinical Outcomes and Attrition-Zimbabwe 2007-2010

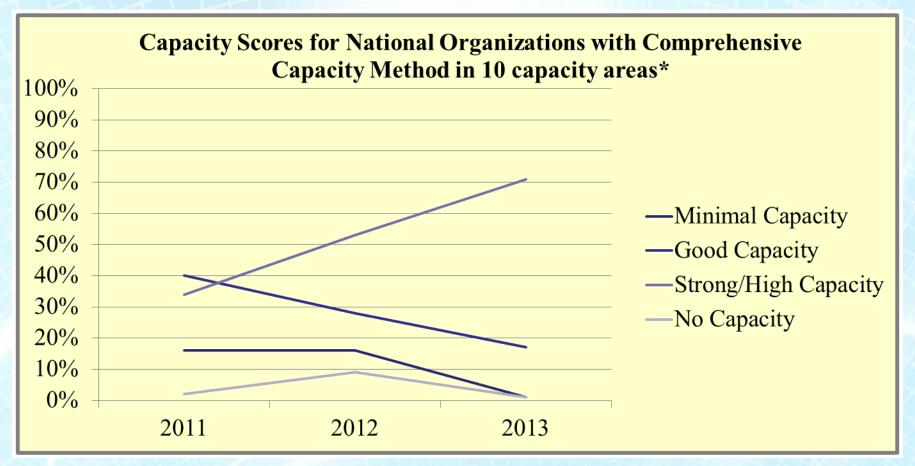
- "As found in other sub-Saharan African countries, retention of patients initiating ART at primary healthcare facilities in Zimbabwe was better than for those initiating ART at higher levels of care"
- "Decentralization...should be coupled with strategies aimed at improving patient retention."







# A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Comprehensive Capacity Building



\* Source: EGPAF

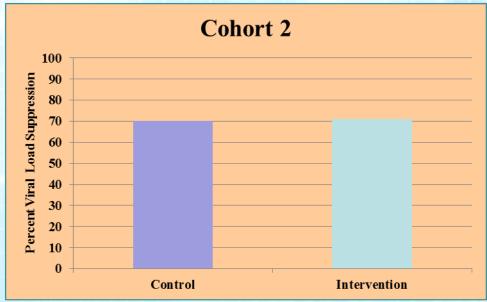


# A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Task Shifting

### Streamlining Tasks and Roles to Expand Treatment and Care for HIV (STRETCH)

- Pragmatic, parallel RCT in South Africa (2008-2010)
- 31 primary-care ART facilities; 15,483 patients (two cohorts)
- "Evidence supports task shifting of ART from doctors to nurses and other health workers, which seems essential for ART expansion in South Africa and elsewhere in Africa."
- Study stressed requisite management support and training for task-shifting







Source: Fairall, et al. Lancet 2012

# A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Community Systems Strengthening

Community Adherence Support Groups-Mozambique (MSF)

- Each group can have two to 6 members maximum.
- Assigned 1 focal Point for each group
- Each group member attends the HF once every six months
- Every month a group member collects ART and delivers it to the rest of the members in the community.
- Group also hosts monthly meetings



# A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Community Systems Strengthening (2)

97% of retention after two years of implementation

535 groups with 2368 patients

Active patients: 2188

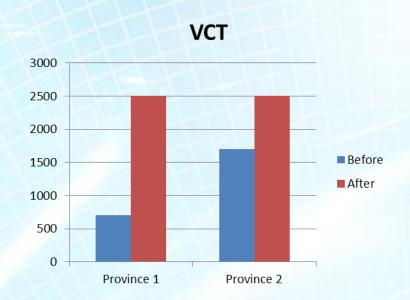
Lost to follow up: 3

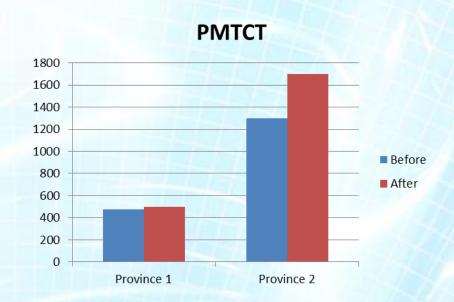
Deaths: 60

Transferred: 117 (51 to other HU, 66 returned to Regular ARV follow up)



# A Sample of the Evidence-Base for HSS Approaches: Performance-Based Financing





Source: Cordaid PBF 2004-2006



# Summary

- Mechanisms for supporting HIV services in low resource settings are evolving, and there will continue to be a significant focus on transitioning internationallymanaged programs to national partners
- Health systems must be capable of providing chronic care and retaining patients in treatment
- We must consider a range of approaches at the policy, facility, and community levels
- A multi-stakeholder response, including government, private sector, civil society, and communities, should be prioritized.



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