An Evidence-Based Model using a comprehensive approach to continuity of care: AIDSRelief Programs

Promising Findings that Promote Patient Retention in Care

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Who is AIDSRelief?

- A consortium of five members:
 - Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
 - Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB)
 - Interchurch Medial Assistance World Health (IMA)
 - Futures Group
 - Institute of Human Virology of the University of Maryland School of Medicine
- PEPFAR funded through HRSA



Where Do We Work?



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226
Local
Partner
Treatment
Facilities
(LPTF)+ 250
satellite sites



^{*} The 20 sites in South Africa have transitioned to local leadership.



Statistics as of May 31, 2010

Country	LPTFs	Patients on ART	Pediatric Patients on ART	Cumulative in Care & Treatment							
Ethiopia	4	614	100	2918							
Guyana	3	894	63	1398							
Haiti	7	2373	138	7333							
Kenya	29	41766	4921	101650							
Nigeria	34	36290	1975	87059							
Rwanda	14	2274	337	5740							
Tanzania	98	33252	2654	114967							
Uganda	18	27110	1218	77267							
Zambia	19	33837	2406	78624							
TOTAL	226	178,410	13,812	476,956							
As of November 2009 at Handover to South African Organizations											
South Africa	20	22,241	1,493	70,939							

A LEGACY OF CARE

Local concept with a global impact

- JACQUES Initiative
 - designed to overcome the barriers to optimizing HIV treatment in the urban poor of the Baltimore Metropolitan Area
 - Integration of treatment preparation, clinical management and treatment support for long term treatment success
 - Highly supportive networks at the induction of treatment
 - DOT, WOT
 - 88% retention after 2 years



The AIDSRelief Approach

- Modeled after the JACQUES Initiative
- Maintain the 1st line regimen
 - For a natural lifetime
- Ensure durable viral suppression
 - Building program capacity to support optimal adherence
 - Patient follow up and engagement in care
- Enhance the capacity of the community health treatment supporter to adequately support PLHIV
- Reinforce and fund the community health treatment supporter as a vital therapeutic intervention for continuous community health



How do we do this?

- Regimen Choice
- Treatment Strategy
 - Treat early vs. Treat Late
- Care Delivery System



Using evidence to effect care and treatment



Tiered programs

Retrospective review of patients enrolled in the AIDSRelief program treatment sites between Aug 2004-June 2005.

Loss to follow up (Itfu) data was aggregated from the quarterly grant reports.

Programs are tiered according to their particular components



Tier I

Adherence Counseling only Prior to Starting ART



Tier II

Adherence counseling plus a structured treatment preparation plan*



Tier III

Tier I *plus* Tier II *plus*home visits
conducted by
community health treatment
supporters*



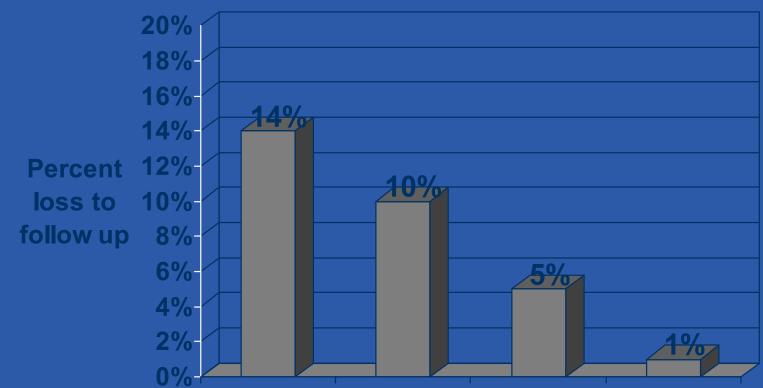
Tier IV

Tier III *plus*Use of community health
nurses
to provide supportive
supervision
to the Tier III staff
in the field



Adherence Support and Percentage Loss to Follow up within first 12 months of AIDSRelief Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

Etienne, M., Hossain, B., Burrows, L., Redfield, R., Amoroso, A; 2010. Situational analysis of varying models of adherence support and loss to follow up rates; findings from 27 treatment facilities in eight resource limited countries. Tropical Medicine and International Health vol 15 suppl. 1 pp 76–81



Tier In 181

Tier II (n. 23)

Tier III (n.f.9)



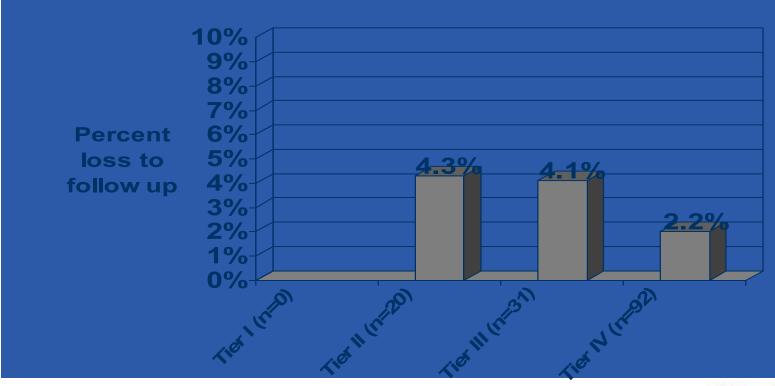


- The use of trained community treatment supporters decreased loss to follow up from 10% to 5%
- Addition of supportive supervision of the community health nurse further decreased ltfu to 1%



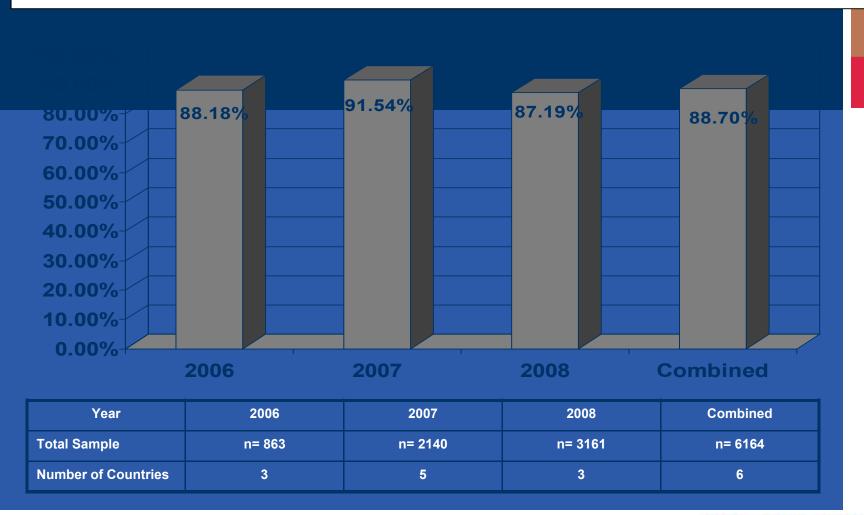


Tiered Programs and Five year follow-up





On Treatment Viral Suppression in Randomly Selected Patients 2006 - 2008





CD4 at ART Start and Active Status in Patients Randomly Sampled through the Quality Improvement Program 2006 - 2008

CD4	Active		LTFU		Dropped Out		Transferred		Deceased		TOTAL
baseline	Active		LIIO		Dropped Out		Hansierreu		Deceased		
<50	605	71.26%	45	5.30%	36	4.24%	9	1.06%	154	18.14%	849
50 - 100	666	77.17%	47	5.45%	21	2.43%	19	2.20%	110	12.75%	863
101 - 200	1420	86.53%	58	3.53%	31	1.89%	22	1.34%	110	6.70%	1641
201 - 350	1621	89.81%	74	4.10%	26	1.44%	25	1.39%	59	3.27%	1805
>350	880	92.34%	31	3.25%	2	0.21%	14	1.47%	26	2.73%	953
total	5192	84.96%	255	4.17%	116	1.90%	89	1.46%	459	7.51%	6111





The framework for successful treatment outcomes includes:

- Integrating the health facility, the patient and the community
- Initial and continuous highly intensive treatment support
 - Patient and family structured treatment preparation and education
 - Engaging the patient's community through C&T, addressing general community health issues that impact patient adherence





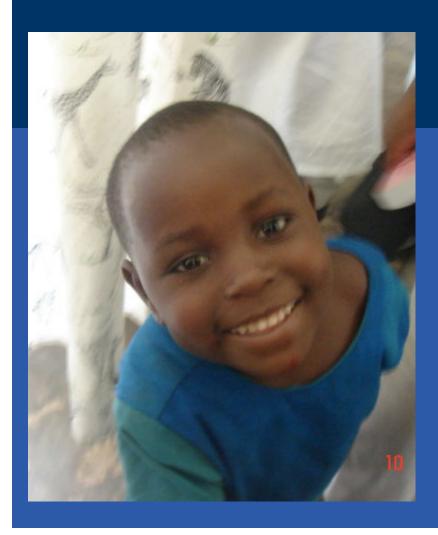
The framework for successful treatment outcomes includes:

- Managing loss to follow up
- Early identification and referral of Ols
- Increased capacity of side effect identification and management in the home and community
- Through increased engagement and capacity of the community treatment supporter





Our goal



Using community treatment support workers as a vital therapeutic intervention



Thank You



