



FACT SHEET

NamLiVE (Namibia Linkage, Viral load and Ending TB)

Aim: To improve linkage to care, viral load suppression and TB prevention therapy (TPT) among People Living with HIV and AIDS in Namibia using a Quality Improvement Collaborative

WHAT IS A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) COLLABORATIVE?

An approach that accelerates improvement in an area where a gap in performance has been identified. It involves; teams from multiple sites applying the model for improvement, clinical and QI experts who provide evidence based ideas and support for improvement and a series of structured activities.

RATIONALE OF CHOOSING THE FOCUS AREAS

1. The Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) adapted the treat all strategy in 2016 where all newly diagnosed HIV patients should be initiated on ART either on the same day or as soon as possible within one week. As per MoHSS 2017 data, only 61% of patients diagnosed with HIV are initiated on ART on the same day.
2. TB is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality among PLHIV across the globe and in Namibia. TB Preventive Therapy (TPT) combined with ART is a highly effective intervention in reducing TB-related morbidity and mortality among PLHIV. The MoHSS 2017 data shows only 35% of PLHIV were initiated on TPT.
3. The overall goal of HIV treatment is to achieve optimal durable viral suppression. MoHSS 2017 data shows that viral load (VL) suppression is lowest particularly amongst younger adolescents 10-15 years (68%).

MEASURES

The following six indicators will be monitored on a monthly basis: TPT Initiation, TPT Completion, VL Monitoring, VL Suppression, Same Day ART initiation and ART initiation between 2-7 days.

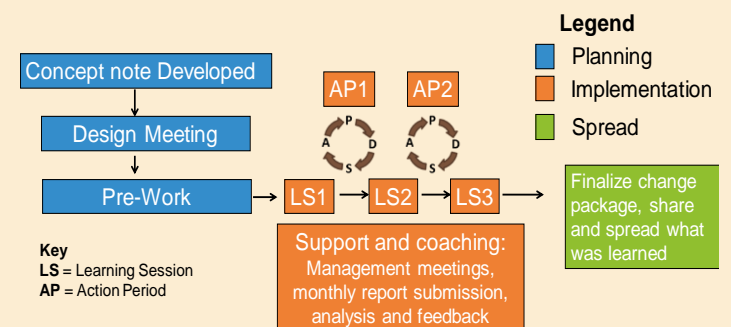
PARTICIPATING SITES

Forty-nine facilities across seven regions with high HIV burden were selected to participate in NamLiVE.

Region	Number of Sites
Kavango	8
Oshana	5
Omusati	7
Oshikoto	5
Khomas	7
Ohangwena	10
Zambezi	7

QI COLLABORATIVE METHODOLOGY

Based on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) "The breakthrough series" consisting of the planning, implementation and spread phases



DURATION OF THE QI COLLABORATIVE

The Collaborative is expected to run for 18 months from August 2018 to January 2020.

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