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TASO TPT EXPERIENCE DURING COVID19 PERIOD

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Background

- TASO Soroti Region Project is the comprehensive IP in North East Uganda
 - Total Number of Districts: **14**
 - Total Number of Health units: **126**
 - Total number of PLHIV : **46,491**
 - **TPT Coverage: 81%, Completion rate 83%**
- Launched 100 day accelerated scale up campaign beginning July 1, 2019
 - Followed experience from South-South visit to Kenya
 - Targeted to initiate 300,000 on IPT
 - Recommended integration of IPT in the differentiated service delivery models of HIV care
- In March- 2020: GoU announced a total lockdown to combat the spread of COVID-19.
- Essential Health Services remained operational at all levels albeit with challenges



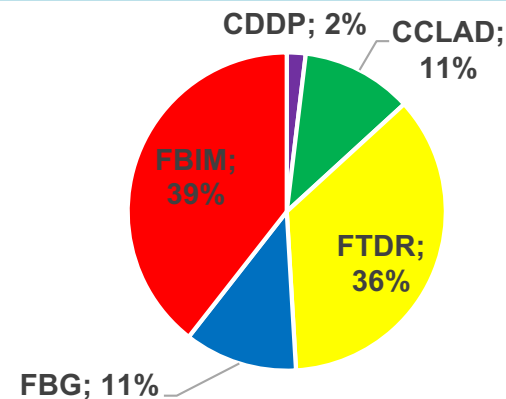


Background(2)

- TASO supports implementation of Differentiated Services Delivery Models(DSDM).
- All PLHIV receiving care in the are aligned to one of the recommended DSDM models;
- Less-intensive models implemented are:
 - FTDR
 - CCLAD
 - CDDP

Patient distribution across DSDM models

District	TX_CUR R	CDDP	CCLAD	FTDR	FBG	FBIM
Amudat	307	0	0	0	0	307
Amuria	3702	40	44	1648	326	1644
Bukedea	2427	0	41	487	632	1267
Kaberamaido	3041	0	156	1629	480	776
Kalaki	2782	0	58	1065	423	1236
Kapelebyong	2171	0	0	263	166	1742
Katakwi	5407	79	466	754	369	3739
Kumi	4826	20	597	2294	546	1369
Nabilatuk	114	0	0	0	0	114
Nakapiripirit	328	0	0	0	0	328
Napak	804	0	0	0	0	804
Ngora	2573	195	16	849	592	921
Serere	4165	3	122	1912	235	1893
Soroti	13844	555	3748	5772	1577	2192
Total	46491	892	5248	16673	5346	18332





Sustaining Essential services during Lockdown

- TASO adopted the MoH guidelines on provision of essential health services to all PLHIV by:
 - Mapping all clients by location, ART drug regimen and TPT status;
 - Recruiting and orienting temporary HR to deliver ART/Medicines to the clients at the nearby Health Unit/Community including CDDPs and CCLAD groups.
 - Mobilised health workers and VHTs from H/facilities to ensure that all PLHIV accessed their drugs on schedule.
 - Re-aligning the appointment to ensure that PLHIVs accessed ART/TPT for 3-6 months as per guidelines.
 - Making accurate orders to the national warehouses for ART/TPT with adjustments to cater for MMD.



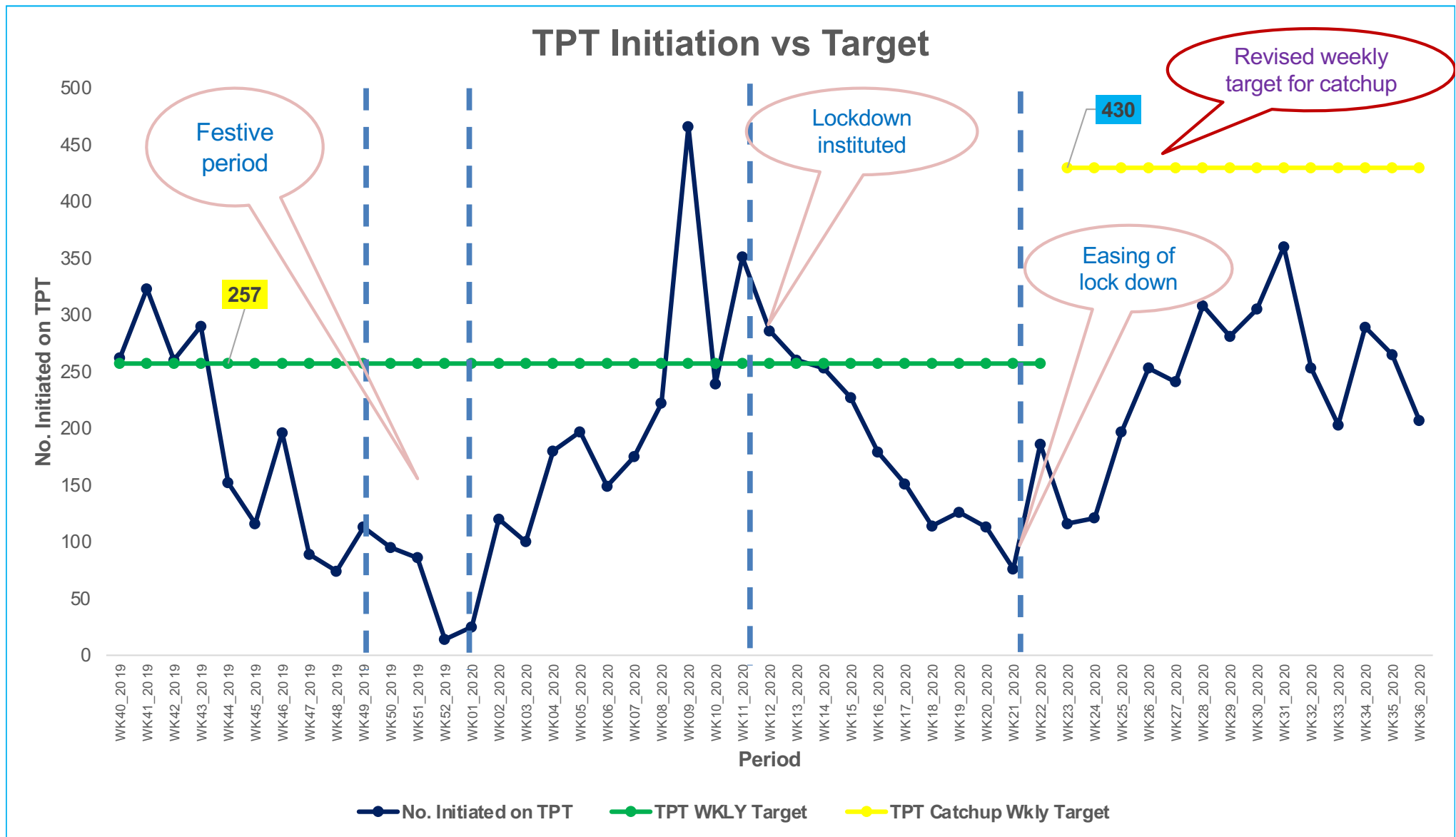


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TPT Initiation during lockdown





Challenges & Opportunities

- **Challenges:**

- Expensive to operate as more resources (HR, Logistics & Financial) needed for implementation. *These were not budgeted for and hence increased the cost of operation.*
- Data triangulation on each PLHIV receiving care including 'visitors' (a data tool was designed to capture this indicator).
- Remote support by the health workers to PLHIV initiated on TPT.
- Limited access in case of adverse events
- HIV related stigma, non-disclosure, GBV, etc.





Opportunities:

- Community uptake/initiation and retention of PLHIV on ART/TPT
- TPT completion rates *clients can access TPT from other facilities other than their registered and data transmitted to parent facility.*
- Monitoring PLHIV for adverse events/side effects can be adopted to include remote/virtual support.
- Scaling MMD of ART and TPT to avoid frequent visits to pick up points.
- Synchronising ART and TPT refills
- Enabling policy environment with the revised treatment guidelines





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Appreciation



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