



Leveraging differentiated service delivery for HIV treatment to integrate hypertension and diabetes care

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Background

Given the increased risk of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality among people living with HIV and the aging of antiretroviral therapy (ART) cohorts, addressing the comorbidities of hypertension and diabetes is an essential component of a comprehensive package of care. The World Health Organization (WHO) 2016 “Consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection” includes a recommendation to screen all people living with HIV for cardiovascular risk. Currently, a new recommendation to integrate non-communicable disease (NCD) and HIV care is under consideration within the revised guidelines due to be published later in 2021.

Differentiated service delivery (DSD) is a client-centred approach that simplifies and adapts HIV services across the cascade, in ways that both serve the needs of PLHIV better and reduce unnecessary burdens on the health system. Clients with other chronic co-morbidities such as hypertension and diabetes may benefit from the integration of the care for these conditions in existing DSD models.

The [PEPFAR COP21](#) guidance also includes an important new provision to support “quality and patient-centered services” for people living with HIV and indicates a possible opportunity to support integrated services, including screening, diagnosis and treatment of hypertension and diabetes, in high-performing districts/provinces/sub-national units.

The [Differentiated Service Delivery Initiative](#) of the International AIDS Society (IAS), ICAP at Columbia University’s [CQUIN project](#) and [Resolve to Save Lives](#) are keen to explore how to support countries interested in leveraging differentiated service delivery for HIV to integrate hypertension and diabetes prevention, care and support.

Objective

The objective on this initial meeting is to brainstorm, discuss and explore potential collaboration among various stakeholders within HIV, hypertension and diabetes. Attendees include representatives from the HIV and NCD departments within the ministries of health, national WHO offices and PEPFAR from Eswatini, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia (full list of invitees can be found below).



Agenda

15:00-15:10	Introduction	Helen Bygrave (IAS)
15:10-15:20	Who is "Resolve to Save Lives" and what's new in hypertension?	Jen Cohn (RTSL)
15:20-15:30	CQUIN and opportunities to integrate hypertension and diabetes care	Miriam Rabkin (ICAP)
15:30-16:00	Facilitated discussion (Part 1) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Clinical management<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Opportunities for optimization of hypertension treatment using SAANE algorithm approachb. Choice, sourcing and cost of hypertension and diabetes medication2. Integration in Differentiated service delivery models<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. What existing examples of integration in differentiated service delivery are there to build on?3. What is needed to make integration within DSD a reality?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Is there interest from PEPFAR in COP2021 to make this integration a reality?b. Which partners and civil society are keen to support this integration?c. What are the other funding opportunities for integrating hypertension and diabetes care within DSD for HIV treatment?	Helen Bygrave (IAS)
16:00-16:20	Facilitated discussion (Part 2) <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. What ongoing support is needed to make this a reality?	Jen Cohn (RTSL)
16:20-16:30	Next steps	Helen Bygrave (IAS)



List of invitees

Country	Last Name	First Name	Organization	Job Title/Position
Eswatini	DLAMINI	ADVOCATE	SNAP	National ART Coordinator
Eswatini	GININDZA	NTOMBI	NCD	Head of NCD Clinical Management
Eswatini	DLAMINI	THEMBIE	SNAP	DSDLead/ Quality Coordinator
Eswatini	LUKHELE	NOMTHANDAZO	WHO	National Program Officer
Eswatini	Gwebu	Nompilo	MOH	Coodrinator of RoC within the Ministry of Health
Kenya	Momanyi	Lazarus	MOH HIV DSD Lead	HIV DSD Lead
Kenya	Ngugi	Catherine	MOH	NASCOP ART programmes manager
Kenya	Masamaro	Ken	CDC	
Kenya	Osiemo	Dennis	USAID	
Uganda	Kiggundu	Josen	MoH	HIV DSD lead
Uganda	Balidawa	Hudson	MOH	HIV DSD lead
Uganda	Oyoo Akia	Charles	MoH/NCDs	Commissioner Health Services/NCDs
Uganda	Mutungu	Gerald	MoH/NCDs	Assistant Commissioner Health Services/NCDs
Uganda	Mugabe	Frank	MoH/NCDs	Principal Medical Officer/NCDs
Uganda	Namusobya	Jennifer	USAID	Care and treatment specialist
Zambia	Lumano Mulenga	Priscilla	MOH	HIV DSD lead
Zambia	Mwila	Annie	CDC	Team Lead CDC Zambia
Zambia	Mweebo	Keith	CDC	Team Lead CDC Zambia