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To: Senior Medical Superintends
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RE: CONTINUITY OF HIV/TB/MALARIA SERVICES ACROSS ALL PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES

The Ministry of Health is committed to ensuring the uninterrupted provision of essential HIV/TB/Malaria services across all public health facilities. This commitment is based on the recognition that, HIV, TB and malaria remain significant public health problems. Following the pausing of US funding to support HIV/AIDS services to countries supported by the PEPFAR programme, the ministry shall ensure that access to effective prevention, treatment, and care continue, to ensure good health outcomes and meeting our public health goals.

Therefore, all public health facilities are directed to:

1. Maintain uninterrupted HIV/TB and Malaria service delivery at **ALL** facilities, ensuring that testing and treatment remain fully operational. That is, maintain;
 - i. Provision of ARVs to ALL people who need it without charging any costs.
 - ii. Appointment and recipient of care tracking systems including appointment reminders and missed appointment follow ups.

- iii. Viral load testing, early infant diagnostic (EID) testing and CD4 testing including sample courier systems.
 - iv. HIV Testing to all people who are eligible including children and pregnant & breast-feeding women.
 - v. Facility based index testing services to identify all those who need to be tested and started on treatment if they test HIV positive.
2. Maintain provision of HIV prevention services to eligible individuals including children and pregnant & breastfeeding women (PBFW):
 - i. Provision of PMTCT services to infants and PBFW.
 - ii. Provision of Oral and Injectable pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to all individuals at high risk of HIV acquisition.
 - iii. Distribution of condoms.
 - iv. Provision of facility based behavioral interventions
 3. Strengthen service integration by enhancing collaboration between HIV and TB programs with other existing services to ensure seamless service delivery.
 4. Provide community related HIV services in line with the existing community health strategy for the ministry of health.
 5. Redistribute/reallocate MoH staff to HIV/TB and Laboratory service points in ALL public health facilities and ensure that all the staff that require training in various programs are identified and are trained via the Tele-ECHO platform with MOH technical leadership.
 6. Health information systems including electronic management systems such as SmartCare, DISA, eLMIS, eLabs are fully owned and run by the district and provincial health offices.
 7. Supervise and enhance commodity logistic management including requisitions and last mile distribution.

To avoid any further disruption of the HIV/TB/Malaria services, you are encouraged to consult the office of the permanent secretary before withdrawal of staff or services even those supported by donors. Further, detailed technical guidance on HIV/TB and malaria services will be provided in the revised HIV, TB and Malaria minimum essential package in due course.



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