

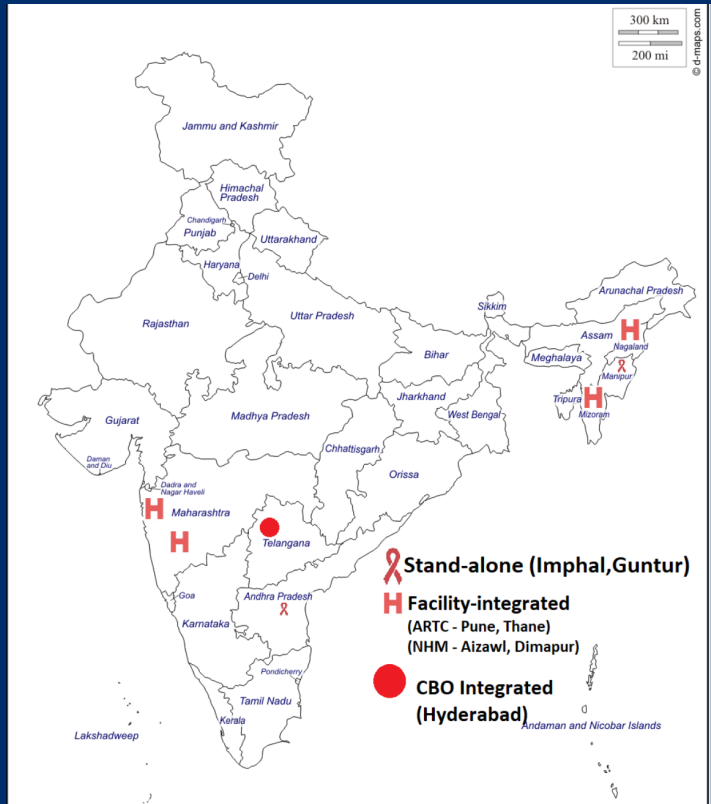
ADOLESCENT FRIENDLY HEALTH CENTER: A ONE STOP SHOP FOR ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV

Background

- As per UNAIDS 2021 estimates, 80% of 150,000 new HIV infections among adolescents are female. In addition comprehensive care packages are offered such as, sexual, reproductive and mental health services should be provided
- India contributes 130,000 (60%) of all children and adolescents living with HIV in the South Asia
- Globally, ART coverage increased by 32% among adolescents since 2010. Adherence and supportive therapy like, IPT coverage, access to OI management drugs still remains a challenge

Action

- Deliver confidential adolescent-friendly services that is beyond HIV
- Focus on peer-led programming
- Plan and deliver a comprehensive package of services i.e., beyond HIV
- Health systems approach in strengthening non-HIV health services
- Address disclosure and stigma-related personal and family issues
- Screen for adolescent-related HIV risk behavior and addressing them
- Safeguard children's rights and empower them against exploitation and violence
- There are various models of AFHC including stand-alone (directly run by our implementation partner), facility-integrated (in collaboration with the state health system - NHM) and CBO integrated (in collaboration with local community based organizations)



Link to AFHC documentary

Significance

- Communication and counseling skills for ART counselors and CSC staff
- Support groups to address treatment fatigue, dealing with disclosure and internalized stigma
- Making a comprehensive package available in ARTC with a high load of ALHIV – sexual and reproductive health rights, mental health, and NCD screening
- Focus on ALHIV's knowledge, belief about their health and well-being, enquiring about their motivations
- Support in transition to the adult regimen and encourage self-care skills

1214
adolescents reached

84%
viral suppression

237
beneficiaries received mental health services

459
beneficiaries received SRHR services

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV

Background

- Children/Adolescents (0-17 years) face high levels of stigma and discrimination, limited access to education, health care and nutrition.
- These are further accentuated if they are orphans or semi-orphans. ACCELERATE provides OVC services in all 33 PEPFAR-cluster districts

Key Populations

- Children/Adolescents living with HIV (C/ALHIV)
- Children/Adolescents affected with HIV i.e., siblings of C/ALHIV, orphans and semi-orphans due to HIV status of their parents, children of key population living with HIV
- Parents/caregivers (18+ years) of the above beneficiaries



OVC post in ACCELERATE's Social Media

Action

- ACCELERATE focuses on four outcomes for each of the target beneficiaries, ensuring health, education, safety and stability
- Service package include
 1. HIV services: support for HIV testing of eligible OVC beneficiaries, treatment initiation support and literacy, and viral load services
 2. Non-HIV services: Life Skills Education (LSE) and general health and social services (access to immunization, nutrition, general health check-up, OI screening, SRH & mental health, parental education, treatment literacy, access to education, social benefits and livelihood opportunities)
- We reach our populations through family-centred approaches, community-case management, case prioritization and individualized care plan

Significance (Oct 2019 - Sep 2022)



28,965
children
adolescents
reached



20,453
orphans and
semi-orphans



25,358
aware of their HIV
status



8,382
are HIV
positive



8,315
on ART



81%
virally
suppressed
(against 54%
during 2019)

