

**KAWAMA CLINIC AND NDOLA NUTRITION
ORGANISATION, LUANSHYA, ZAMBIA**

Clinic-Community Collaboration (C3) Presentation

Enhancing HIV/AIDS support services for HIV+ adolescents in the Kawama catchment Area of Luanshya District of Zambia.

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VENUE: SUNNYSIDE PARK HOTEL, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

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BACKGROUND

Kawama Clinic and Ndola Nutrition Organization (NNO) partnered to implement a project aimed at strengthening community systems to enhance early identification of adolescents and young people living with HIV (AYPLHIV); through routine HIV counseling and testing, linking to ART and adherence support services at facility, community and household level in the Kawama Community.



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BACKGROUND (cont.)

The project was funded by PACF, with PATA providing technical support to integrate the C3 methodology to better address clinic-community linkages, stigma, discrimination and cultural norms that affected the implementation of the project.

COLLABORATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

1. Engaging peer supporters in addressing barriers faced by AYPLHIV

- 5 AYPLHIV were identified and selected for the training
- The Health facility spearheaded the Identification/Selection of peers
- The district health office (DHO) officiated the training
- The community-based organization (CBO) spearheaded the logistical arrangements for the training.

2. Conducted Health Education and awareness campaigns

- 5 Trained AYPLHIV participated in the campaigns at Kawama Market and Kawama Basic School
- The Health Facility Conducted HIV Counselling and testing
- The CBO provided transportation and logistics
- 763 people including adolescents were tested for HIV
- 16 Adolescents tested HIV positive/linked to HIV services
- This activity helped to raise HIV/AIDS awareness in the community and schools. It helped break down stigma, discrimination and cultural norms for adolescents to seek comprehensive health services
- Provided a sustainable link for adolescents to the health facility.

3. Provision of Adolescent Friendly Services

- Conducted CBO/Health Facility meeting to agree on the services including AYPLHIV Day
- The Healthy Facility set Thursday as a Day for AYPLHIV
- Joint Provision of needed logistics for the day

SUCCESS

- 5 Peer supporters provided needed support and also assisted in active case finding
- Peer Supporters provided a link between the community and Health Facility for adolescents to access Health Services including ART
- The setting up of the specific day helped to address stigma, discrimination and cultural norms
- This increased the number of Peer Supporters from 5 at inception to 19. and number of adolescents accessing ART.

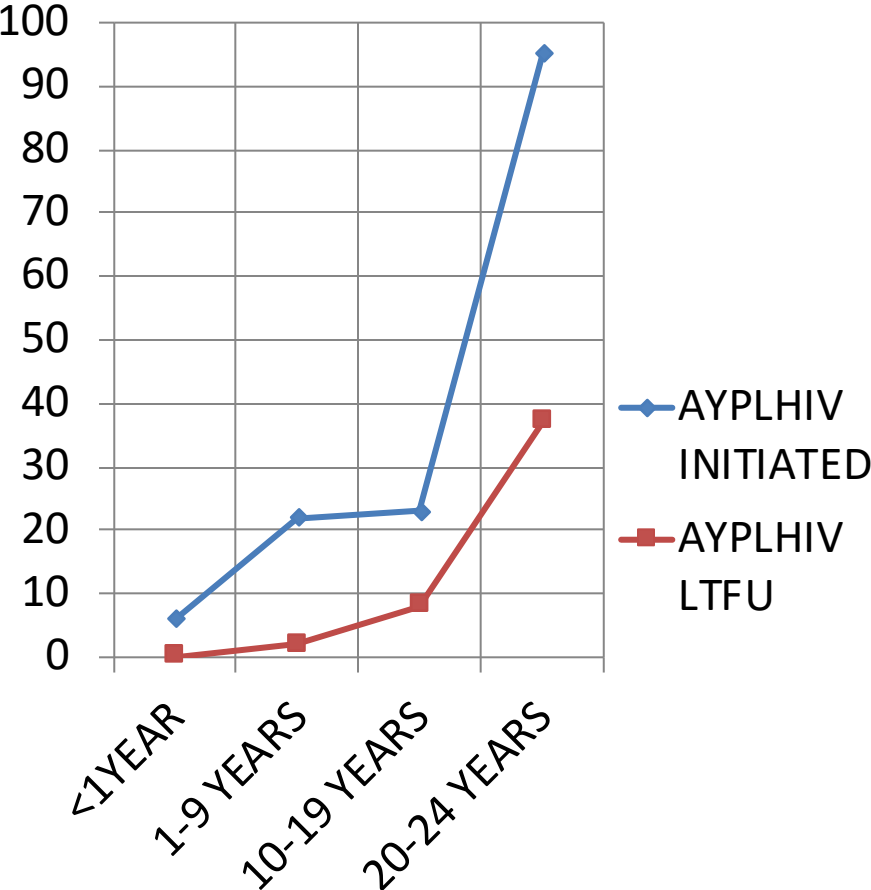
4. Conducted joint community stakeholder meetings

- Conducted quarterly stakeholders' meetings involving community /church leaders, school authorities and CBO/Health facility
- The CBO/Health Facility co-chaired the meeting
- Conducted once per quarter

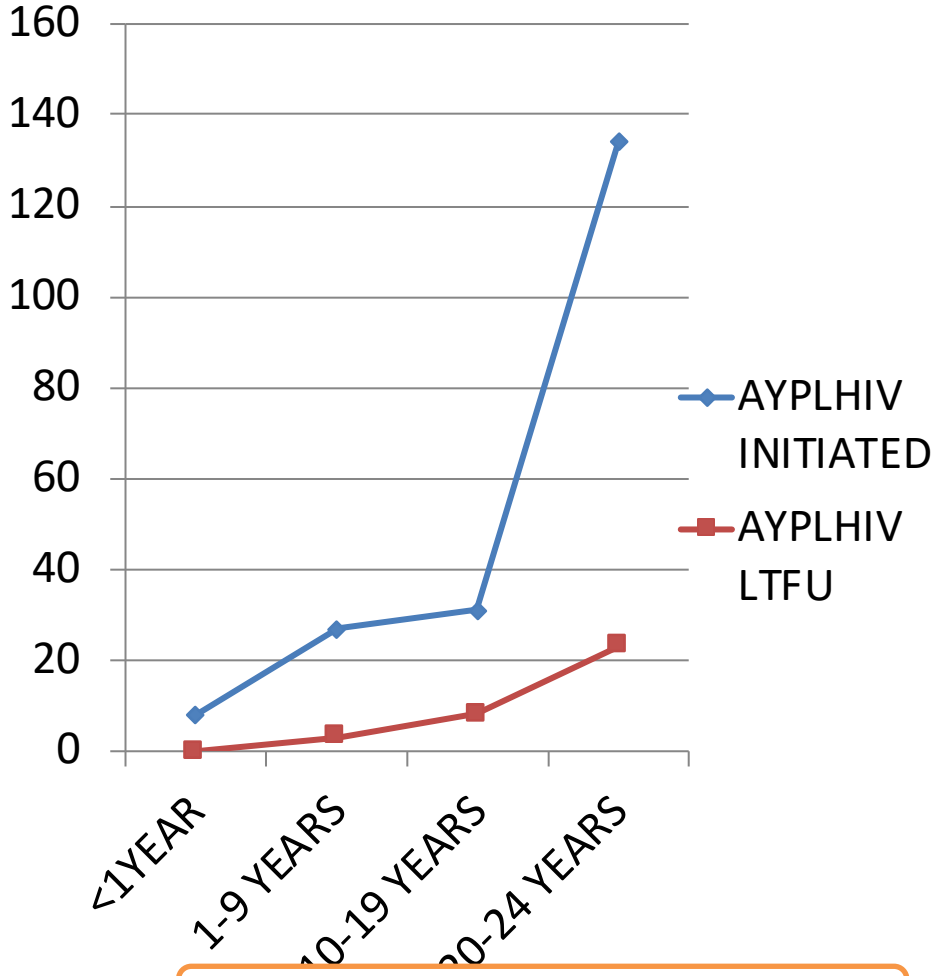
SUCCESS

- The meeting shared project progress, success, gaps and challenges and suggested solutions.
- The meetings helped to address barriers faced by adolescents including discrimination and cultural norms
- The meetings promoted linkages between the community, schools, CBOs and the health facility.

PROJECT RESULTS - AYPLHIV BEFORE AND AFTER PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



PICTURE BEFORE THE PROJECT



PICTURE AFTER PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

JOINT ACTIVATION PLAN: PROJECT

What worked Well?

- Working and planning together (CBO-Clinic) helped:
- Creating sustainable linkages/ referral pathways
- Reaching more adolescents,
- Improving provision of adolescent friendly services
- Creating common understanding
- Sharing importance project information between Clinic and CBO partner.

What did not work well?

- Bureaucracy - took long and was difficult getting the DHO to sign the MOU.
- The project was seen as outside normal health services even though the project directly supported and improved services

JOINT ACTIVATION PLAN: RELATIONSHIP

What worked?

- **Small grant from PATA helped us:**
- Conduct joint support and planning meetings,
- Enhanced communication through WhatsApp group, mobile phone dialogues.
- Conduct Joint community awareness activities
- Created transparency among project partners
- Engage the participation of peer supporters which improved service delivery

What did not work well?

- Meetings often rescheduled.
- Regular joint meetings helped health staff to be more engaged, available and invested in working together.





*Conducting Adolescent HIV testing at
Kawama Basic School
(Luanshya - Zambia)*

KEY LEARNING MESSAGES

- Joint plan development enhances transparency, enhances effective project implementation.
- Joint regular meetings helps to address project gaps on time.
- Peer to peer engagements addresses stigma and discrimination.
- Stakeholder involvement enhances project implementation.



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