



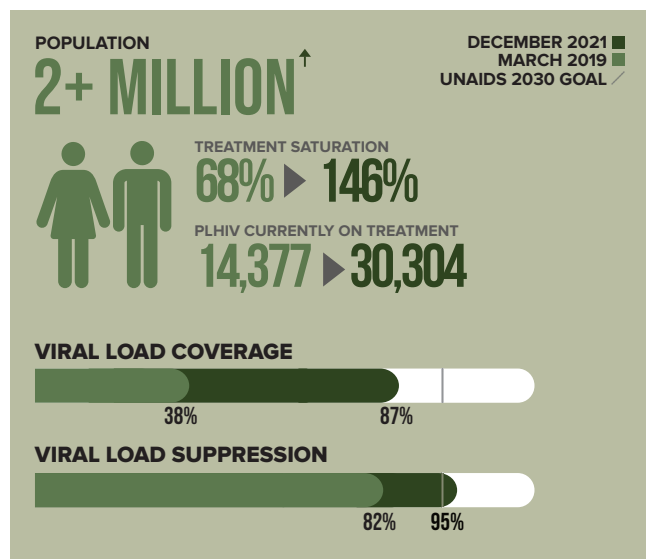
GOMBE STATE

HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC CONTROL BULLETIN

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PROGRESS TOWARDS EPIDEMIC CONTROL: GOMBE STATE

PEPFAR's focus on sustainable epidemic control began in 2014 when it pivoted to a data-driven approach that strategically focuses on geographic areas and populations where HIV/AIDS is most prevalent. It provided a road map for progress and impact of its recent strategy to accelerate HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control by 2020 in 13 high-burden countries. Nigeria was among more than 50 other countries with the greatest potential to achieve HIV/AIDS epidemic control by year 2020.



In Nigeria, the NAHS results showed Gombe ranked 2nd in the North East with a prevalence of 1.2% and treatment saturation of 51%. Thus, was prioritized for the PEPFAR anti-retroviral treatment rapid scale-up response (SURGE) activities with the aim of pushing her to achieve epidemic control. The number of PLHIV placed on treatment has improved over the last few years. As at December 2021, 30,304 people were placed on treatment and viral load coverage improved from 38% in 2019 to 87% in 2021.

PEPFAR Nigeria, through the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its Implementing partner – Center for Integrated Health Programs (CIHP), will collaborate with the Gombe State administration to deploy strategies including optimized facility and community-based testing strategies. Others are same-day ART initiation for identified clients, improved client care and retention strategies, knowledge sharing, and learning using the ECHO tele-medicine technology, improved client-centric case management approach to optimize retention and virologic suppression.

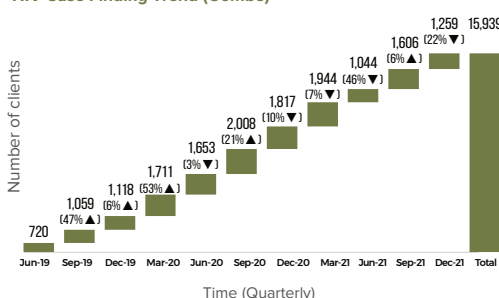
CASE FINDINGS FOR PLHIV

WITHIN 33 MONTHS, MARCH 2019 – DECEMBER 2021

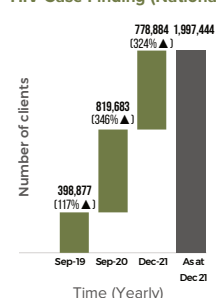
447,339
CLIENTS RECEIVED HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING.

15,939
PLHIV WERE IDENTIFIED AND REPORTED BETWEEN APRIL 2019 – DECEMBER 2021.

HIV Case Finding Trend (Gombe)



HIV Case Finding (National)



5 STRATEGIES DEPLOYED FOR OPTIMIZED CASE FINDING

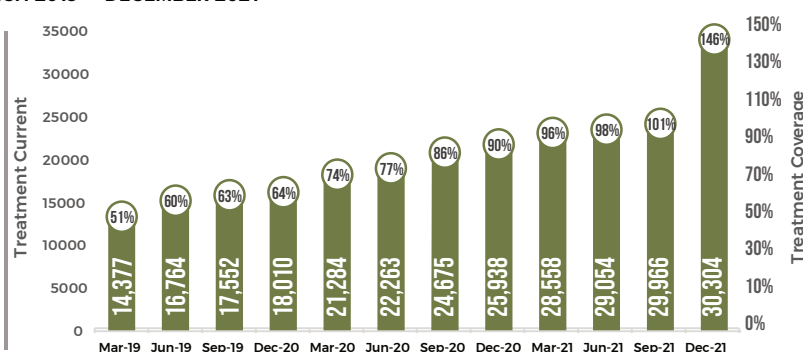
1. Facility-based provider-initiated counseling and testing.
2. Optimized client risk stratification.
3. High-quality index testing Recent HIV infection testing.
4. HIV self-testing.
5. Community-based strategies.

PROGRESS TOWARDS TREATMENT

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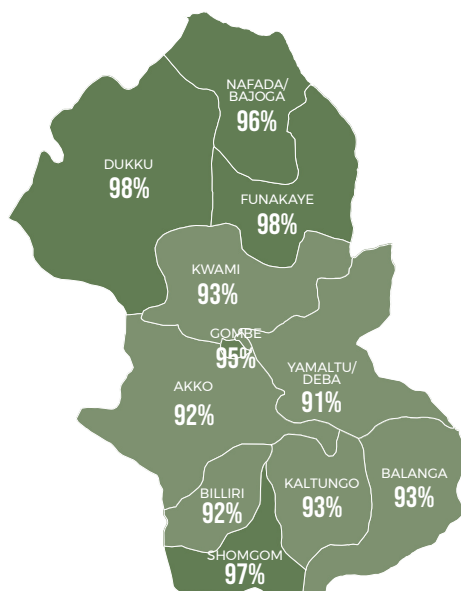
13,491
PLHIV WERE NEWLY INITIATED ON LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT.

85%
LINKAGE RATE WAS RECORDED AMONG CLIENTS WHO WERE NEWLY INITIATED ON LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT.



4 STRATEGIES DEPLOYED FOR IMPROVED TREATMENT SATURATION

1. Same-day initiation of ART.
2. Client-centered case management approach
 - * Real-time data monitoring for decision making
 - * Deployment of tele-medicine knowledge sharing support (ECHO Platform).
3. ART optimization
4. Differentiated service delivery models
 - * Geo-mapping for tracking patients.



5 LGAS HAVE ACHIEVED AT LEAST 95% VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION

6 LGAS ACHIEVED ABOVE 85% VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVED VIRAL LOAD COVERAGE AND SUPPRESSION

- PCR laboratories mapping/optimization.
- Scale up of sample referral system.
- Remote sample log-in to laboratory.
- Information Management System - Facility electronic medical records enhanced to download VL results from LIMS (EMR-LIMS).
- End-to-end sample monitoring and tracking system to improve turnaround time.

GOMBE STATE EPIDEMIC CONTROL GOAL FY22



*PEPFAR TARGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022



GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO SURGE SUCCESS

1. Leadership and coordination by Gombe State Ministry of Health through the FMOH, SACA and other state agencies.
2. Provision of infrastructure and enabling environment.
3. COVID-19 essential workers support allows the project teams free movement to reach patients with essential care.
4. Availability of human resources for health to implement all SURGE project activities at the facility level.
5. Waiver of user fees for all PLHIV receiving care.



AREAS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION BY THE GOMBE STATE GOVERNMENT

1. Human resource for health: To engage additional healthcare workers of different cadre to be posted, especially to the hard-to-reach areas.
2. Commodities support: Provision of Rapid HIV Test Kits (RTK) to complement PEPFAR's 152,210 RTKs, and Asante Rapid Test Kits for recent infection to complement PEPFAR's 455 Asante Rapid Test Kits.
3. Health policy and legislation to support all additional PLHIV activities including that of key populations, adolescents and youth living with HIV, pregnant women, and children living with HIV.
4. Engender program ownership, coordination and leadership: Government ministries, departments and agencies to take full ownership of ingenious health programs that will improve the health of Gombe State residents.