

# Addressing Treatment Interruption among people living with HIV using a systematic monitoring tool piloted in Bacoor City, Philippines

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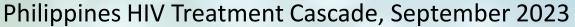


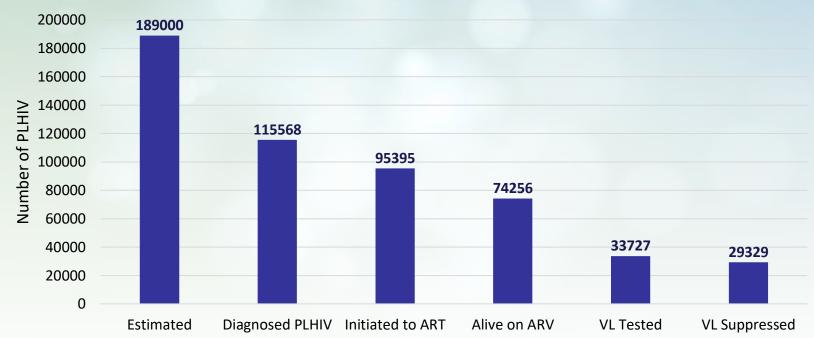






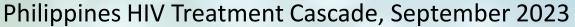
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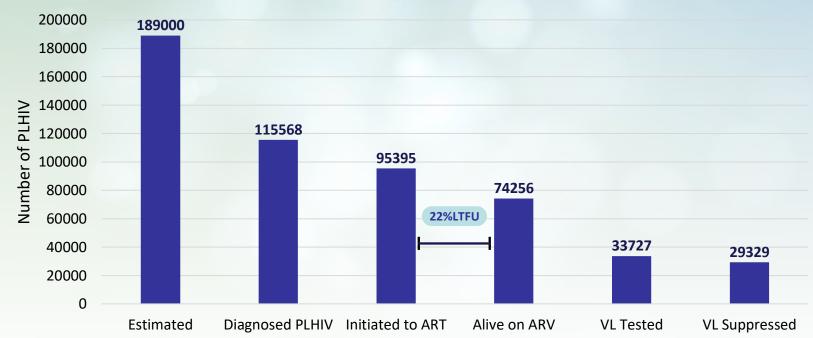






## I. Background:







### **Overview of the Client Monitoring Tool (CMT)**

Quality Improvement monitoring



EpiC created a monitoring tool to address IIT



Deep dive meetings with the CHDs and facilities



Training on CMT



- Interruption In Treatment (IIT) as an issue across Greater Metro Manila facilities
- Also included viral load testing monitoring

- Highlight, discuss and address the current situation of interruption in treatment and retention to care of their clients.
- Introduced tool in selected pilot implementation sites
- Included other areas that may address IIT: (Mental Health screening, IPV screening, and the importance of SDART and RAI)





### **CMT Objectives**



To prompt and assist the facility staff in patient tracking and monitoring of clients' refills and VL testing



To lessen the burden of scheduling and address other gaps that contribute to interruptions in treatment



To help staff in prioritizing clients for adherence counseling and case management

#### **Divided into 6 sections**

- i Client Information
- ART Enrollment details
- ARV Status
- IIT Risk Assessment
- Viral Load Monitoring
- Co-infections



### **Key Features of Client Monitoring Tool**



#### **ARV Status and Prevention of IIT**

ARV Refill Date is auto-computed and color-coded. Please see the legend below.

Color	Refill Date Indicator	Actions
ARV Refill Date	Date today is within 30 days before the ARV refill date	Prepare to follow up client, can start reminding the client
ARV Refill Date	Date today is within 14 days before the ARV refill date	Must remind and follow-up client to come back for refills
ARV Refill Date	Date today is within 30 days after the ARV refill date (nearing LTFU)	Intensified efforts to remind and follow-up client to come back for refills
ARV Refill Date	Date today is more than 30 days after ARV refill date (patient is already LTFU)	Intensified efforts to remind and follow-up client to come back for refills



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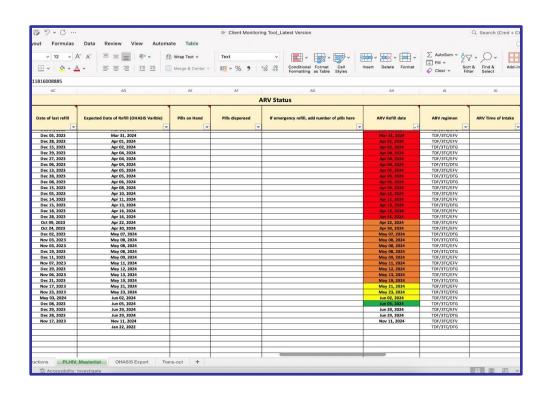
#### **Viral Load Testing Monitoring**

Viral load Testing Date is auto-computed and color-coded. Please see the legend below.

Color	VL Schedule Indicator	For VL Naive: VL at 3-6 months after ART initiation	For Previously Tested: VL at 12 months after ART initiation/previous test
Initial/Next VL Schedule	Client is eligible for VL testing	date today is within 3rd to 5th month after ART initiation	date today is within 0 to 2 months after anniversary
Initial/Next VL Schedule	Client is eligible for VL testing with warning	date today <b>is within 5th to 6th month</b> after ART initiation	date today is within 2 to 3 months after anniversary
Initial/Next VL Schedule	Client is due and late for VL testing	date today is past <b>6th months</b> from ART initiation	date today is past <b>3 months</b> from anniversary



### Sample



### **III. Lessons Learned:**





Using CMT optimized case management



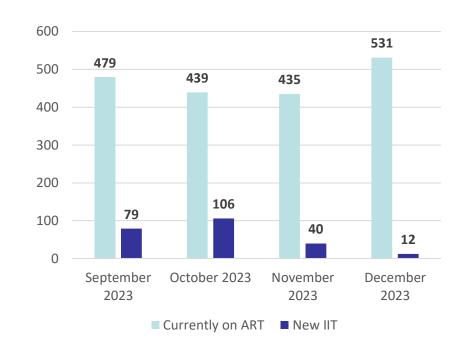
Enabled providers to schedule clients conveniently to reduce missed appointments, prioritize clients by risk



Allowed for differentiated service delivery methods like multi-month dispensing and telemedicine for lower-risk clients.



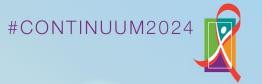
As a result, BSHC reduced monthly client interruption.





### **III. Conclusion:**

Standardized monitoring tools can efficiently track clients' adherence and address risk factors that contribute to their treatment interruption. With proper training, the tool can facilitate efficient case management to reduce treatment interruption and help clients achieve U=U status.



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