

Case-finding and continuity of care for children and adolescents

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Ensuring everyone with HIV a long and healthy life



The Eastern Deanery AIDS Relief Program (EDARP)
Nairobi KENYA



Background

The EDARP Experience

- Founded in 1993 with 1 priest & 1 nurse
- Located in the eastern slums of Nairobi
- Currently 14 clinics with 30,000 clients, 1,600 under the age of 18
- Providing comprehensive HIV/TB diagnosis and treatment, PMTCT, VMMC, targeted testing, community education & engagement with the **bio-psycho-social-spiritual** model of care across faiths and including key populations
- Point-of-care diagnostics with a real time electronic medical record
- *410 Staff and 1,200 Community Health Workers*
- Integrating the ethos of Catholic Social Teaching, the inherent dignity of all persons, and the virtue of hospitality, *Karibu (all are welcome)* into all program activities

**The
eastern
slums of
Nairobi**



Supporting continuity of care for children and adolescents

OPERATION “Triple Zero” OTZ

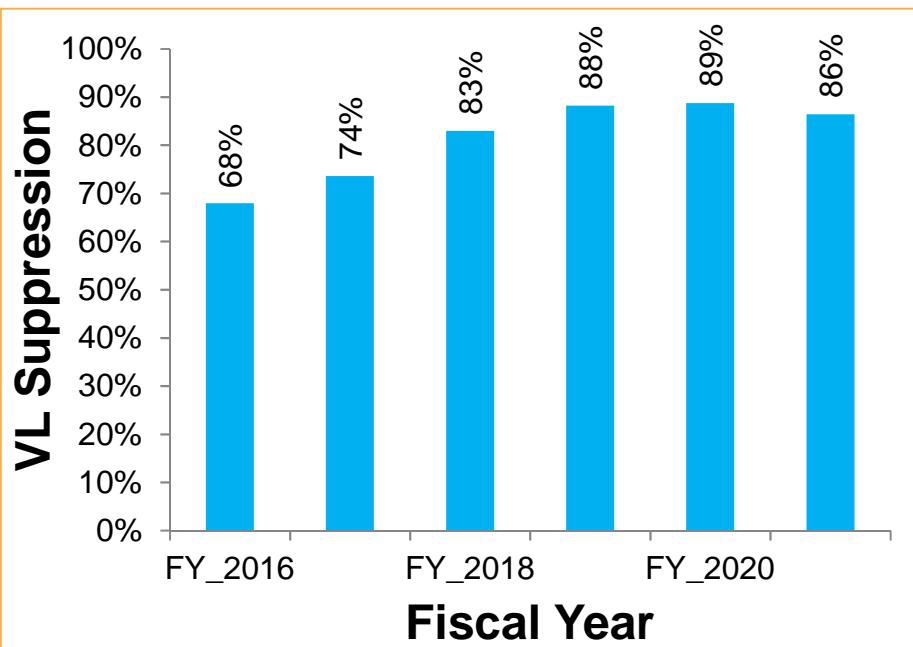
- Zero missed appointments
- Zero missed doses
- Zero viral load

“Heroes are Zeroes”

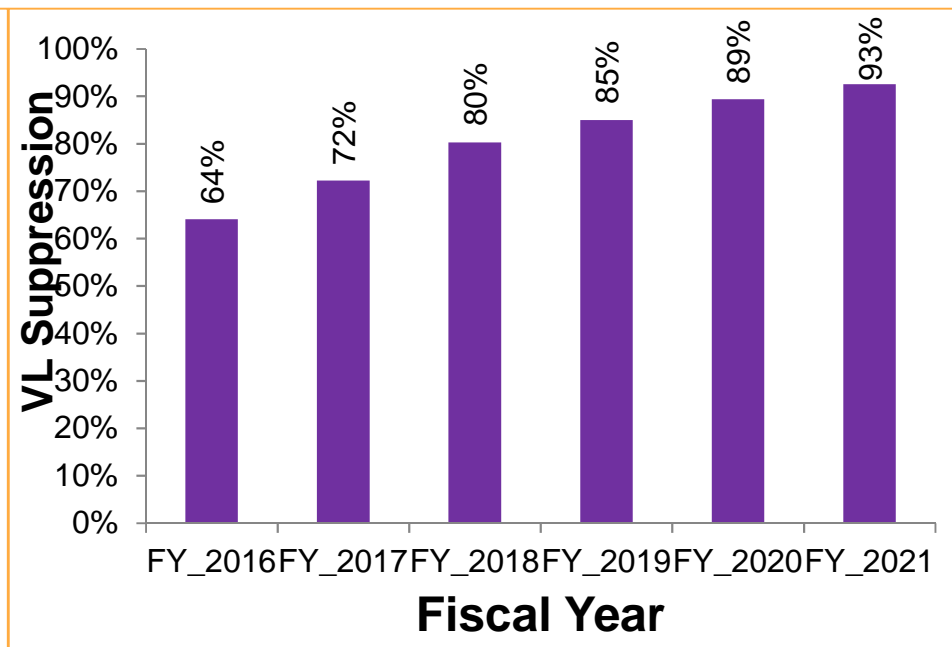
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Pediatric Viral Load Suppression EDARP

Children (0-9 years)



Adolescents (10-19 years)



The Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual model: The child, the caregiver, the clinician and the community

- Pre-natal care for all mothers, the offer of HIV positive “mentor moms” for known positive moms.
 - Linking all pregnant mothers with a Community Health Worker
 - Regularly scheduled “family clinics” including health care, psycho-social-spiritual support, and immunizations
 - Continuity of Care entails support and intervention for BOTH the child and parent/caregiver
 - Parent/Guardian support and assessment through the MDT
 - EMR and POC laboratory so that clinicians have the data!
 - Consistent supply chain management of pediatric formulations AND laboratory reagents is essential
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Comprehensive, holistic person-centered Care: The Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual model—setting up the structures in both clinic AND community



Monthly support group meetings—appropriate disclosure part of each session



Day-long activities during school holiday periods



All support focusing on OTZ—**0 missed appts, 0 missed doses, 0 viral load**



Peer-support pairing the “highs” and “lows”



Peer-to-peer support via closed **WhatsApp** groups



EMR and POC laboratory so that clinicians have the data!



Weekly multi-disciplinary team meetings to discuss clients with high VL. Clients invited to this meeting for transparent discussion

Comprehensive, holistic person-centered Care: The Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual model—the actual implementation in both clinic and community



Home visits with CHW and Case Manager



Parent/Guardian support and assessment



Each child/adolescent paired with a CHW



CHWs provide data to the clinic through a mobile platform



CHWs work with parent/guardian and child on appropriate disclosure



Site Team Leaders (Management) identify staff with the gifts, abilities and inclination to work with children and adolescents.



Child/Adolescent sees the SAME clinician during each visit. (Relationship is KEY to understanding a child's challenges with adherence)

EDARP Community Health Workers from local Faith Communities

- Integral to program design since our founding in 1993
- Management and staff see CHWs as key elements of clinical services
- All are from local faith communities and active participants in their Small Christian Community
- Faith is their motivation and source of strength
- Monthly support meetings with clinical staff (Key is *spiritual support* for the CHW)
- Quarterly Seminars and Continuing Education
- Work within their Small Christian Community, Parish and beyond faith structures to address issues of stigma and discrimination.



Thank you. Asante sana.
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