Expanding Access to Pediatric HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment in Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects

Pediatric ART: The Ethiopia Experience

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ART Part of Comprehensive Care

- Preventing Pediatric HIV Infection
- PEP
- Early Diagnosis
- OIs and ART
- Nutrition and ART
- HBC/Palliative Care
- Orphan care and Support
Pediatric ART

- Policy
- Organizational issues
- Opportunities for ART
- ARVs for Pediatrics
- Monitoring and Follow Up
- Adherence
- Counseling and Psychosocial Support
Adolescent Issues / ART

- Disclosure
- IEC/BCC and ARV
- HIV prevention Services for youth
Impact of HAART

- Morbidity and Mortality
- Prevalence of HIV Infection in children
- Diagnostic Capacity for prognosis
- PMTCT Coverage and Link Up
- Incorporating ART Services in IMCI
Pediatric ART training

- Curriculum – ANNECA pediatric ART training curriculum
- ITECH /Modular Training
- Team Training
- Training nurses to prescribe ARTs
Research and ART

• Operational Research
• Resistance Testing
• Ethical Clearance Issues
• Research on knowledge gaps e.g. Counseling children and Disclosure etc
Pediatric ART service Status

- PIDC is established
- Program is in place
- Trained Professionals running the clinics
- SOPs & Documentation tools are provided
- ARV available in Hospital though limited
- PEPFAR/GAF/ WHO 3/ 5 are supportive
- PMTCT Services are integrated in ANCs
Challenges in HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment

• Integrate Comprehensive Care & Support
• Introduce Counseling Services for Kids
• Solve Space Problem
• Ensure adequate Supply of ARVs in number and Variety.
• Aim at Family Centered Services
• Introduce Nurse Prescribers
• Give Pediatric HIV/AIDS Training by its own
• Improve Ethical Clearance Process.
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Recommendations

• To expand Access:
  1. Link PMTCT program with Care and Support Services
  2. Introduce Early Diagnosis
  3. Build Capacity in Lab etc
  4. Involve Community in decision
  5. Production Of ARVs in country