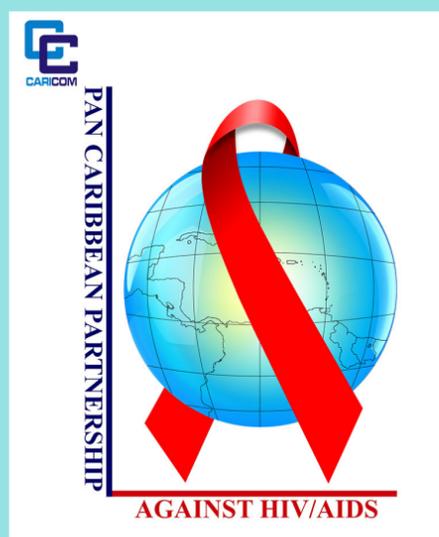


TECHNICAL GUIDANCE – HIV TREATMENT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



WHAT ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF CARE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR?

12 Step Action Plan

1 PERFORM CD4

Perform CD4 to assess eligibility for advanced disease package of care.

2 CO-TRIMOXAZOLE

Provide Co-trimoxazole if clinically unwell.

3 TB SCREEN

If TB screen is negative, TB Preventive Treatment (TPT) may be provided if appropriate.

4 TEMPORARY CHANGES

Work promptly and closely with national governments to effect temporary changes in policy.

5 ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Ensure uninterrupted essential HIV services to children, adolescents, pregnant and breastfeeding women and adults.

6 MINIMISE INTERACTIONS

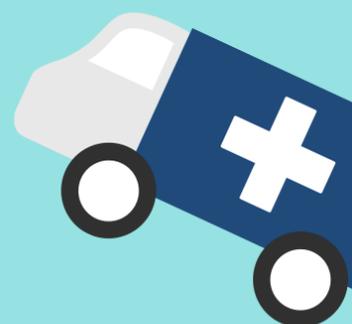
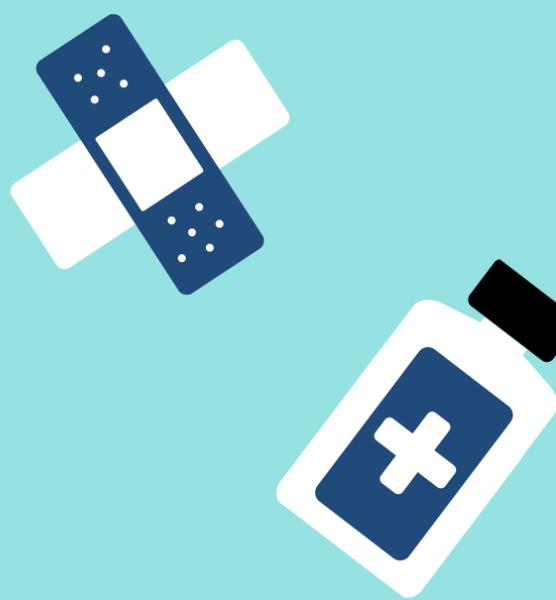
Minimise clients' interactions with health care facilities and health care workers.

7 CLIENTS ON ART

Count clients on ART towards TX_CURR* if medication is not more than 28 days from ending.

8 LAST DELIVERY DATE

Base this on last delivery date of ARV medication.



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CONTINUE ARV

Clients should continue to access ARV programmes but avoid in-person contact.



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EVALUATE STOCK

Evaluate current stock and project availability to plan best options for PLHIV.



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REGIMEN

Keep client on current regimen if stable.



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OPTIMISED REGIMEN

But plan to transition to optimised regimens (TLD, ped LPVr) in the future where appropriate.



Critical intervention: accelerate + complete scale-up of 3 to 6-month dispensing of ART and decentralised distribution.

* TX_CURR: Number of adults and children currently receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART)

