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HIV-FREE FOR WEST REGION

CHP-QUATERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Summary Community component activities report for the quarter October to December 2021 in the WEST Region

Planned activities:

- 1- Promote HIV screening in unauthorized health facilities, identify and link 600 HIV+ clients for effective ART initiation (200 per month).
- 2- Use the social screening criteria, the screening tool to carry out targeted community screening in high-risk areas and link cases screened positive to project sites for appropriate testing and ART initiation.
- 3- Mobilize the community to prevent HIV infection as an integral part of the community activities and link HIV exposed individuals to the nearest testing services.
- 4- Follow-up to achieve at least 95% ART initiation for all those linked.
- 5- Actively search for unauthorized clinics that consult pregnant women and support them to link the pregnant women for appropriate ANC/PMTCT services. Work with community volunteers and members of health area dialogue structures to identify in the communities' pregnant women who have not yet started ANC and link them for appropriate services in recognized clinics.
- 6- Identify and link a total 1,800 pregnant women for ANC in the quarter (600 per month).

Accomplishments:

1. Service delivery Area 1: Community mobilization, referrals, testing and linkage of positive cases to treatment.

A- Testing within Adults and Adolescents.

With the collaboration of CHWs, CHP team, within the 25 project implementing health facilities in the West region, supported the referral of at-risk adults, teens from the community to care centers for testing, and the linkage of those who were HIV positive to C&T centers for ART initiation. During this quarter, 4,518 clients (1,239 during October, 1,813 in November and 1,466 in December) were referred to treatment sites for HIV testing by Community Agents. One hundred and ninety-four (194) persons (all adults), were HIV positive and all of them were initiated on ART; **Prevalence rate: 04, 29%**.

B- Treatment New

Several un-authorized but privately run health clinics in the west region provide health services to clients and do not report the data to HD because of their unauthorized status. These facilities serve women, children and adults alike. During this quarter, CHP team CHP team continued to assist these sites to actively link any clients who were tested HIV positive to the nearest ART care center for ART initiation. At the end of this quarter, one (01) case was HIV positive tested and initiated to ART. Up to now, none case from Pre-ART has been reported. This leads to a quarterly total of **195 treatment new**

cases initiated (194 cases from the community by identification, active referral and testing strategy, 01 cases from Networking strategy).

Targets:

- 1- Promote HIV screening in unauthorized health facilities, identify and link 600 HIV+ clients for effective ART initiation: 195 effective ART initiations during the quarter.
- 2- Follow-up to achieve 100% ART initiation for all those linked: All of 195 identified cases were linked and initiated on ART (100%).

Performance Indicators

- 195 HIV positive cases identified from informal facilities and referral/testing strategy, and linked to treatment center (33%), for 600 cases as quarterly goal.
- 195 HIV positive cases started on ART during the quarter (100%)

Furthermore, to face the poor performance continuously registered mainly about the Treatment New cases, and the challenge derived from the inconsistent presence on the field observed in some Field Staffs, CHP proceeded since this quarter, to the recruitment of new intern field staffs who were distributed within six (06) project health districts: Bangante, Bangourain, Dschang, Malantouen, Massangam and Santchou. This will also guarantee a better coverage of the implementing sites. Thus, as a result, they did contribute with **twenty-two (22) TN cases** (09 cases in November and 13 cases in December 2021) within the 195 cases achieved (**meaning an 11% contribution**).

2. Service delivery Area 2: Support the referral to ANC1 of the Pregnant women identified within the community (1,800 PW per quarter)

During this quarter, CHP teams worked once more within the community to identify and refers pregnant women to interventions ANC clinics for ANC1. A new criteria had been introduced in selecting the PW to refer: from now on, **the age of pregnancy must be 6 months and over**. At the end of the period, **2,346 PWs** were referred this quarter (with 1,801 from the community by identification and active referral strategy, 00 by Women from Association members, 00 from ANC1 campaigns within the community and 545 by networking strategy) for ANC1. All those PW were tested with 00 HIV positive case initiated on ART.

However, it should be noted that ANC data from networking strategy is not systematically recorded in the health district information system for several months; under of the coordination of the PI, an Urgent Advocacy meeting should be held with the regional Delegate of public health, the district medical officers and the PMTCT focal points to address this situation; This advocacy can be done during the West regional monthly coordination.

3. Service deliver Area 4: insure the supervision for monthly data checking and validation.

With the collaboration of various District teams and the CBCHB site staffs, CHP team organized the monthly data validation/supervisions to check and validate all the community data collected among the various implementing sites during this quarter.

Summary of indicators:

	INDICATORS	TOTAL TARGET (Quarter)	Oct results	Nov results	December results	Total	%	Progress made
Service delivery Area 1: Testing and linkage of positive cases to treatment								
1	Promote HIV screening in unauthorized health facilities, identify and link HIV+ clients for effective ART initiation (600 new cases per quarter).	600	54	78	63	195	33%	195 new HIV+ cases initiated on ART: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 01 from Networking (with one case by contact tracing) - 194 from Men testing - 00 from young's testing - 00 from PW in ANC1 testing.
2	Follow-up to achieve 100% ART initiation for all those linked.	195	54	78	63	195	100%	All positive cases are linked and initiated to ART
Service delivery Area 2: Support the referral to ANC1 of the Pregnant women identified within the community.								
3	Mobilize the community for referrals and HIV testing with focus on pregnant women (PW) to attend first antenatal care (ANC 1) and receive HIV services.	1,800	1144	699	503	2346	130%	2,346 PW referred in ANC1 this quarter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *1,801 PW referred from community by Community Agents, *00 by Women from Associations, *00 from ANC1 campaigns *and 545 by Networking strategy to ANC1. With 00 positive cases tested and initiated.
Service deliver Area 4: Insure the supervision for monthly data checking and validation								
4	Organize monthly checking and validation data among the implementing sites	25	25	25	25	25	100%	All the intervention sites were supervised and data were validated and collected.

ANNEXES:

Table I: Distribution of treatment new per site, October to December 2021.

Total Networking strategy	01
Men adult referral & testing strategy	194
PW referral & testing strategy	0
Teens and Youths referral & testing strategy	0
Pre-ART strategy	0
Total Treatment New during quarter October to December, 2021	195

Table II: Distribution of PW in ANC1 per site, October to December 2021.

Synthesis : PW in ANC1 October to December 2021				
Referral Treatment Center	PW in ANC1 cases from small Health Facilities	Small Health Facilities	Total PW in ANC1 cases referred by the Networking strategy	
District de MIFI	CM Police	St Mathieu	0	
		CRIMO		
		CS Lumière		
		M. MOUTHE		
		CS Espoir		
	HR BAFOUSSAM	0	CS DORCAS	0
			CS Bon Sourire	

	HD Mifi			0
District de BAGOURAIN	HD BANGOURAIN			0
District SANCHOU	HD Santchou			0
District de KOUOPTAMO	HD Kouoptamo		Charité Baptiste	
		1	CS WEWE	
			CS SANKA	
		6	CS SHALOM	7
District de DSCHANG	HSV de paul	1	CS TCHOUTSI	
		10	CS De Balepe	
		2	CS NGUIFFO	
		1	CS TITIA	18
		3	ONG Santé Pour Tous	
		1	CS Dr KAZONG	
	HD Dschang	14	CS NKEW NDEM	
		5	CS La Vallée	44
		4	CS La Source	

		2	CS La Persévérance	
			GIC PROSAFAM	
		6	CS TCHOUTSI	
		13	CS YVA	
District de BAFANG	Ad LUCEM BAFANG			0
District de BAFANG	HD BAFANG			0
District de MBOUDA	AD LUCEM Mbouda	25	CS Metsi	137
		25	CS Mouaffo	
		23	CS SODHEVICAM	
		20	CS Dieu n'oublie personne	
		14	CS Mémoire d'Afrique	
		30	CS Holy Family	
	HD Mbouda	22	CS ADEL	82
		21	CSP Bamessingué	
		7	CS Lafi	
		6	CS Bon Samaritain	
		5	CS Solidarité Bafoung	
		12	CS Forji La Patience	

		3	CS La Confiance	
		6	CS Clarice	
District de MALATOUEN	CMA MAGBA			0
	HD Malantouen	7	CS Le Combattant	22
		7	Meilleurs Soins	
		8	CS NGAGOUMOU	
District de FOUMBOT	HD FOUMBOT	10	CS MIEKIECHOUM	22
		12	CS FOCHIEYA	
Distict de GALIM	HD Galim		CS Espoir Solidarité	10
		3	CS Privé Mbeve II	
		7	CS La Renaissance	
District de FOUMBAN	HD FOUMBAN	24	CS Les Merveilles	137
		16	CS La Coalition	
		1	CS De l'Espérance	
		2	CS Kouchinpah	
		2	CS Njintout	
		16	CS La Référence	
		7	CS La Victoire	
		11	CS Baobab	
		6	CS Futur Monde	
		16	CS Leader	
		11	CS de l'Espoir	
		3	CS Le Bien-Etre Islamique	

		3	CS Le Secours	
		3	CS Koutoukoup	
		7	CS La Compagny	
		6	CS Koumenke	
		3	CS Roi David	
District de BANDJOUN	HD Bandjoun	6	CS POUMOUGNE	24
		9	CS LA GRACE	
		2	CS SEDEMBOM	
		7	CS La Patience	
District de BAGANGTE	HD Bagangté	16	Berceau Des Anges	39
		12	Gifted Hand	
		5	Ste Thérèse de l'enfant Jésus	
		6	Bel Ange	
District de MASSANGAM	HD Massangam	1	CBC MAKOUANI	3
		2	CS La Patience	
	Total Networking strategy	545		
	PW referral & testing strategy	1801		
	Women from Associations Referral	0		
	Women Campaigns Strategy	0		
	Total PW in ANC1 during October to December 2021	2346		

Table III: Quarterly Data Synthesis, October to December 2021.

SN	DISTRICT	FACILITY	Period: October 1st to December 31st 2021								
			TESTING				ANC1				TREATMENT New
			# referred and tested	# positives cases from testing	# Net-Working positive cases	# positive cases initiated on ART	# PW received from community in ANC clinics for ANC1	# PW tested for HIV	# PW HIV+	# PW HIV+ initiated on ART	# Total of HIV+ cases initiated on ART
1	Bafang	HD Bafang	150	6	0	6	35	35	0	0	6
2	Bafang	Hopital Ad lucem Banka-Bafang	500	20	0	20	103	103	0	0	20
3	Bandjoun	Hopital de District de Bandjoun	85	4	0	4	109	109	0	0	4
4	Bangangte	Hopital de District de Bangangte	225	9	0	9	88	88	0	0	9
5	Bangangte	Hopital EEC Bangoua	50	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
6	Bangourain	HD Bangourain	384	15	0	15	77	77	0	0	15
7	Dschang	HD Dschang	431	17	1	18	213	213	0	0	18
8	Dschang	Hopital St Vincent de Paul	102	4	0	4	55	55	0	0	4
9	Foumban	Hopital de District Foumban	342	17	0	17	282	282	0	0	17
10	Foumbot	Hopital de District Foumbot	140	7	0	7	90	90	0	0	7
11	Galim	HD Galim	76	3	0	3	89	89	0	0	3
12	Kouoptamo	Hopital de District Kouoptamo	172	8	0	8	72	72	0	0	8
13	Malentouen	CMA Magba	107	5	0	5	25	25	0	0	5
14	Malentouen	HD Malantouen	327	14	0	14	76	76	0	0	14
15	Massangam	Hopital De District Massangam	145	6	0	6	56	56	0	0	6
16	Mbouda	HD Mbouda	170	6	0	6	141	141	0	0	6
17	Mbouda	Hopital Ad Lucem Mbouda	275	11	0	11	163	163	0	0	11
18	Mifi	ACHA Annexe TAMDJJA	0	0	0	0	73	73	0	0	0
19	Mifi	CBC Bamendzi	285	15	0	15	82	82	0	0	15
20	Mifi	CMA Djeleng	50	3	0	3	102	102	0	0	3
21	Mifi	CMA Lafe-Baleng	40	2	0	2	48	48	0	0	2
22	Mifi	HD MIFI (FAMLA)	125	5	0	5	208	208	0	0	5
23	Mifi	HR Bafoussam	80	4	0	4	67	67	0	0	4

24	Mifi	Hôpital de La Police Bafoussam	125	5	0	5	50	50	0	0	5
25	Santchou	Hôpital de District Santchou	132	6	0	6	42	42	0	0	6
		TOTAL	4518	194	1	195	2346	2346	0	0	195

Target	7500				1800					600
Taux	60%				130%					33%

I- SUCCES STORIES

- Good collaboration with health authorities (CBCHB, RTG, PHRD).
- Close collaboration between community team and HD Team.
- Data validation by joint team (Field staff, HD representative, CBCHB site lead)

II- KEY CHALLENGES

- Negative impact of COVID19 pandemic on project implementation on the field
- Poor rate of Treatment New cases registered and initiated on ART.
- We were confronted, once more, to a period of HIV test kits shortage.
- The climate (raining season) which was not favorable for the implementation of the activities by field staff.
- Late wire of funds.
- Low coverage of implementing health areas
- The presence of other partners carrying out the same activities in the field

III- SOLUTIONS PROVIDED TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

- “Non-medical testing” implemented by CHP field staff themselves in order to increase HIV positive new cases registered and initiated to treatment.
- The recruitment of new intern field staffs (06) since the end of October, in order to guarantee a better coverage of the implementing sites.
- Make systematically the contact tracing for the HIV+ cases tested.

IV-RECOMMENDATIONS

- Under the coordination of the PI, an urgent advocacy meeting should be held with various stakeholders such as the Regional Delegate of Public Health, the district medical officers and the PMTCT focal points in order to systematically record ANC data from Networking strategy in the health district information system. This advocacy can be done during the monthly coordination meeting in the west region
- The field staff and new intern staff have to improve the coverage of the implementing health areas while identifying new small health facilities among them.
- Clinical and community teams should continue to work closely in all aspects of the activity on the field.
- Encourage systematic Contact tracing of all the HIV positive cases tested.
- Improve the effective presence of Field Staff on implementing sites.
- Used all strategies developed to improve performance.