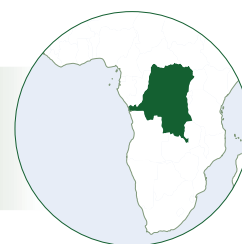


DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



63 000
[49 000–78 000]

CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) WERE LIVING WITH HIV IN 2021

6 500 [3 800–9 200]

CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) BECAME NEWLY INFECTED WITH HIV IN 2021

4 300 [2 800–5 700]

CHILDREN (0–14 YEARS) DIED FROM AIDS-RELATED ILLNESSES IN 2021

Figure 1.
New HIV infections among children (0–14 years) and antiretroviral coverage among pregnant women (%), 2010–2021

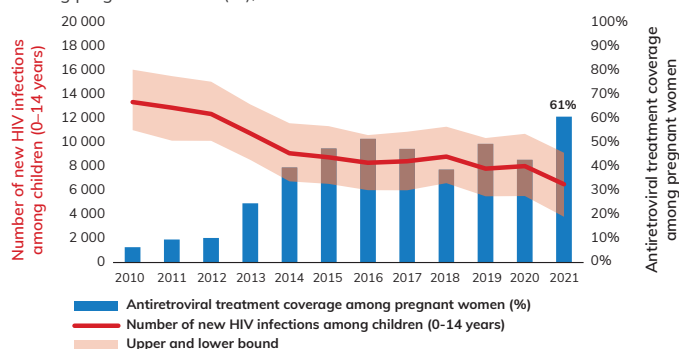
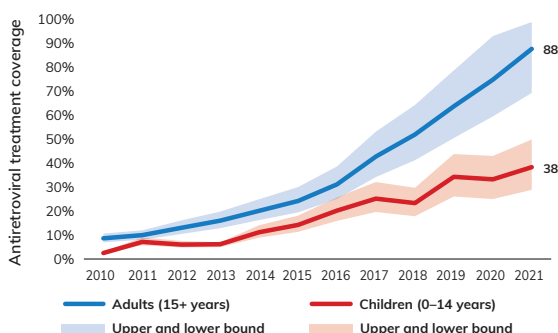
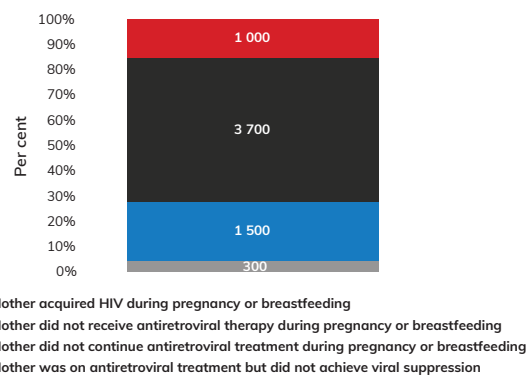


Figure 2.
Antiretroviral treatment coverage (%) among children (0–14 years) and adults (15+ years), 2010–2021



Source: UNAIDS epidemiological estimates, 2022 (<https://aidsinfo.unaids.org/>).

Figure 3.
Percentage and number of new vertical HIV infections by cause of transmission, 2021



Highlights from Global Alliance action plan:

- Expand coverage of screening, ART and optimized care for children and adolescents based on dolutegravir.
- Extend PMTCT coverage in all provinces (focus on the nine provinces with support stoppage) in the HIV/Syphilis/Hepatitis Triple Elimination approach.
- Promote community-based approaches to identifying male partners (index-testing, self-testing) in supportive environments and adapted antenatal care schedules.
- Advocate for the amendment of the law in favour of access to adolescent testing and free access to care for victims of sexual violence; integrate/reinvigorate differentiated approaches to community mobilization and testing.
- Mobilise additional funds for the implementation/extension of all targeted activities.

“The Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo remains committed to the Global Alliance to End Paediatric AIDS by 2030. Indeed, with the increase in the share of health in the State Budget for the 2023 financial year, the Government will allocate substantial resources for the implementation of the Consolidated Action Plan here in Dar-es-Salaam and clearly identified priorities.”

— Excellency Dr Jean-Jacques Mbugani, Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention

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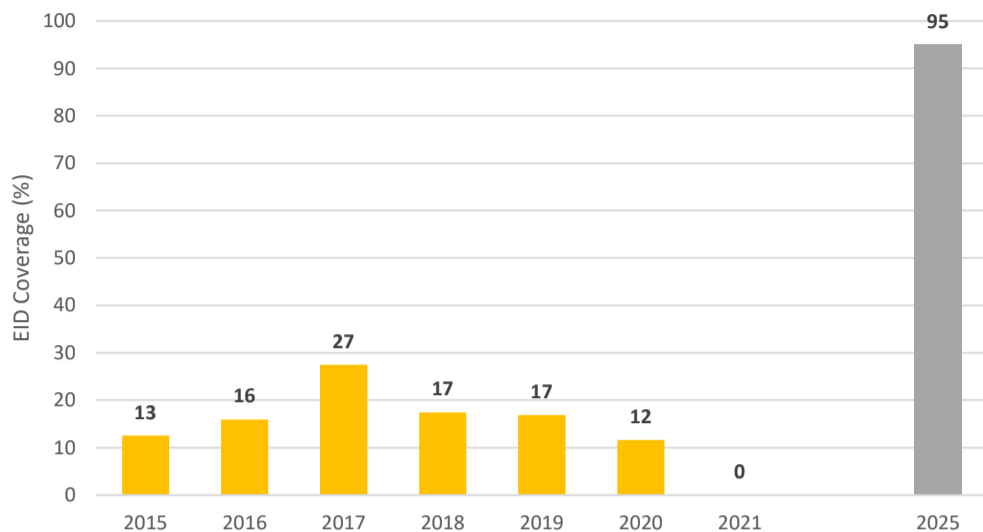
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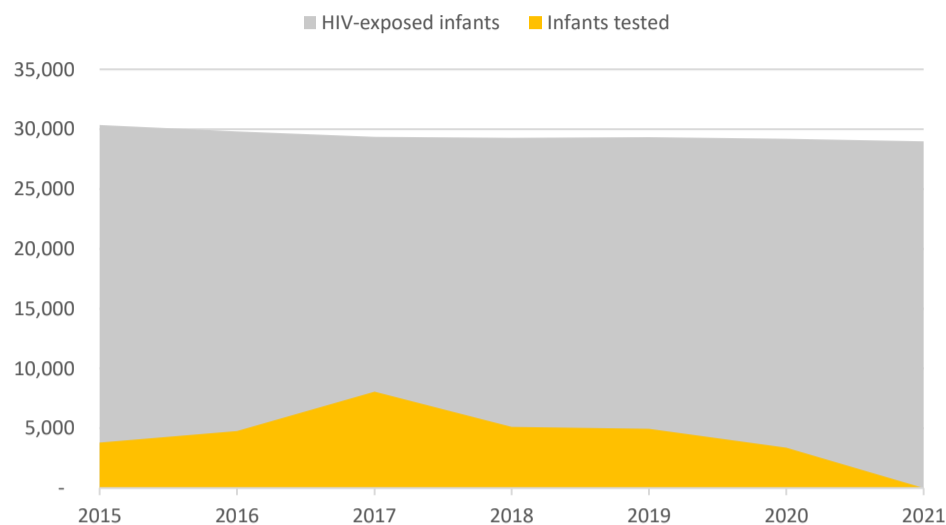
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Early infant diagnosis (EID)

Percentage of infants born to pregnant women living with HIV who were tested for HIV within two months of birth (%), 2015-2021

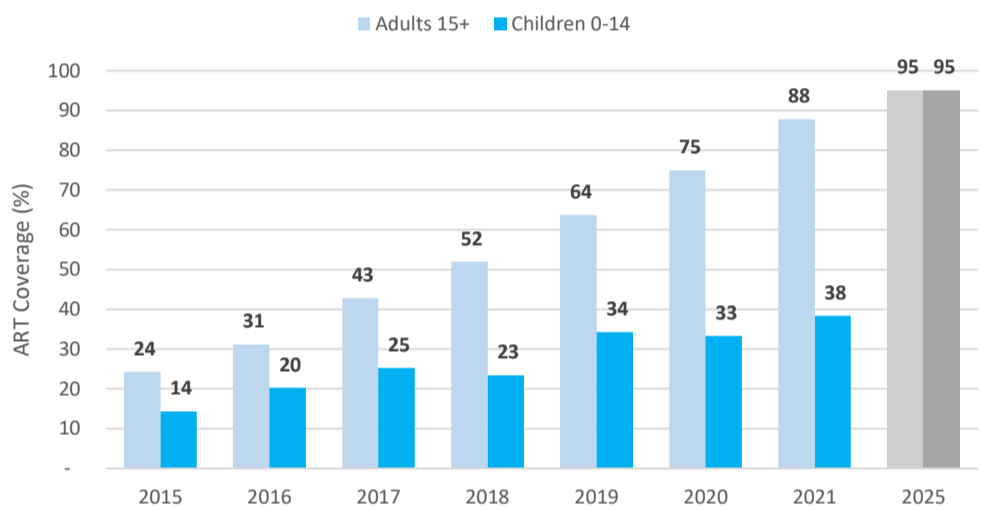


Number of infants born to pregnant women living with HIV and number tested for HIV within two months of birth, 2015-2021

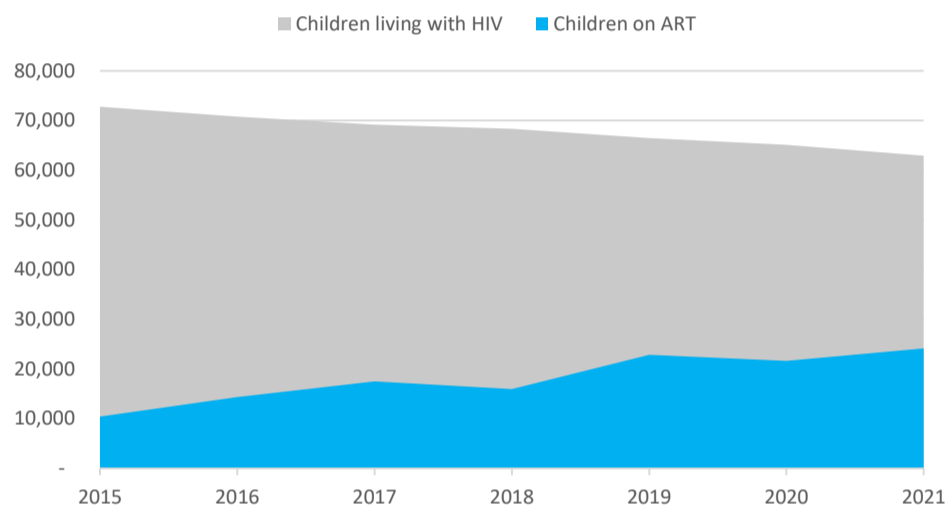


Antiretroviral therapy (ART) coverage for people living with HIV

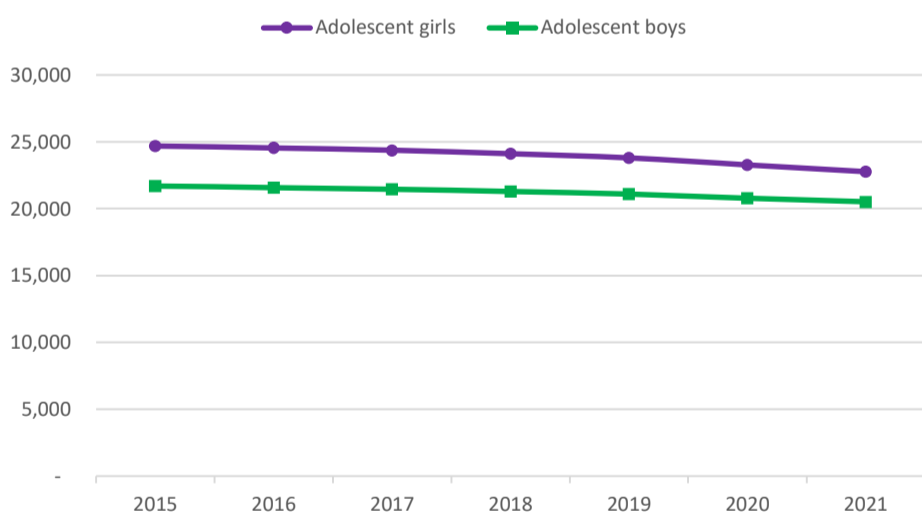
ART Coverage (%) of children aged 0-14 and adults aged 15+, 2015-2021



Number of children aged 0-14 living with HIV and number receiving ART, 2015-2021

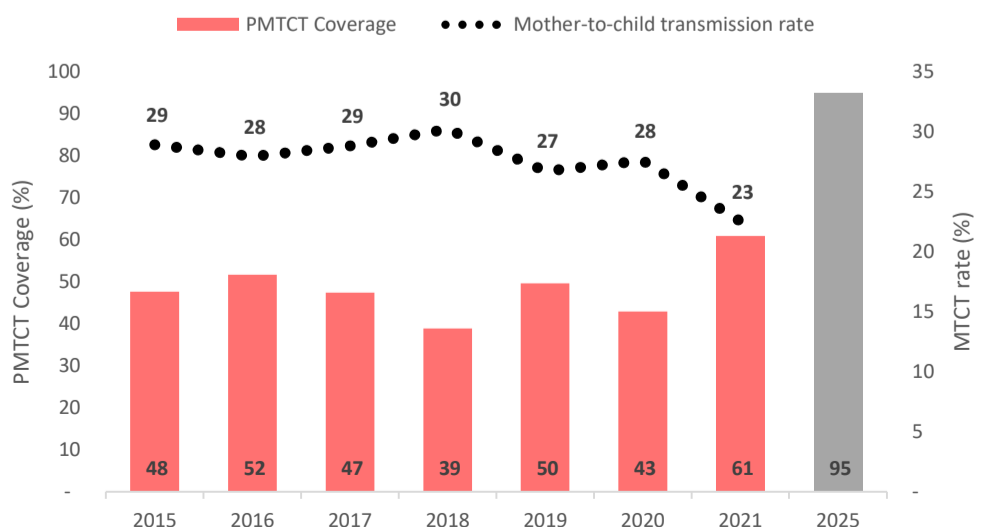


Number of adolescents aged 10-19 living with HIV by sex, 2015-2021

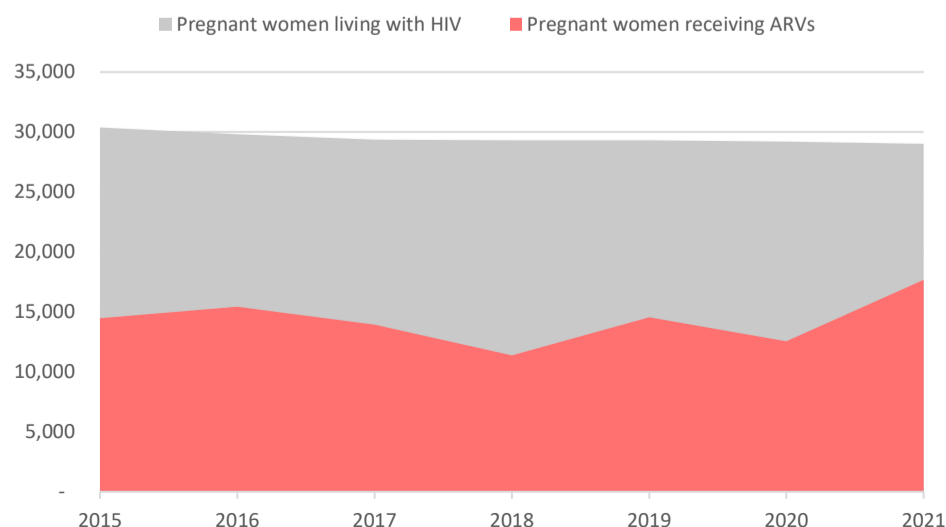


Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT)

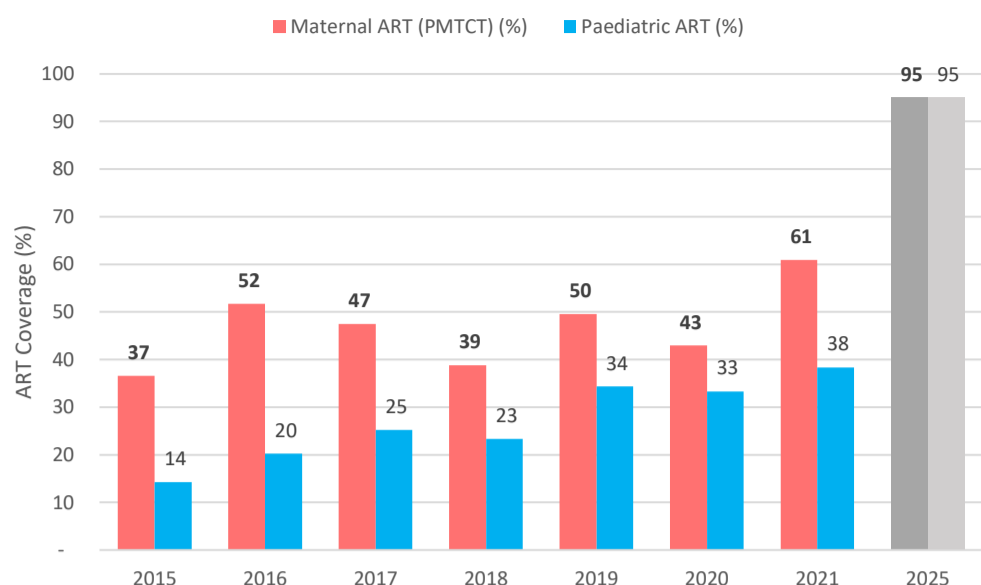
PMTCT Coverage (%) and mother-to-child HIV transmission rate (%), 2015-2021



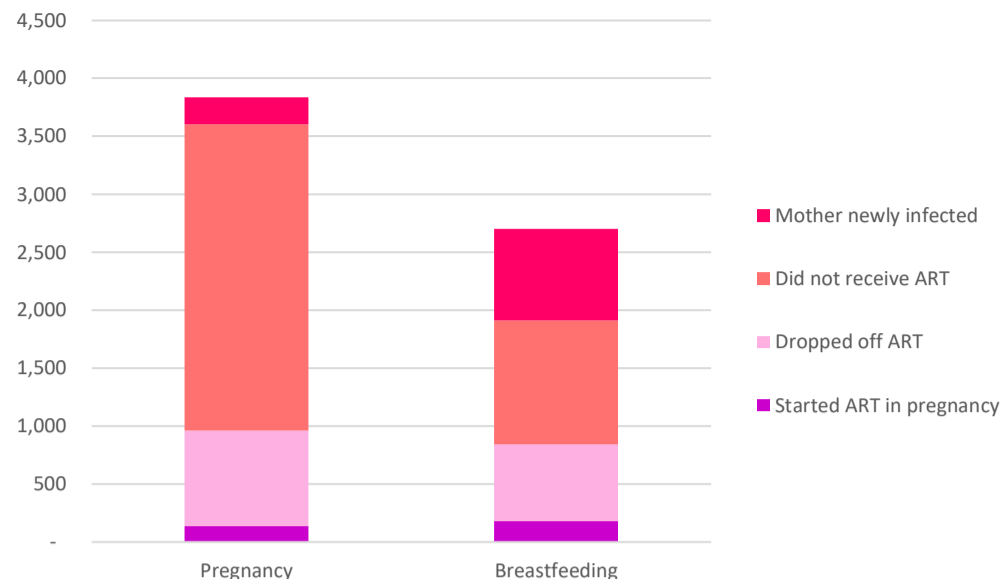
Number of pregnant women living with HIV and number receiving ARVs, 2015-2021



Comparison of children on ART to pregnant women on ART
Paediatric ART coverage (%) and Maternal ART (PMTCT) coverage (%),
2015-2021



Stacked bar for maternal-to-child-transmission
Number of new HIV infections among children by source of infection,
2021



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Number of people living with HIV

Population	2021	Percent contribution to all ages	Percent contribution to all children aged 0-19	Percent change since:		Breakdown by sex:				
				2000	2010	Female	%	Male	%	
By five-year age group	Age 0-4	23,000	4%	26%	-48%	-35%				
	Age 5-9	20,000	4%	23%	-30%	-32%				
	Age 10-14	21,000	4%	24%	35%	-14%				
	Age 15-19	23,000	4%	27%	48%	-1%	13,000	55%	10,000	45%
	Age 20-24	36,000	7%	n/a	-31%	-16%	23,000	64%	13,000	36%
Grouped	Age 0-14	63,000	12%	73%	-28%	-28%				
	Age 0-19	86,000	16%	100%	-16%	-23%	44,000	51%	42,000	49%
	Age 10-19	43,000	8%	51%	42%	-8%	23,000	53%	21,000	47%
	Age 15-24	59,000	11%	n/a	-14%	-11%	36,000	61%	23,000	39%
	Age 15+	480,000	88%	n/a	-13%	0%	300,000	63%	180,000	37%

Red = increase, green = decrease

Note: numbers may not sum up to total due to rounding

Number of new HIV infections

Population	2021	Percent contribution to all ages	Percent contribution to all children aged 0-19	Percent change since:		Breakdown by sex:				
				2000	2010	Female	%	Male	%	
By five-year age group	Age 0-4	6,500	32%	81%	-64%	-51%				
	Age 15-19	1,600	8%	19%	-66%	-47%	1,200	76%	380	24%
	Age 20-24	3,200	16%	40%	-67%	-49%	2,200	69%	1,000	31%
Grouped	Age 0-14	6,500	32%	81%	-64%	-51%				
	Age 0-19	8,100	39%	100%	-65%	-50%	4,400	54%	3,700	46%
	Age 10-19	1,600	8%	19%	-66%	-47%	1,200	76%	380	24%
	Age 15-24	4,800	23%	n/a	-66%	-49%	3,400	71%	1,400	29%
	Age 15+	14,000	68%	n/a	-67%	-50%	9,200	65%	4,900	35%

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HIV

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Number of AIDS-related deaths

Population	2021	Percent contribution to all ages	Percent contribution to all children aged 0-19	Percent change since:		Breakdown by sex:				
				2000	2010	Female	%	Male	%	
By five-year age group	Age 0-4	3,100	23%	65%	-69%	-61%				
	Age 5-9	470	3%	10%	-60%	-61%				
	Age 10-14	660	5%	14%	-13%	-45%				
	Age 15-19									
	Age 20-24									
Grouped	Age 0-14	4,300	32%	88%	-65%	-59%				
	Age 0-19	4,900	36%	100%	-62%	-58%	2,400	49%	2,500	51%
	Age 10-19	1,200	9%	26%	2%	-48%	<1,000	48%	<1,000	52%
	Age 15-24	1,200	9%	n/a	-15%	-47%	590	50%	600	50%
	Age 15+	9,200	68%	n/a	-78%	-74%	4,800	52%	4,500	48%

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Source:

- All data can be cited as *UNAIDS 2022 estimates*.
- All coverage estimates are calculated from country-reported data in *Global AIDS Monitoring 2022*.

2022 Laws and Policies

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pillar	Laws and Policies Questions/Indicators	Responses
1	TDF+3TC (or FTC) + DTG preferred first-line ARVs for treatment initiation in national guidelines for adults and adolescents	No response
	TDF+3TC (or FTC) + DTG preferred first-line ARVs for treatment initiation in national guidelines for pregnant and/or breastfeeding women	No response
	DTG recommended as preferred option for treatment initiation in children <20kg	No response
	DTG recommended second-line option for children ≥20kg	No response
2	Populations prioritized in viral load testing prioritization policy - Pregnant and breastfeeding women	No response
	Populations prioritized in viral load testing prioritization policy - Infants and children (0–<10 years)	No response
	Populations prioritized in viral load testing prioritization policy - Adolescents (10–19 years)	No response
3	Country has a policy on retesting HIV-negative women during pregnancy/delivery and/or the post-partum/breastfeeding period	Yes
4	Interventions targeting healthcare workers on human rights and gender-based violence	No response
	Training programmes on HIV-related human rights and non-discrimination for: healthcare workers	No response
	Laws requiring spousal consent for married women to access sexual and reproductive health services	No response
	Laws requiring spousal consent for married women to access HIV testing	No response
	Social protection strategy/policy/framework: Refers to HIV	No response
	Social protection strategy/policy/framework: Recognizes people living with HIV as key beneficiaries	No response
	Social protection strategy/policy/framework: Recognizes key populations as key beneficiaries	No response
	Reporting requirements for CSOs/CBOs delivering HIV services are streamlined	No response
	Routine data collection on HIV service delivery institutionalized in an information system	No response
	Treatment cascade data available and analysed: testing at the district level	No response
Patient monitoring system indicators and tools updated using 2017 WHO patient monitoring guidelines	No response	

Source:

1.WHO Policy Data 2019, 2020 & 2021

2.UNAIDS National Commitments and Policy Instrument 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021

Pillar	Additional Indicators to be Completed by Countries	Responses
1	Children tested at 18 months of age for HIV status	
	Viral load suppression coverage for children 0-14	
	Viral load suppression coverage for adolescents 15-19	
2	Retention in care among pregnant women	
	Retention in care among breastfeeding women	
	Viral load suppression coverage among pregnant women	
	Viral load suppression coverage among breastfeeding women	
3	HIV retesting coverage among pregnant women	
	HIV retesting coverage among breastfeeding women	

Pillar Definitions:

- 1 Early testing and optimized treatment for infants, children, and adolescents living with HIV
- 2 Closing the treatment gap for pregnant/breastfeeding women living with HIV and improving continuity of treatment
- 3 Preventing new HIV infections among pregnant/breastfeeding adolescents and women.
- 4 Addressing rights, gender equality and the social and structural barriers to access services and promote participation