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



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**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.

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