

# Entry point into Care:pMTCT



# MTCTplus Package

- Comprehensive primary care inclusive of ART;
- Multidisciplinary, family-centered care;
- Attention to psychosocial and environmental issues;
- Involvement of persons with HIV
- Outreach to the community.

# Strengths

- Increase access to comprehensive care in resource poor settings
- Rights perspective - Sustain emphasis on reaching women and children
- Increases risk reduction opportunities among young females and other women in reproductive age women, their partners and their children
- Follow up opportunity of healthy HIV positive women
- Unique opportunity to reduce number of new infections in newborns
- Window to reach infected partners, children and household members in communities
- Reduce barriers to care – Gender inequalities, poverty,

# Strengths

- Opportunity to improve reproductive health service delivery - e.g. STI diagnosis and treatment, ANC, Delivery services, postnatal care, family planning services, adolescent reproductive health services, child wellness centers, increased capacity of health care providers
- Strengthen community networks for care and support
- Provides a window of opportunity to reach men and other members of the family using the woman as a point of contact
- Promotes stigma reduction
- Promotes intra facility and community linkages and comprehensive care delivery
- Contributes to child and adult treatment savings

# Challenges

- Low utilization of ANC, delivery and post partum services
- Access to ARVs, FP/RH services and Infant feeding issues
- Inadequate number of health workers
- Manpower at health facility level
- Infrastructure availability
- Involvement of PLWHA and community networks including FBOs
- Access, Coverage, M/E and Quality Issues
- Devolving care to community and primary facility levels
- Providing functional linkages to ARV programs

# Challenge

- Breath vs. Depth
- Quantity vs. Quality