
ENSURING QUALITY OF CARE: PROGRAMMATIC QUALITY AND ADHERENCE

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DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Current context in Rwanda regarding non-clinical aspects of HIV care & treatment
 2. MCAP Rwanda progress to date in this domain
 3. Challenges
 4. Opportunities
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NATIONAL CONTEXT

- Guidelines on non-clinical aspects of HIV care & treatment are very limited
 - HIV care & treatment training focused on clinical aspects
 - Patient chart does not include much non-clinical information
 - Much variation in site level efforts
 - Many funders and organizations supporting and working on HIV-related issues
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MCAP PROGRESS TO DATE

- Salaries provided for 2 SW and 2 OW at each TRAC-MCAP supported site
 - Development of site-assessment tool for non-clinical aspects of HIV care & treatment
 - Site-level observation and direct support
 - Participation in national HIV care & treatment training
 - Development of relationships with partner organizations
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CHALLENGES

- National level efforts re HIV care & treatment still very clinically focused
 - National HIV care & treatment training concentrates on clinical aspects
 - No standardization of non-clinical aspects of work at site-level
 - Collaboration between multiple partners
 - Navigation of political situation
 - Balance between national-level and site-level work
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OPPORTUNITIES

- MCAP requested (by TRAC) to assist in development of protocols for non-clinical aspects of HIV care & treatment
 - MCAP requested (by TRAC) to assist in updating of national HIV care & treatment trainings.
 - Staff at site level eager to receive assistance
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OPPORTUNITIES (con't)

- Linkages developed with important partners:
 - CARE: Receiving PEPFAR funding for community-based work
 - Global Fund: Supporting multiple projects in Rwanda
 - RRP+ (National Network of PLWHA): Umbrella organization for associations of PLWHA
 - Coordination among ICAP Rwanda team
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Thanks
