

USAID DISCOVER -Health

Life of Project:

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FCI Partners Meeting

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JSI/USAID DISCOVER-Health: FCI program overview

The Beginning of our FBO Partnership

Informal settlements are unplanned

Most lack accessible health and other social infrastructure and services

There is often no designated space (land) for health and other social services...

...and then a bathroom break led us to the United Church of Zambia's St Luke's parish Church in Kuku neighborhood.



JSI/USAID DISCOVER-Health: FCI program overview

- **Approach:** Leverages the reach and influence of faith community partners in Zambia's under-served high-density urban informal settlements, providing comprehensive HIV services centered around newly established FBO health posts co-located in host-church premises.
- **Quality and dignity:** Access to respectful, client-centered HTS in catchment areas, linked to project-supported health posts and other health facilities.
- **Focus:** Addresses a gap in pediatric (<15 years) and young male (15-34 years) case-finding and ART access/utilization, but also has child protection, HIV prevention and FP/MCH benefits.
- **Full FBO involvement:** Eight FBO partners (29 FBO health posts) receive technical support to strengthen organizational systems to manage health programs and donor funds; and grants, training and mentorship to expand targeted HTS and linkage to ART and other HIV preventive services.
- **Health infrastructure expansion:** Seven FBO health posts operating from tents will receive medium-sized prefabricated clinics (*completion Sept 2021*) from FCI support.

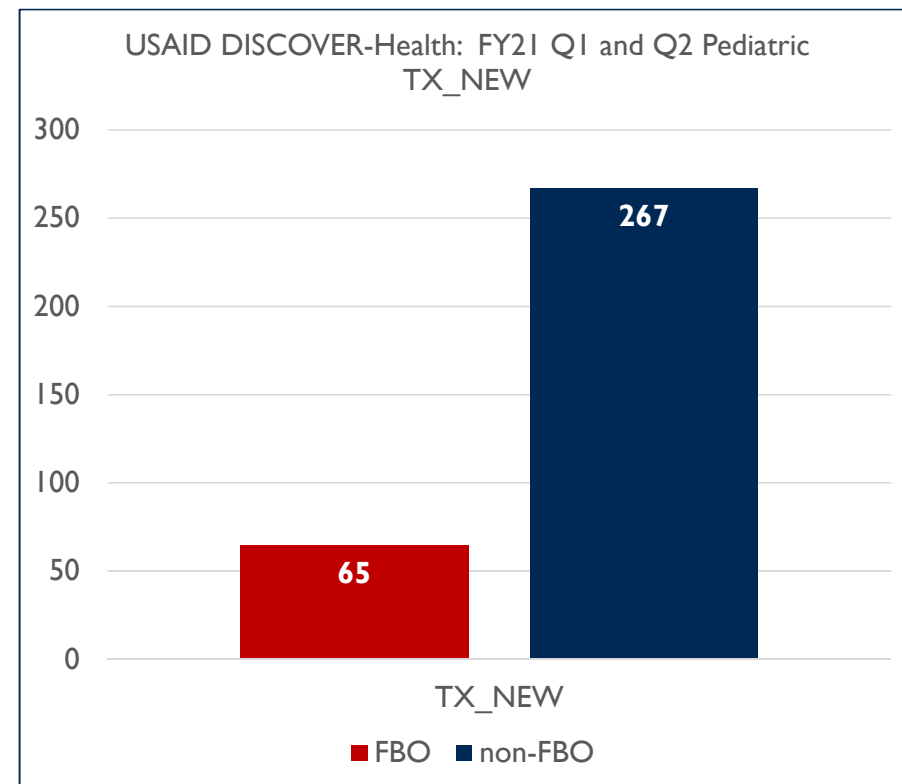


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New UCZ St Luke's health post established in 2016 in partnership with USAID DISCOVER-Health.
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DISCOVER: Pediatric Surge Activities for both FBO and non-FBO Sites

- USAID DISCOVER-Health currently participates in the pediatric surge activities, which is a national effort to find the children not yet on ART and put them on HIV treatment and where appropriate link them to other support services, including OVC services.
- The Project supports interventions and activities to improve:
 - pediatric and adolescent case-finding;
 - linkage to ART; and
 - health outcomes across the clinical cascade.
- The pediatric surge interventions and activities include:
 - targeted case-finding: index testing of children (<19) of all WLHIV
 - family-based differentiated models of care (including through collaboration with OVC partners);
 - triple-case management models to facilitate adherence and continuity in treatment;
 - timely and appropriate transitioning to optimized pediatric ARV regimens;
 - adolescent support, including support for transitioning to adult care as children age-up into adulthood.

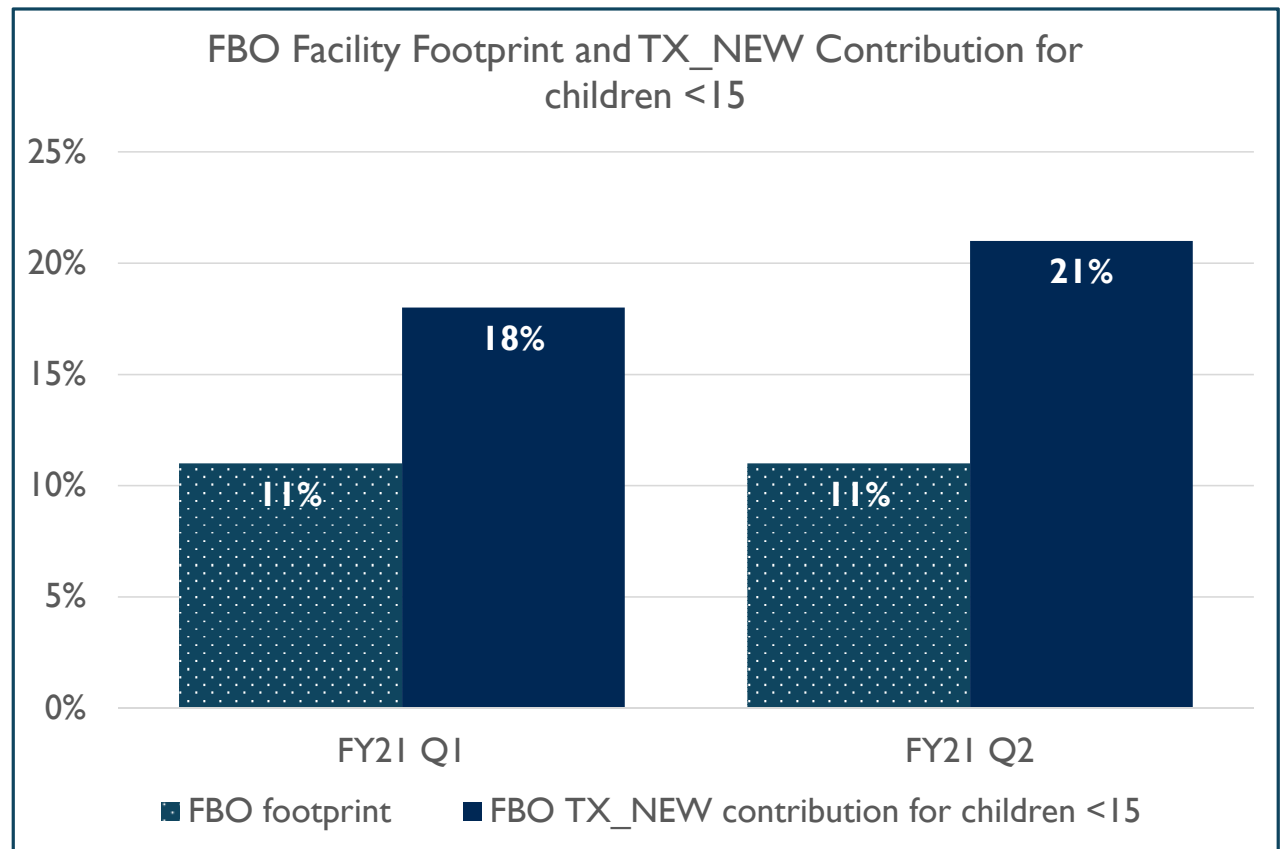
National Pediatric Treatment Gap (FY20 Q4): 11,385



FBO Facilities: Footprint and contribution to TX_NEW for children <15

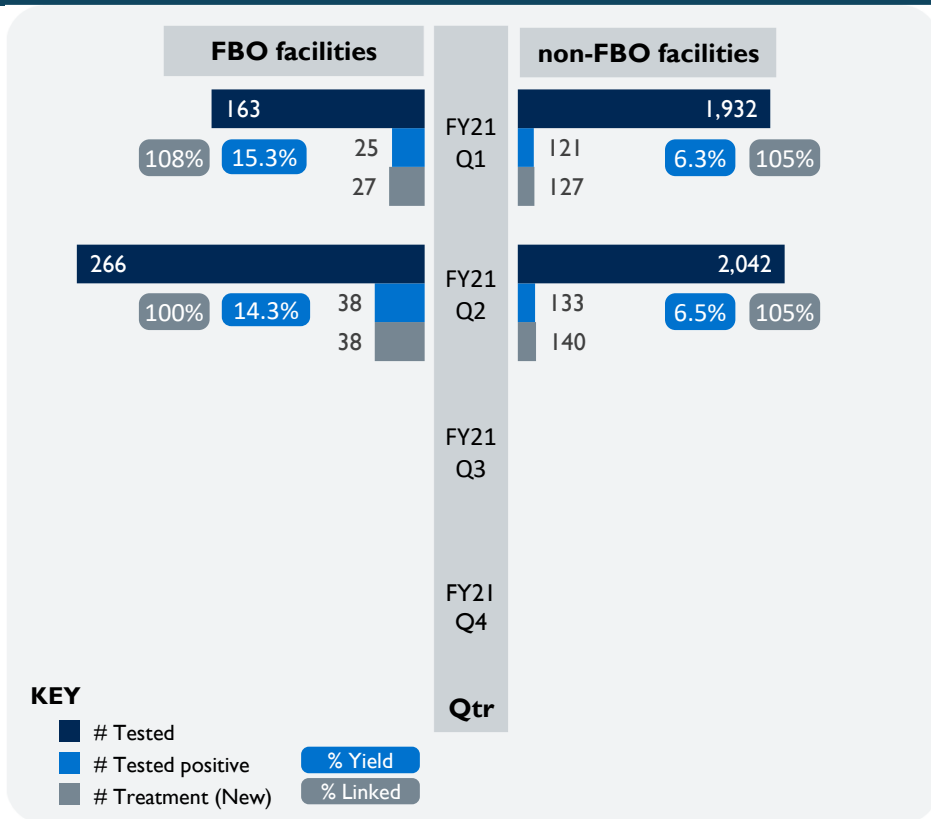
FY21 Data

- FBO footprint: FBO health posts represent **11%** of JSI/USAID DISCOVER-Health's HIV service footprint.
- Average contribution to children <15 years old TX_NEW during last two quarters: Above expectation at **20%** (N=65).



FBO Facilities: Finding the missing children <15 years

FY21 HTS yield and linkage to ART



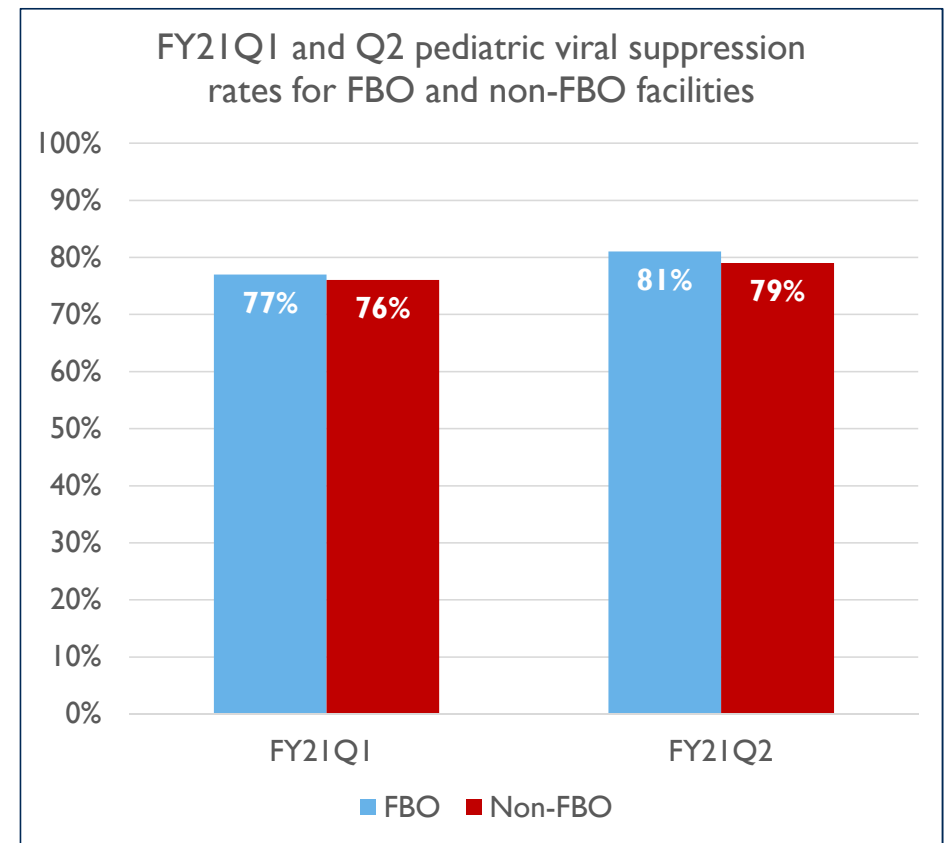
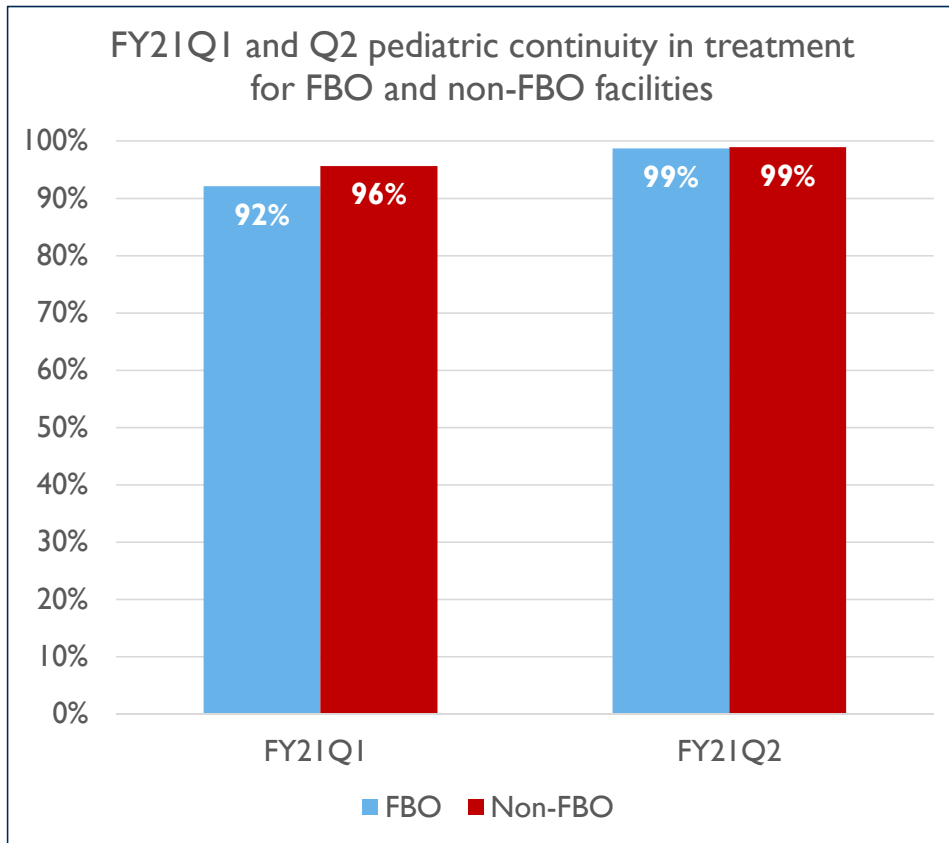
FY21 Indexing Yield	
FBO	non-FBO
23%	12%

Indexing case-finding among children of WLHIV has been scaled-up in all project sites.

- Overall HTS yield rates were on average higher in the **FBO (14.7%)** compared to the **non-FBO (6.4%)** health posts, for the FY21 semi-annual period, contributing to the higher performance of FBO sites in case-identification.
- Indexing yield rates were also on average higher in the **FBO (23%)** compared to the **non-FBO (12%)** health posts, for the FY21 semi-annual period.
- Both **FBO** and **non-FBO** linkage rates were 100% and above for the two quarters, averaging **103%** and **105%** respectively for the semi annual period.



FBO and Non-FBO Facilities: Continuity in treatment and Viral Suppression



Finding the Missing Children: Pivoting HIV services during COVID-19 for both FBO and non-FBO Sites

Strengthened Case Management

- Provided additional phone data and talk-time to case-managers to reach clients/caregivers virtually.
- Trained case managers to undertake outreach safely, and provided infection control supplies.

Index case testing scaled-up, while ensuring safeguards to prevent IPV

- Placed the client's preferences at the centre of the process, and continued to perform well at case-finding despite periodic lock-downs/restrictions due to COVID-19

Provision of client-centred HTS and ART initiation

- Provided ART initiation at the clinic or community – as preferred by the caregiver and/or client.
- Provided 6MMD (even at ART initiation), where ARV supplies permitted, to reduce chance of exposure to COVID-19 at facility.

FBO Facilities Standout

Faith platforms/networks (women's ministry, youth ministry, etc.) continued to operate (with permission from MOH and within guidelines) and remained available even during COVID-19 restrictions. FBO partner community health workers scaled-up use of these platforms for continued targeted case-finding outreach.

FBO Facilities: Respectful, Empathetic, and Holistic Support and Care



Our FBO partner CHWs and HCWs know every child in care personally, and provide respectful, empathetic, and holistic support and care to the client and caregivers for good health outcomes and general wellbeing.



The Church: A Partner *for Such a Time as This* in Health Service Delivery

Preventing mother to child transmission:
23 year old Zeria and her lovely son Ethan



It's a real blessing for me to have the clinic here. It's close to my home and means that I don't have to walk far for my HIV treatment. If it was not here I would have to use the government clinic which would take me an hour to walk to, carrying my child. There are too many people there and I would have to wait the whole day. Here I don't have to wait long at all, I am well looked after, and there is everything I need."



FBO Facilities: Conclusion



FBO Facilities: Ministering to the Whole Person

*Providing spiritual and health mentorship to **address the whole person and their circumstances not just their HIV infection**, is important in our context.*

Finding children and linking them to HIV services and retaining them in care and on ART are added benefits of this holistic approach.



- **Scale-up of proven approaches:** Targeted testing/indexing and case management to increase program efficiency in HTS and program effectiveness effectiveness in continuity in treatment.
- **Client-centered care:** Taking services to where the client is and tailoring service delivery to the client's needs
- **Spiritual and health mentorship:** Addressing the needs of the whole person not just their HIV infection, is important in our context.
- **An HIV-competent church:** Faith platforms trusted by communities, equipped to implement HIV programs, tap into their inherent ethos of empathy and respect for every human being, and record demonstrable superior effectiveness in addressing key barriers to accessing and sustaining ART in children and other populations, in our setting.



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