



## HIV Care, Treatment and Retention Indicators

Indicator 24: Number of HIV-positive clients receiving Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) from CBOs	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This indicator measures the number of HIV-positive clients that are receiving ART from CBOs.</li> </ul>
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earlier initiation of ART treatment leads to better health outcomes (Palella, et al., 2003). Additionally, there is strong scientific evidence for HAART as prevention of HIV transmission due to lowering of viral loads (Granich, et al., 2010).</li> </ul>
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBO administrative data</li> <li>Linking client data with administrative data held by the DTP/BCCfE</li> </ul>
Possible disaggregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target population</li> <li>CD4 count and viral load at initiation of treatment</li> </ul>
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBO tracking issues</li> <li>The provision of ART is used as a proxy for actively taking the medication. It may be the case that pills have been dispensed but clients are not consuming the medication.</li> </ul>

## References

- Granich, R., Crowley, S., Vitoria, M., Smyth, C., Kahn, J.G., Bennett, R. ... Williams, B. (2010). Highly active antiretroviral treatment as prevention of HIV transmission: Review of scientific evidence and update. *Curr Opin HIV AIDS*, 5(4): 298-304.

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