

# Optimizing School Holiday Camps Improves Paediatric and Adolescent Service Provision; Experience From Iganga Islamic Medical Centre, Iganga Municipality Uganda.

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## Background

Iganga Islamic Medical Centre is a Private Not For Profit Facility serving 104 Children And Adolescents Living with HIV (CALHIV). The All Services Indicator for Iganga Islamic was at 76% at the start of April 2022 prior to the first term holiday with 42 siblings of CALHIV having unknown HIV status, 36 over-due for viral load bleeding, 7 non-suppressed, 9 due for Multi Month Dispensing, 28 missed appointments, 18 due for Dolutegravir transition and 2 for Tuberculosis Preventive Therapy.

## Methods

### Audit Tool utilization

Identified and line listed CALHIV

### Contacted Caregivers

Through phone calls and physical contact

### Tagged Client charts

Pending and missed services

### Holiday Camps

Provided treatment literacy for children (0-9) and adolescents (10-19)

## Results

- Index testing done for siblings of 35 CALHIV
- 28 (100%) Missed appointments returned to care
- 18 (100%) CALHIV transited to DTG
- 35 (97%) of eligible children bled for viral load
- 5 (71%) had intensive adherence counselling
- 8 (96%) received multi-month dispensing

## Conclusions

School holiday camps improve service provision among the CALHIV

Routine audit tool utilization is critical in identifying service gaps

Synchronise Multi-Month Dispensing with holidays



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