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| Linkage Check List |  |  |
| Question | Yes/ NO | If “NO” recommend |
| * Review the 10-10 dashboard and see if ≥80% of new initiations are the same day as the positive test? |  | If <80%, review the 7 and 14 day reports in tier.net, and if these reports are <90%, then root causes need to be determined why same day initiation is not happening. |
| * Is the facility implementing NDoH policies on Universal Test and Treat (UTT) and Same-Day ART initiation? |  | The NDOH hotline should be informed if <80% of PLHIV are not initiated the same day. |
| * If <80% same day initiation, discuss the counseling script with a counselor (do a role play). Does the counselor mention the importance of same day initiation? |  | Site leads should assess barriers to same-day ART and reassure providers about safety.  Discuss the counseling messages that are provided and ensure that they are supportive, clear, and aligned with the NDOH policy on UTT. |
| * Are the majority of NDOH nurses at this site NIMART trained and doing ART initiations? (vs. referring all initiations to the partner). |  | Review site-level data to see whether the partner or NDOH clinicians are initiating patients on ART. |
| * Are there any linkage officers/patient navigators for patients that are referred from HIV testing to ART within their visit? |  | If not, the partner needs to provide linkage officers/patient navigators at the site. |
| * Are the HTS/pre-ART module in use at this site? * Is there someone responsible for following-up with patients who do not start ART on the day of diagnosis? * Are there tools to document the tracing of these patients until a final outcome of ART initiation is achieved? |  | Ensure there is a tracking tool to ensure follow-up of patients who are not started on ART the day of diagnosis (**See Annex 1**).  Assign the patient(s) to a linkages officer who will follow-up with them to ensure (s) he initiates ART when ready.  Site leads should review the performance of this patient tracking tool during their site visits. |
| * Is there anyone responsible for greeting and supporting patients referred to the facility from the community? |  | Identify linkage officer or patient navigator to serve in this role. |