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# **AT A GLANCE**



A total of **102 799** people Tested for HIV: **76 610** females and **26 189** males

Namibia currently has **191, 726 HIV+** patients on treatment





94% Successfully linked to care

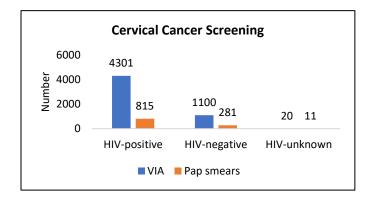
2 266 Patients newly started on ART

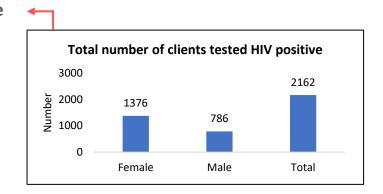
(includes 134 patients diagnosed outside this Quarter)



1 533 patients were newly initiated on ART and TPT.

TB Screening for Quarter One 91%





HIV Testing Yield- 2.1 %

Males - 3.0 % Females - 1.8%

3 881 Voluntary Medical Male Circumcisions done

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# **PREFACE**

The Response Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) subdivision, falls under the Expanded National AIDS Response Coordination Division of the Directorate of Special Programmes (DSP) within the Ministry of Health and Social Services. The RME subdivision has three main roles that includes (1) supporting the Directorate of Special Programmes in providing guidance and coordination of routine data collection activities of the Health Sector Response Division (HSRD). (2) Shepherding of research and evaluation activities related to the HSRD. (3) Coordination of the HIV and AIDS multi-sectoral monitoring and evaluation activities as part of the UNAIDS "Three Ones Principles" which calls for countries to have One National AIDS Authority, One Coordination and one Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

This Bulletin is part of an agreed requirement outlined in various documents as a deliverable of the RME subdivision. One such document is the National Strategic Framework for HIV and AIDS Response in Namibia 2017/18 to 2021/22 which is a necessary and critical feature of Namibia's HIV and AIDS Response. This effort aims to highlight the good practices, challenges and plans being conducted by the subdivision. Additionally, it is a tool that is aimed at informing stakeholders on critical information for various uses, including planning and implementation of HIV/AIDS response.

Data needs vary for different audiences and therefore exhibiting the progress of implementation of various programmes can never be sufficient. The expectation of this Bulletin focuses on the data and progress done for quarter two which runs from July to September of the 2021/22 financial year.

Data systems in many parts of the world faces challenges of human resources constraints at all levels, limited infrastructures, and the level of data quality. These general challenges among others also affect the RME subdivision. The RME is continuously engaging various stakeholders to seek and implement various activities to improve data quality. These ongoing efforts form the basis of our strong confidence in the data that RME produces. As a testament to this, two more developments during 2021 are worth mentioning at this juncture. Namibia completed the national rollout of the Electronic Patient Monitoring System (ePMS)-Quantum replacing the legacy System as well as the Multi Sectoral Information Management System (MIMS)s' District Health Information System (DHIS2) to be used by community-based organizations and HIV program implementing partners.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, RME has continued to meet its regular reporting obligations. The Directorate extends gratitude to all relevant stakeholders for their continuous support and engagement, as well as to encourage the public to utilize the information contained in this document.

The RME will include more data variables from other programmes areas and continue the production of this bulletin on a quarterly basis.

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ART - Antiretroviral Therapy

**CECAP - Cervical Cancer Prevention** 

CxCa - Cervical Cancer

DAPP - Development Aid from People to People

DHIS2 - District Health Information System

DSP - Directorate of Special Programmes

ePMS - Electronic Patient Monitoring System

HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HTS - HIV Testing Service

LLETZ – Large Loop Excision of the Transformation Zone

NAMAF – Namibia Association of Medical Aid Funds

MHSS - Ministry of Health and Social Services

MIMS - Multi-Sectoral Information Management System

PrEP - Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

TPT - TB Preventative Therapy

VIA – Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid

VMMC - Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision

WBCG - Walvis Bay Corridor Group

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#### **SUMMARY NOTES**

Welcome to our Quarterly Bulletin that describes HIV program performance for the period of July to September 2021. Data in this Bulletin is presented in two sections. Section one which presents data from the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MHSS) health facilities and Section two which presents data that was collected from community-based services provided by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) under the Multi-Sectoral Information Management System (MIMS).

This performance data covers program areas of HIV testing, Antiretroviral Therapy (ART), TB screening among HIV positive clients, TB Preventative Therapy (TPT), Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) and Cervical Cancer Screening.

Interpretation of performance results should be based on relevant inputs that were made, service delivery processes that took place during the quarter as well as other relevant internal and external contexts that influence program performance. For example, the VMMC program is more suited to provide the most feasible explanation for a sudden drop in uptake during this quarter compared to previous one.

A total of 102,799 individuals were tested for HIV infection (72.4% females) during the quarter of July to September 2021. Of these, 2,162 (2.1%) were found to be HIV positive. A total of 2,266 individuals were newly initiated on ART this quarter including 134 individuals diagnosed with HIV during the previous quarter (April-June). A total of 191,726 people living with HIV (PLHIV) were actively receiving ART.

Namibia experienced the highest COVID-19 transmission rate during the quarter of July to September 2021 including the month of June. Fortunately, this Quarter's data did not show significant decline in HIV testing volumes compared to previous quarters. Linkage to ART services among those who were diagnosed HIV positive during this Quarter was also high (94%). The number of patients active on ART this quarter increased by 5,390 from what it was during April to June whereas it increased by 1,508 the quarter before. It's possible that a high volume of patients missed clinic appointment/pill pick-up during the quarter of April to June 2021 due to high COVID-19 transmission and came back to ART care during this Quarter. This Quarter also showed an HIV viral load suppression rate of 93.4% among those who received the test.

About 3,881 VMMCs were done during the period of July to September 2021. Young men aged 15-19 years made up 56% of the beneficiaries and about two-thirds of the reported VMMCs were performed in three regions, namely Ohangwena, Kavango East and Oshikoto.

Lastly, data reported through the MIMS highlighted the significant contributions that community-based organizations are making in HIV case finding, particularly among men, with high positivity rate. There is still a need to encourage the importance of regular reporting by the CSOs. RME will continue to work closely with concerned stakeholders to facilitate this process.

## **SECTION I: DATA REPORTED FROM MOHSS FACILITIES**

#### **HIV Testing**

#### **Total Tested For HIV**

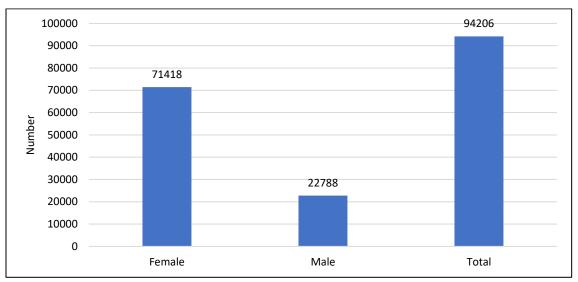


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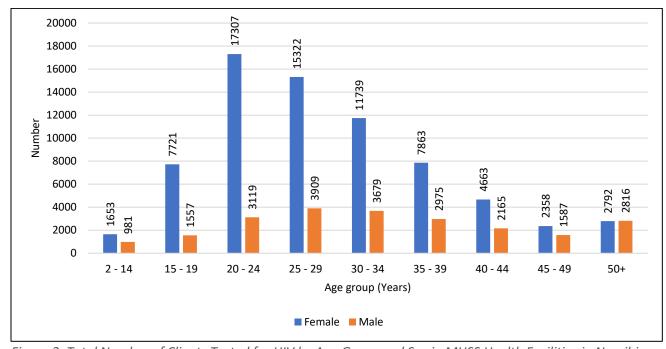


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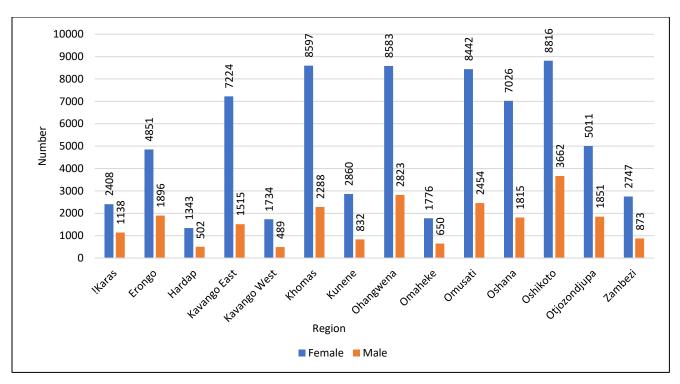


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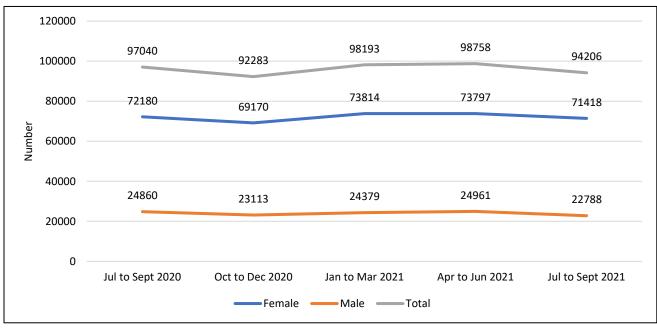


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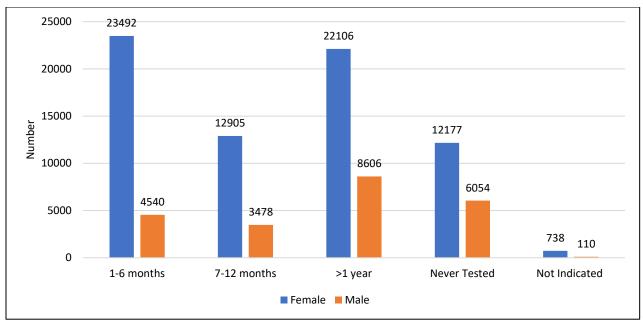


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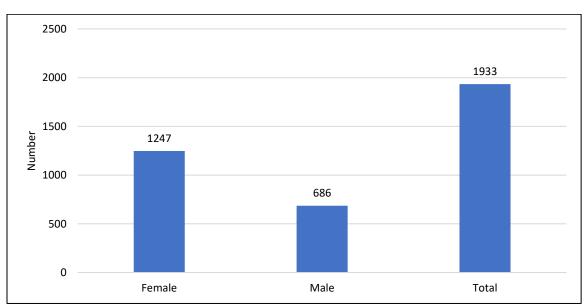


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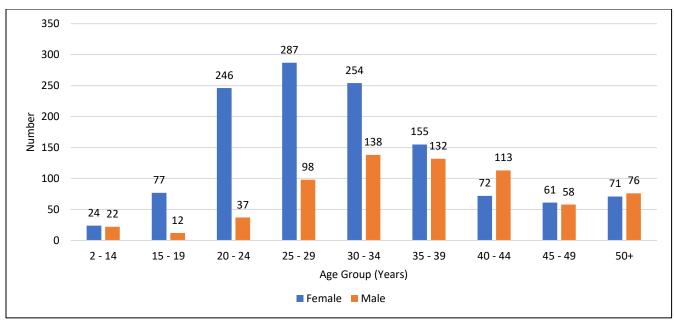


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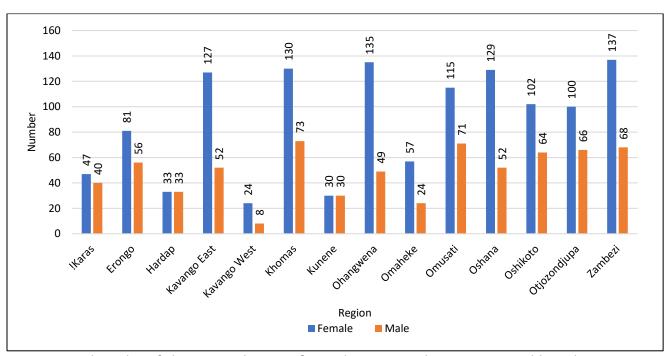


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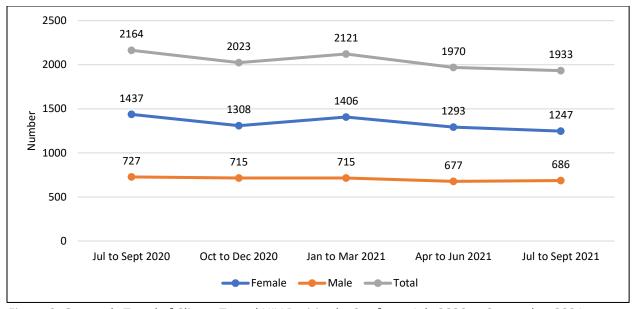


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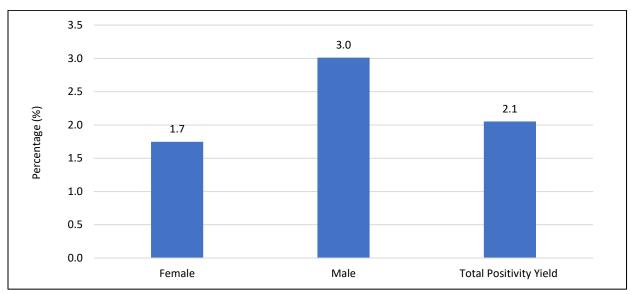


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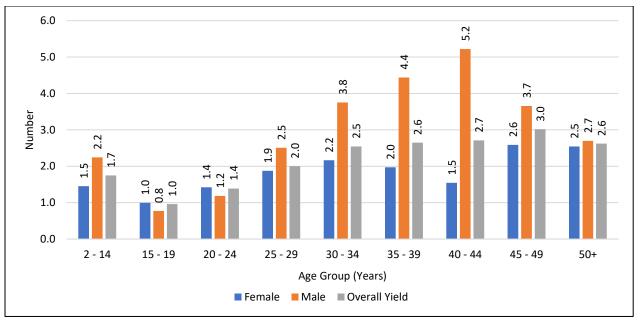


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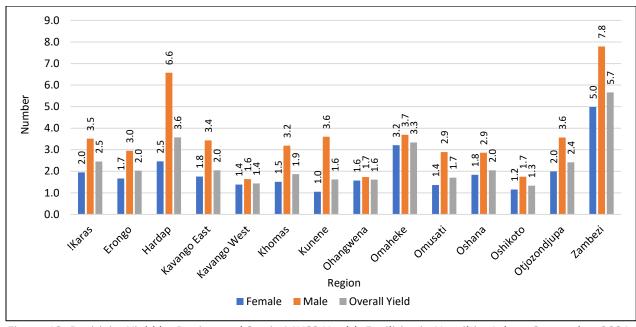


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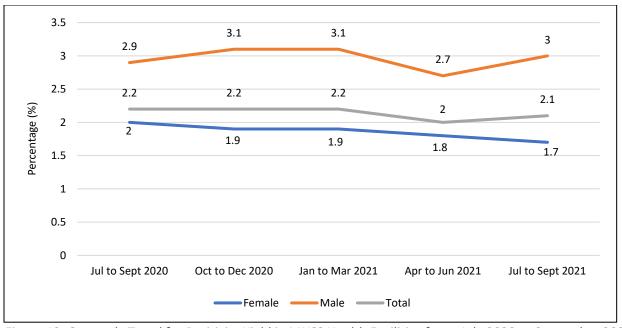


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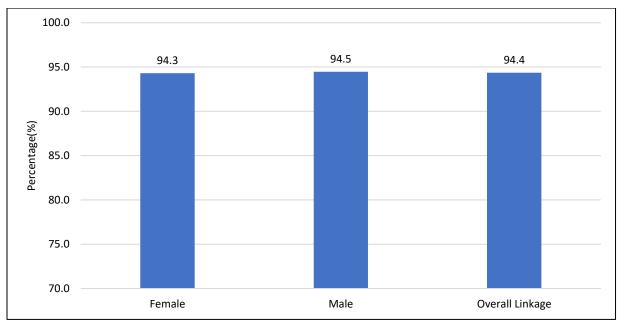


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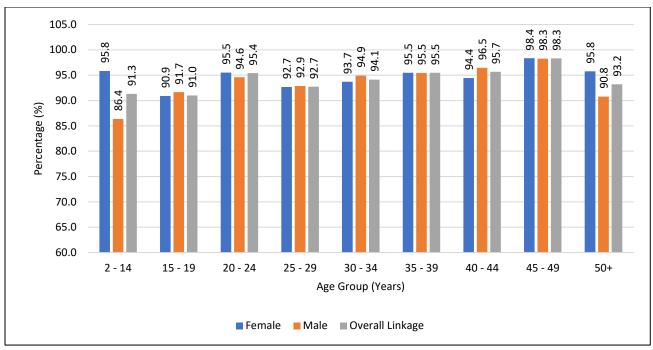


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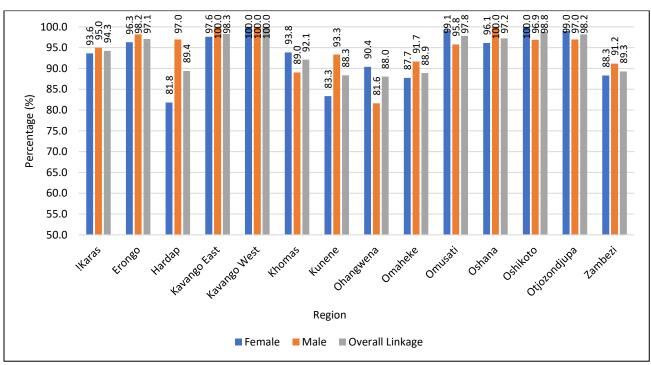


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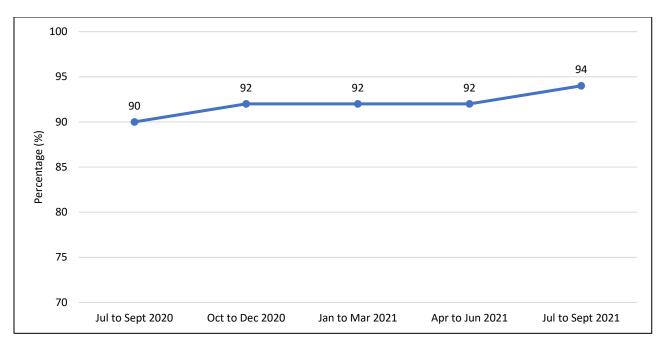


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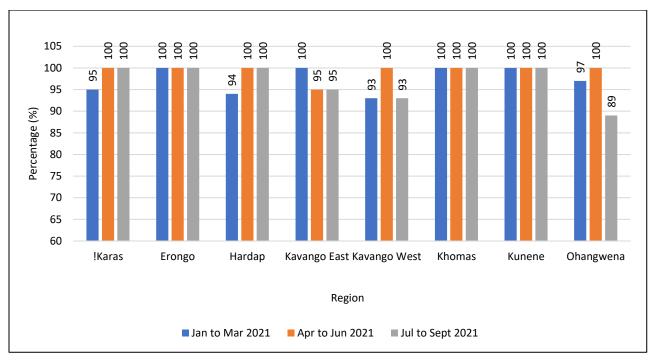


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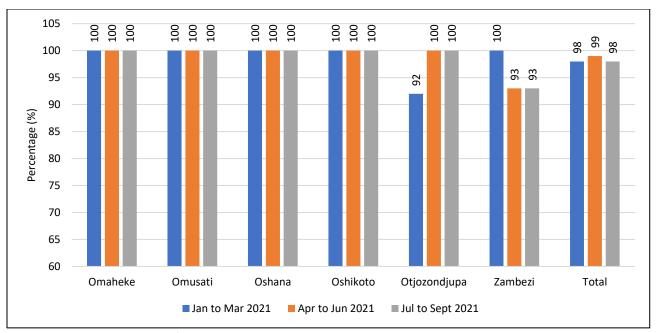


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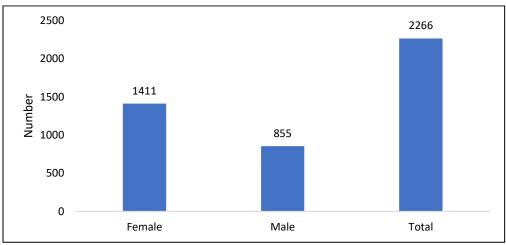


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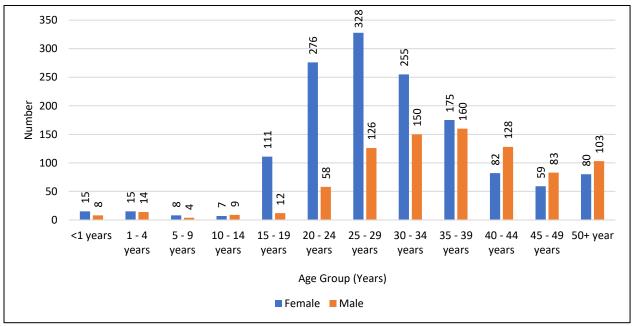


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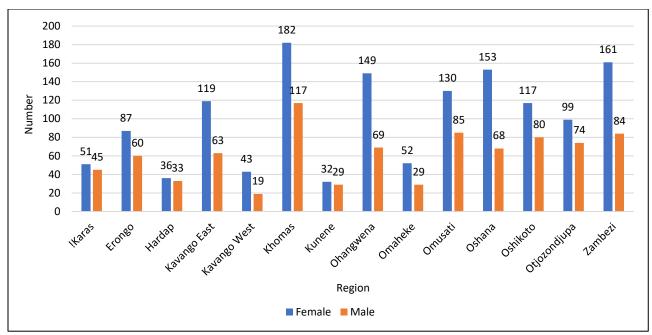


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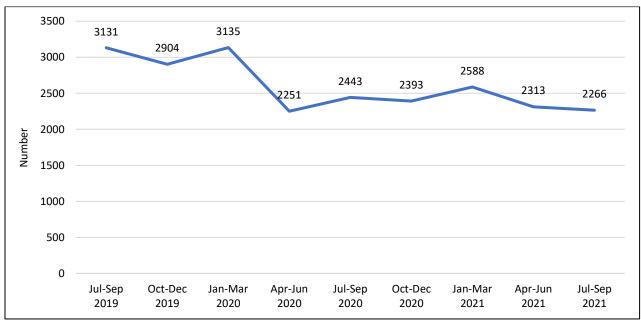


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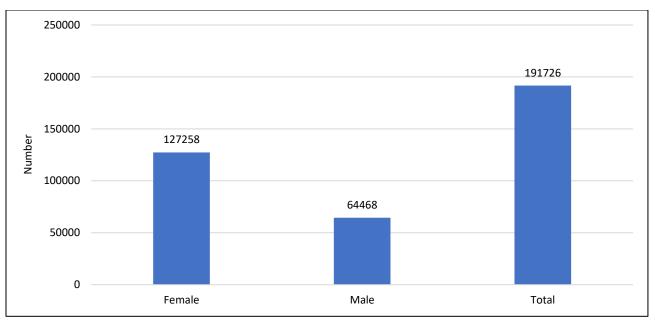


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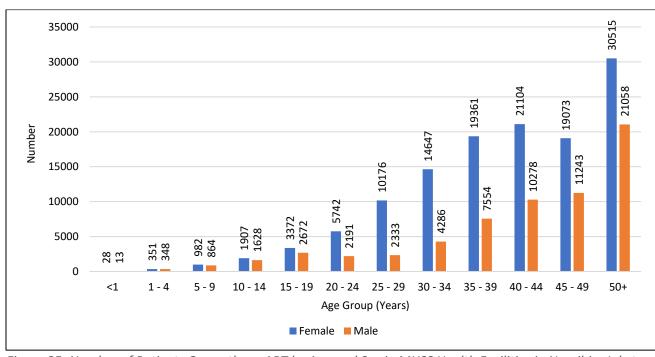


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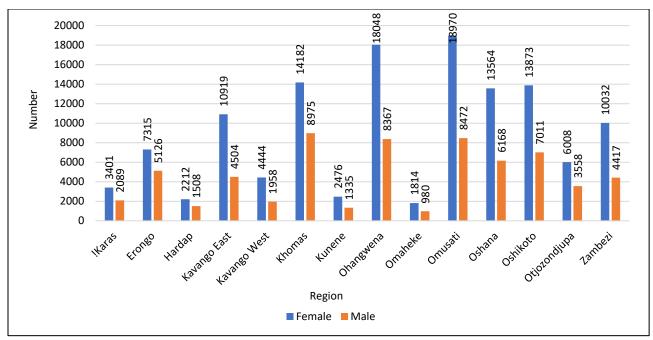


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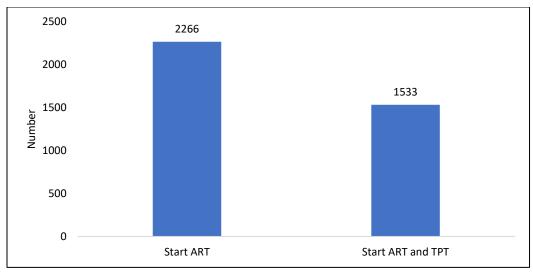


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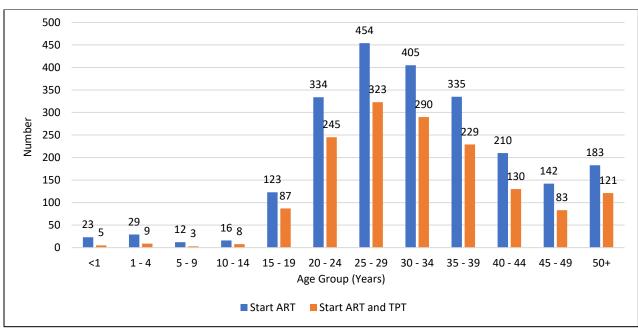


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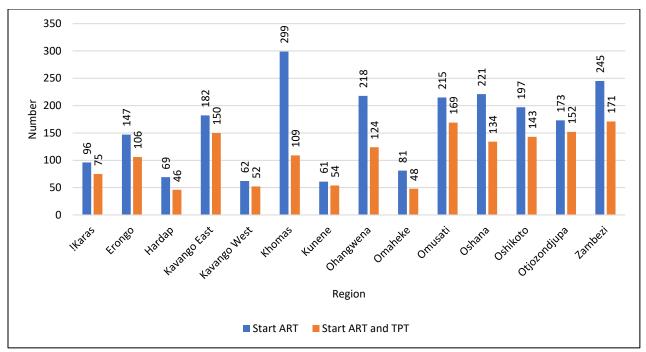


Figure 30: Number of Patients Newly Started on TPT among those started on ART by Region in MHSS Namibia, July to September 2021

#### **TB Screening**

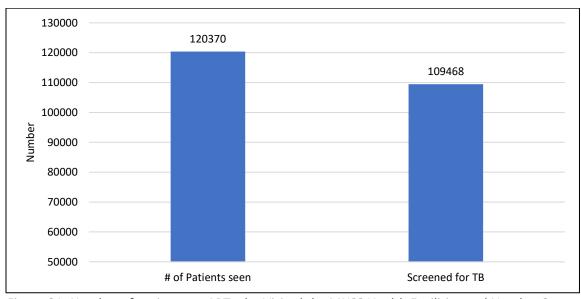


Figure 31: Number of patients on ART who Visited the MHSS Health Facilities and Number Screened for TB During Quarter 2 in Namibia, July to September 2021

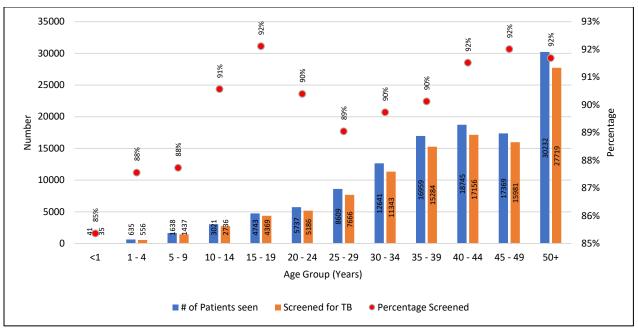


Figure 32: Number and Percentage of patients Screened for TB at follow up visit by Age Group in MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

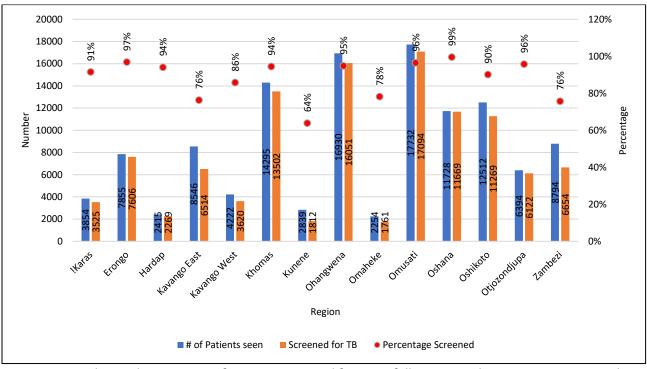


Figure 33: Number and percentage of patients Screened for TB at follow up visit by Region in MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

#### Patients Reported to have Died While on ART

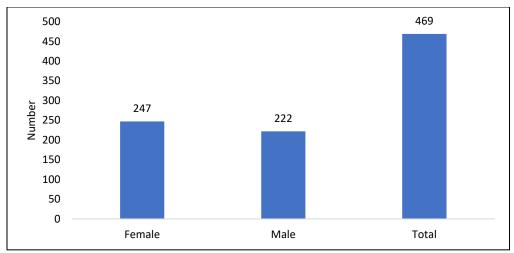


Figure 34: Number of patients Reported to Have Died While on ART by Sex in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

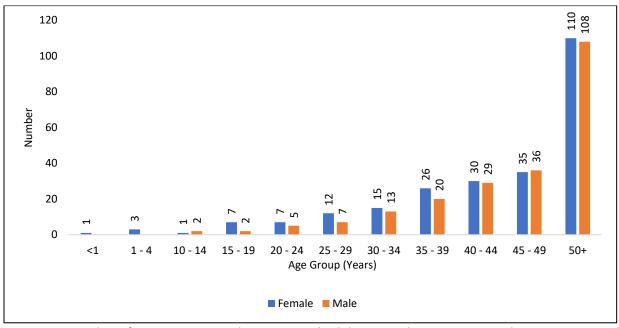


Figure 35: Number of patients Reported to Have Died While on ART by Age Group and Sex in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

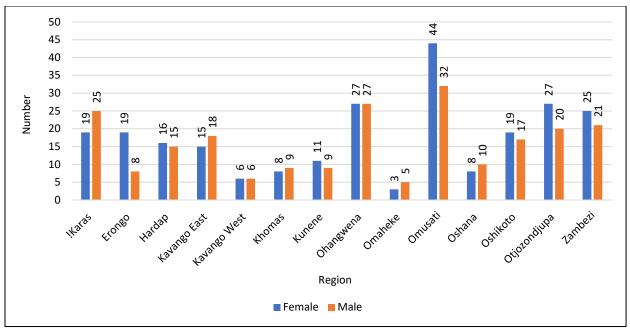


Figure 36: Number of Patients Reported to Have Died While on ART by Region and Sex in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

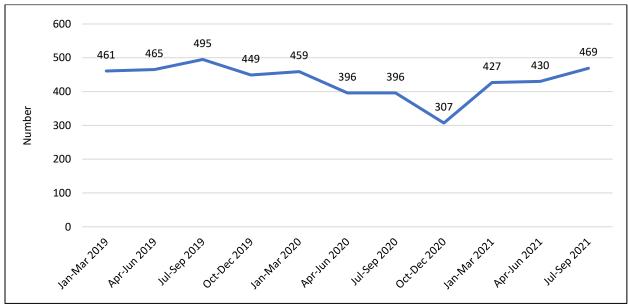


Figure 37: Quarterly Trend of Patients Who Were Reported to Have Died While on ART in MHSS Facilities in Namibia, January 2019 to September 2021

#### Viral Load Testing and Suppression

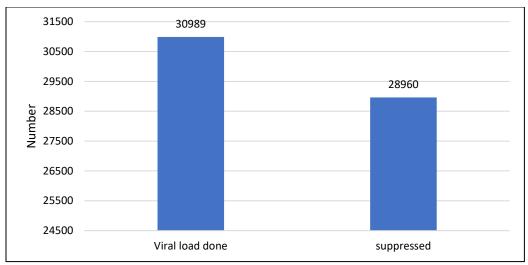


Figure 38: Number of patients with Viral Load Done and Viral load Suppressed in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

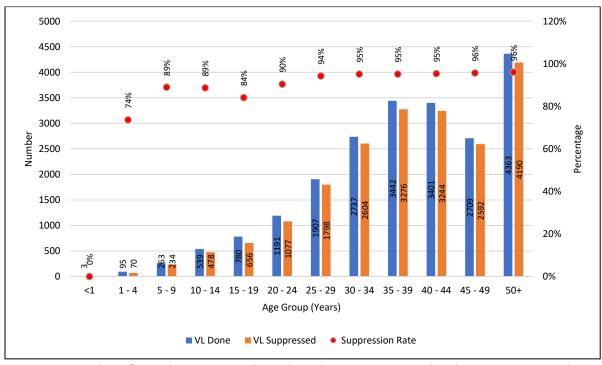


Figure 39: Number of Female Patients with Viral Load Done, Suppressed and Suppression Rate by Age Group in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

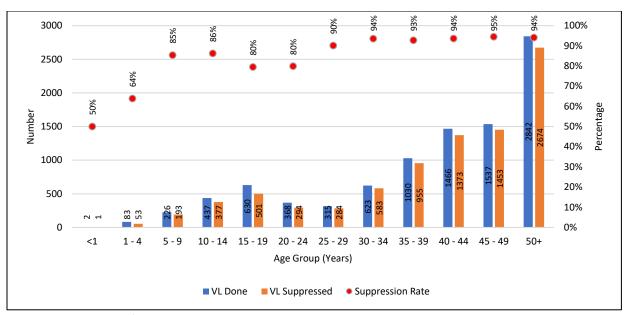


Figure 40: Number of Male Patients with Viral Load Done, Viral Load Suppressed and Suppression Rate by Age Group in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

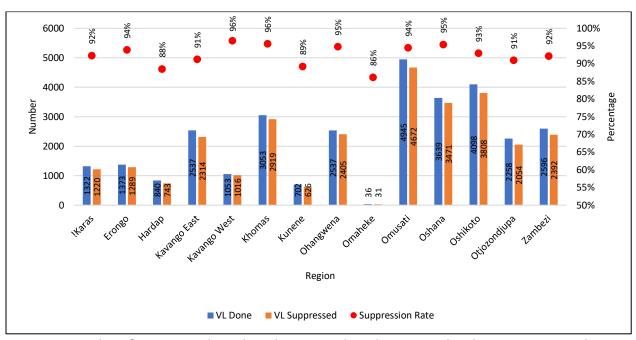


Figure 41: Number of Patients with Viral Load Done, Viral Load Suppressed and Suppression Rate by Region in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

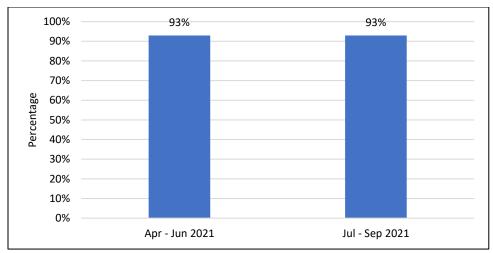


Figure 42: Quarterly Trend of Viral Load Suppression Rate in MHSS Facilities in Namibia, April 2021 to September 2021

#### Reporting Rate in ART Program

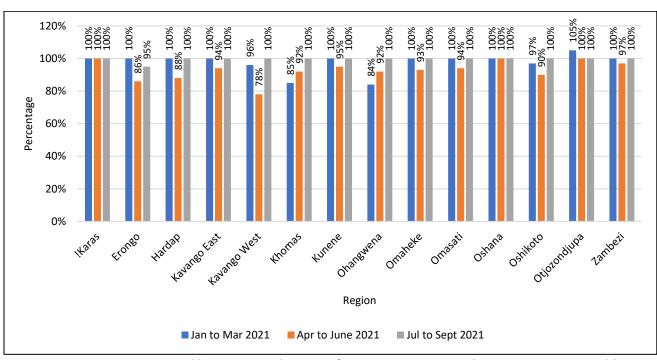


Figure 43: Reporting Rate Trend by Region and Quarter for Jan 2021 to September 2021 in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia

#### **Cervical Cancer Screening Program**

#### **Total Number Screened**

Cervical Cancer screening data is collected from selected facilities within regions where the CECAP programme has been rolled out.

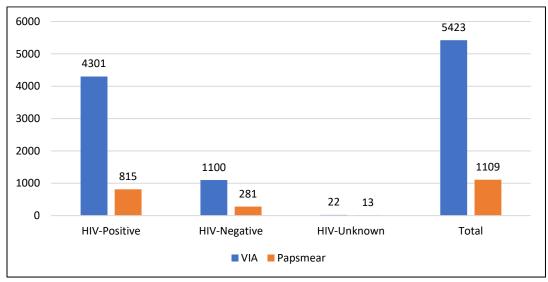


Figure 44: Number of Women Screened for Cervical Cancer by screening method and HIV status in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

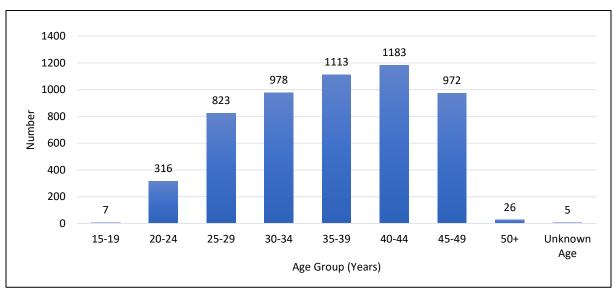


Figure 45: Number of women screened for Cervical Cancer using VIA Method by Age Group in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

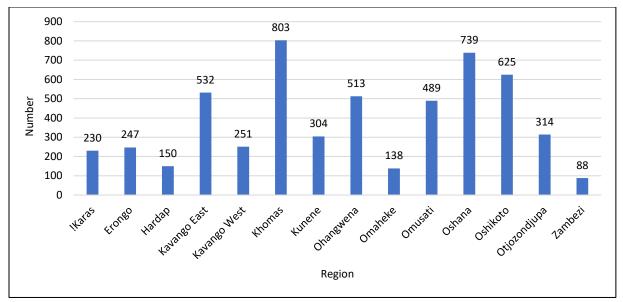


Figure 46: Number of women screened for Cervical Cancer through VIA method by Region in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

### **Cervical Cancer Screening Results**

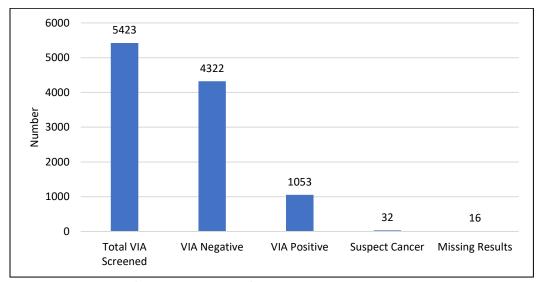


Figure 47: Number of Women Screened for Cervical Cancer using VIA Method by Screening Result in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

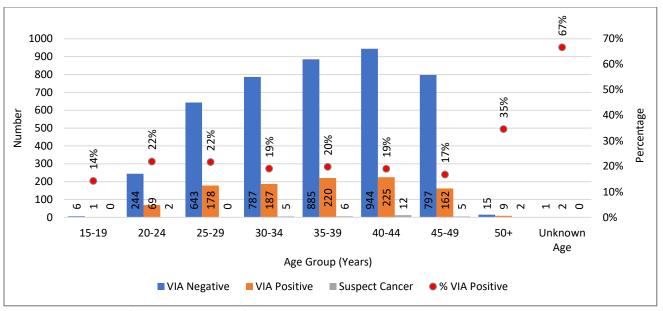


Figure 48: Number of Women Screened for Cervical Cancer using VIA Method by Screening Result and Age Group in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

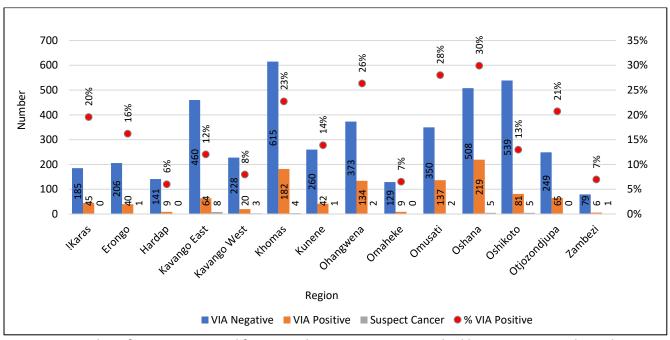


Figure 49: Number of Women Screened for Cervical Cancer Using VIA Method by Screening Results and Region in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

#### Treatment Methods for Abnormal Screening Results

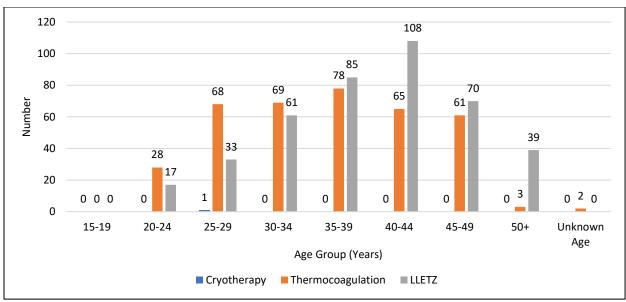


Figure 50: Number of Women with VIA Positive Results and Treatment Method by Age in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

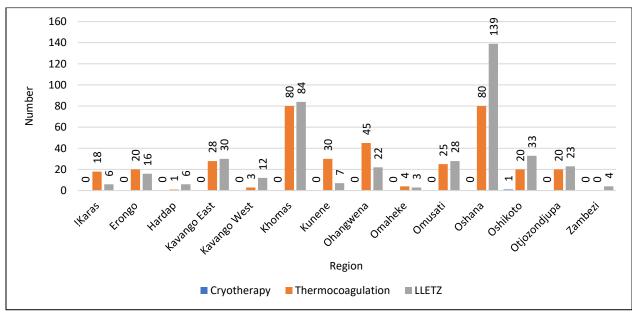


Figure 51: Number of Women with VIA Positive Results and Treatment Method by Region in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

# Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC)

# Number of VMMC Done

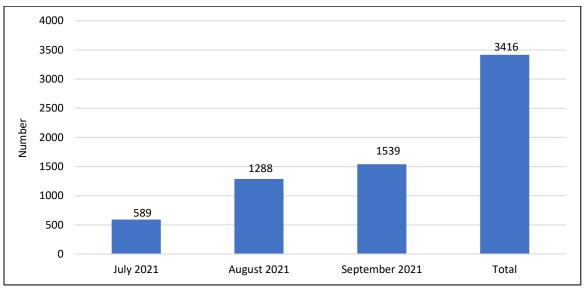


Figure 52: Number of VMMC's done by Month in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

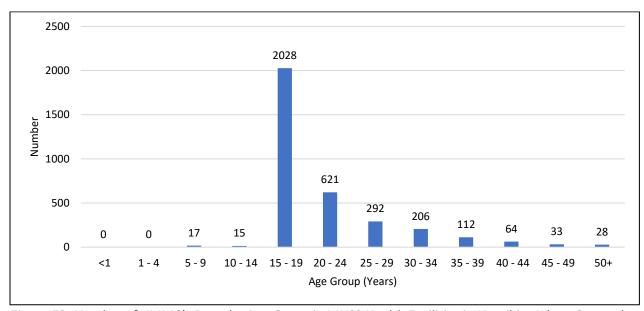


Figure 53: Number of VMMC's Done by Age Group in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

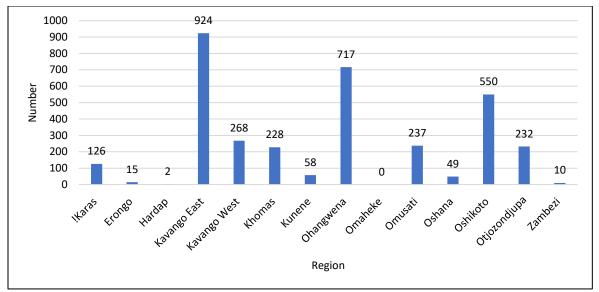


Figure 54: Number of VMMC's done by Region in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

## **HIV Testing in VMMC**

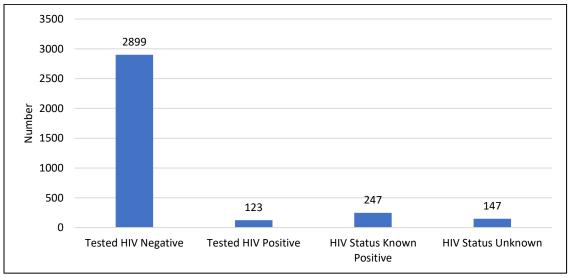


Figure 55: Number of HIV Testing done in VMMC's Settings in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

## VMMC Quarterly Trends

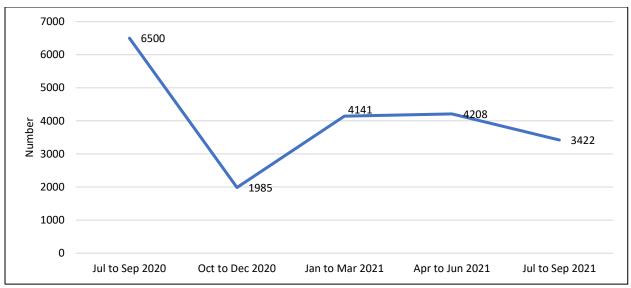


Figure 56: Quarterly Trend for VMMC's Done in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July 2020 to September 2021

### Reporting Rate in VMMC

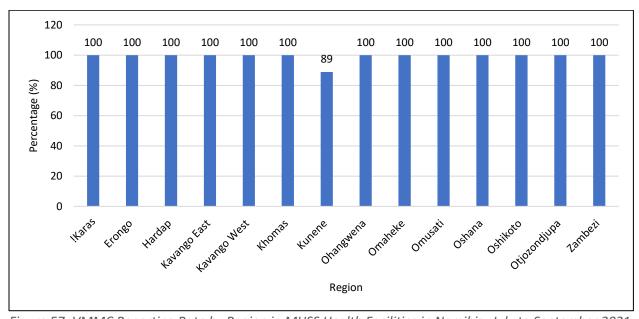


Figure 57: VMMC Reporting Rate by Region in MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

# SECTION II: DATA REPORTED THROUGH THE MULTI-SECTORAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (MIMS)

## **HIV Testing Services**

#### **Total Tested for HIV**

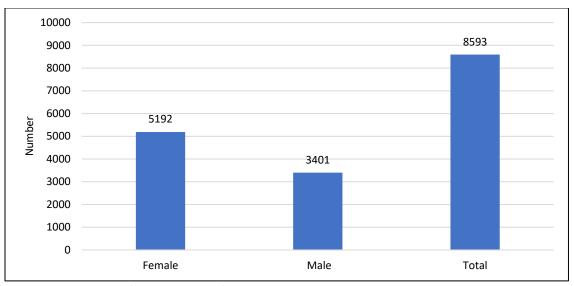


Figure 58: Number of clients Tested for HIV by Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

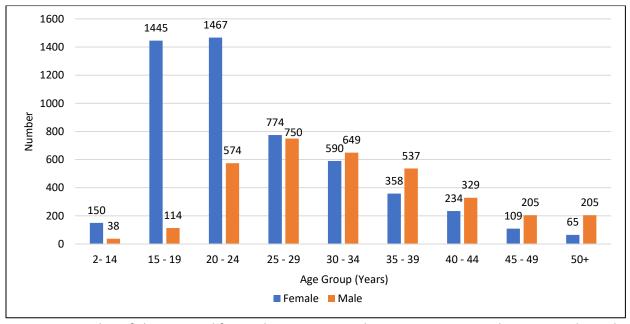


Figure 59: Number of clients tested for HIV by age group and sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

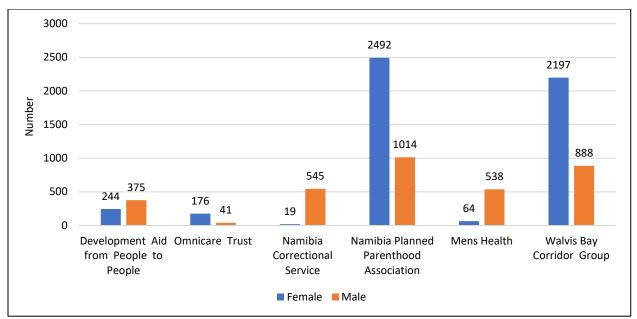


Figure 60: Number of Clients Tested for HIV by Organization and Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

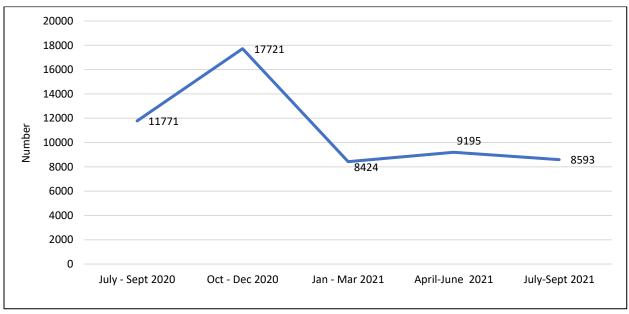


Figure 61: Quarterly Trend of Clients Tested for HIV by Sex from Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July 2020 to September 2021

## **Total Testing HIV Positive**

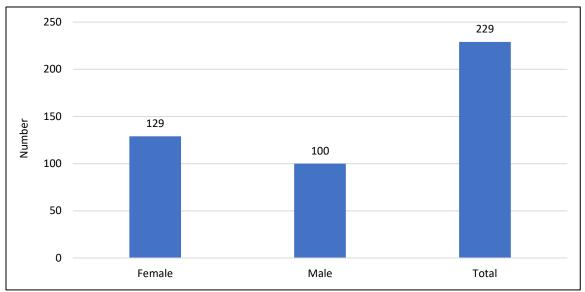


Figure 62: Number of Clients Testing HIV positive by Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

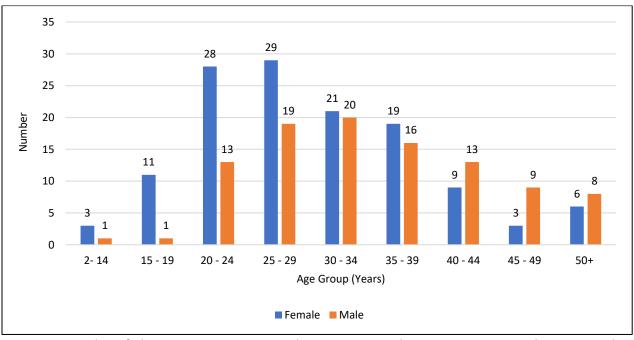


Figure 63: Number of Clients Testing HIV positive by Age Group and Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

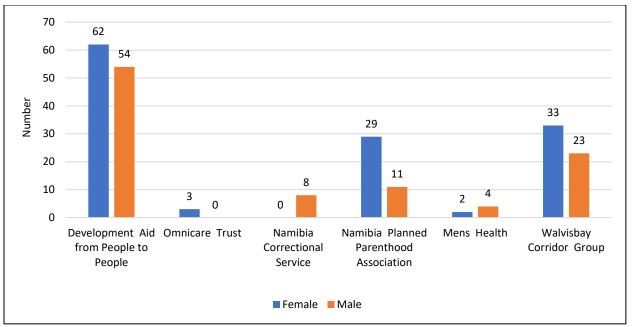


Figure 64: Number of clients tested HIV Positive by Organization and sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

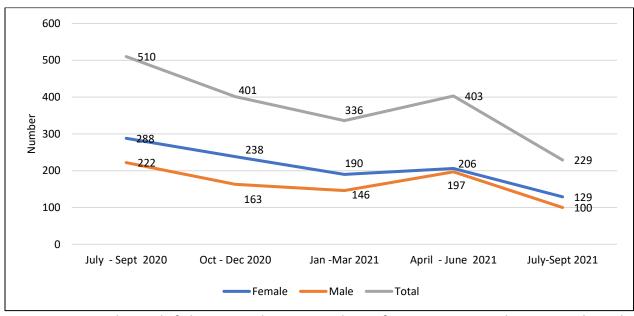


Figure 65: Quarterly Trend of Clients Tested HIV Positive by Sex from Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July 2020 to September 2021

## **HIV Positivity Yield**

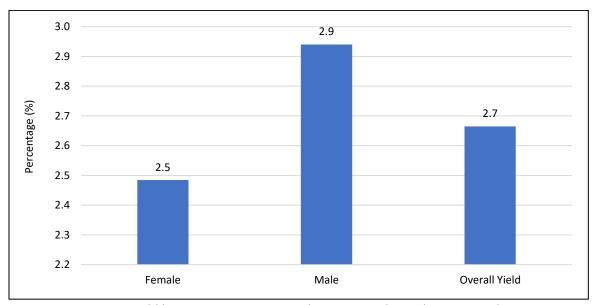


Figure 66: Positivity Yield by Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

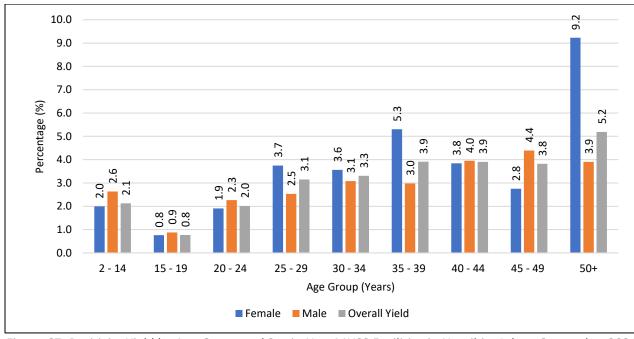


Figure 67: Positivity Yield by Age Group and Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

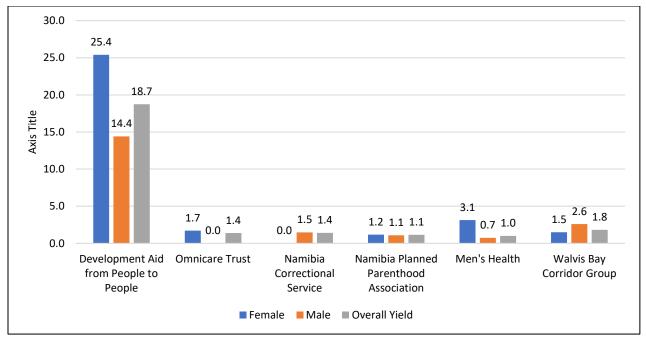


Figure 68: Positivity Yield by Organization and Sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

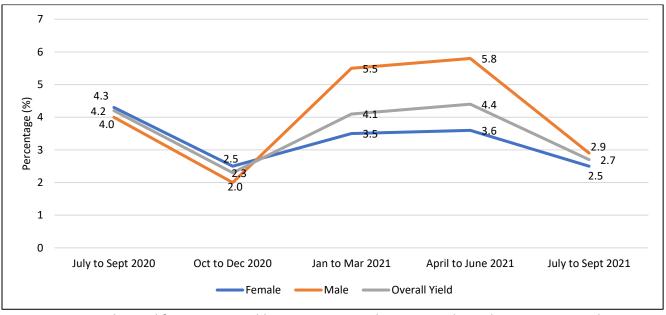


Figure 69: Quarterly trend for positivity yield in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July 2020 to September 2021

## Linkage to ART Care

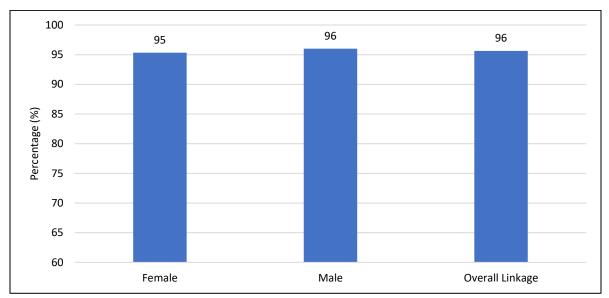


Figure 70: Linkage to ART by sex in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

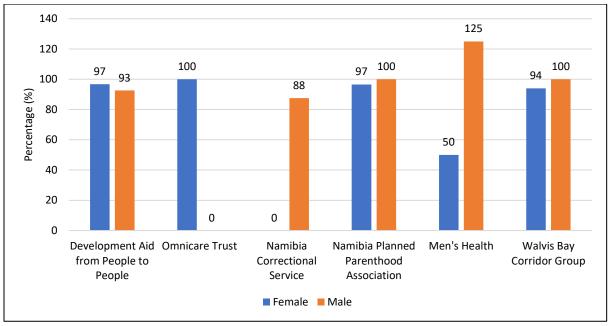


Figure 71: Linkage to ART by Organization in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

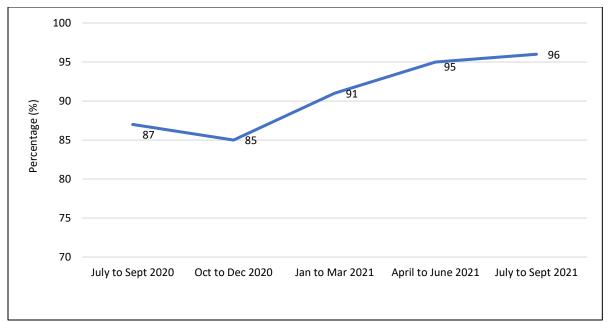


Figure 72: Quarterly Trend of Linkage Rate to ART in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July 2020 to September 2021

## Reporting Rate for HTS in MIMS

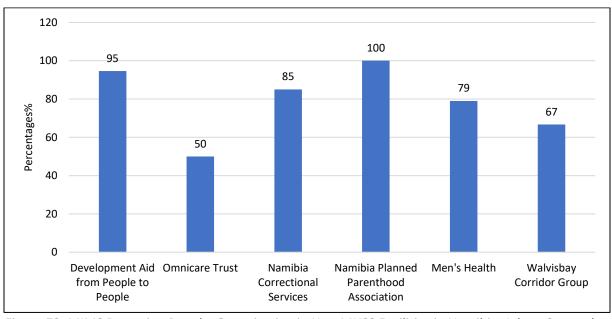


Figure 73: MIMS Reporting Rate by Organization in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

#### **VMMC**

#### Number of VMMC Done

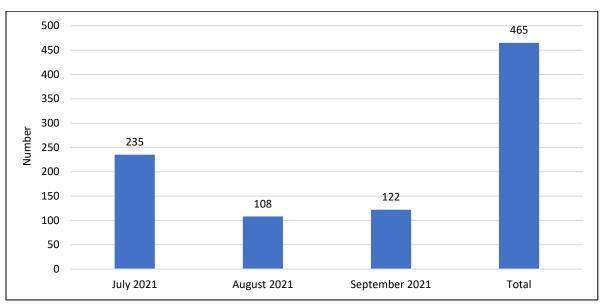


Figure 74: Number of VMMC's done by month in Non-MHSS Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021

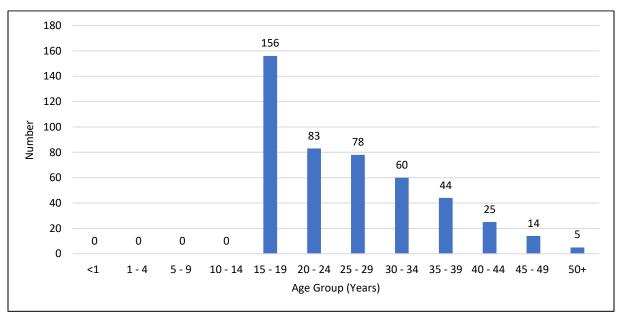


Figure 75: Number of VMMC's Done by Age Group in Non-MHSS Health Facilities in Namibia, July to September 2021



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