

## EVALUATING PROGRESS TOWARDS DELIVERY OF QUALITY HIV CARE AND TREATMENT SERVICES

The USAID-funded Strengthening Uganda's Systems for Treating AIDS Nationally (SUSTAIN) project began in 2010 to support the Ministry of Health in implementing and delivering selected HIV prevention interventions and care and treatment services. The project currently supports 13 public healthcare facilities (11 regional referral hospitals and 2 general

hospitals) to deliver quality HIV care and treatment services to the population. According to the 2013 Millennium Development Goals Report for Uganda, the country is on course to achieve the national target of providing anti-retroviral therapy (ART) to 80% of those in need by 2015 and the USAID/SUSTAIN project has contributed substantially to this progress.

### Achievements

October 2010 – September 2014

**Over 1,008,426** clients were tested for HIV, counselled and given their test results



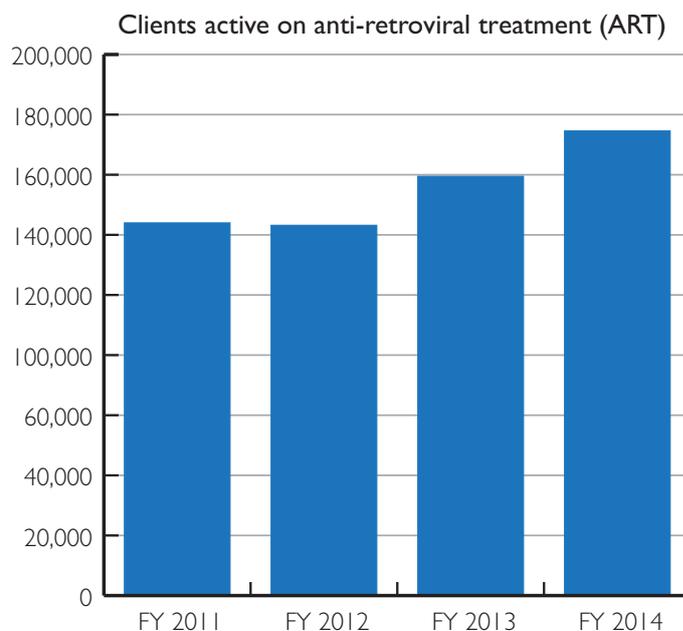
**82.5%** of the **41,157** HIV-infected clients identified and enrolled on ART were retained in care at the same facility.



Up to **47,551** HIV-positive clients were active on ART

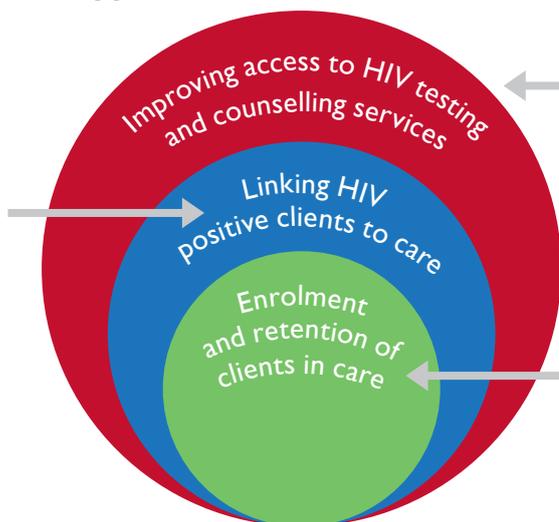
### Trends in ART uptake at project-supported public healthcare facilities

(October 2010 – September 2014)



### Project-supported activities to increase ART uptake

Clients who test HIV- positive are physically escorted to ART Clinics by the volunteers or counsellors. From October 2013– September 2014, 11,902 clients who tested HIV-positive were linked to care at the initiating facilities.



Using a provider-initiated testing and counselling approach, HIV testing and counselling (HTC) was integrated into facility systems. HTC services are offered as an option by departments to every client, improving access.

Phone follow-up and physical visits to client homes (especially in hard-to-reach areas) are key approaches used to track and update the status of clients who miss scheduled appointments.