



Current HIV Treatment and Care Delivery Model in Balochistan - Identifying Gaps and Challenges



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Summary:

Pakistan's Approach to the HIV Epidemic

- Pakistan's issue in responding to HIV
 - Unfortunately, the current situation is such that Pakistan is behind the expectations of the HIV International Committee
 - Only 50,000 of 240,00 are aware of their HIV status
 - The core issue does not have to do with poor physicians or a lack of effort
 - Due to the provincial structure dividing up HIV information and treatment, the response to HIV in Pakistan has been hindered.
- Pakistan's response to HIV
 - There is a lack of trust between the public and private sectors resulting in issues with resource allocation
 - The Provincial Governments of certain provinces has declines to support or help the HIV response.
- Baluchistan's response to HIV
 - To begin with, Baluchistan does not focus on other diseases that are not as uncommon or are less stigmatized than HIV
 - With support from the Government of Baluchistan, disease response can become more effective

HIV Statistics

- Global HIV/AIDS Overview
 - Pakistan is one of only four countries in Asia where the incidence of HIV has continued to increase in the past decade.
 - HIV is one of the world's most serious public health challenges, with approximately 37.6 million people with HIV in 2020 (1.7 million children)
 - Upwards of 70% of HIV cases are male (adult and children)
 - The vast majority of cases are in low/middle income countries: 55% of cases were in eastern and southern Africa, 13% in western and central Africa and 15% in Asia and the pacific
- Baluchistan, Pakistan HIV/AIDS Overview
 - Treatment status: 88% of patients regularly use ART treatment, while 6% do not follow up
 - Occupations of HIV positive include Drivers, Housewives, Unemployed, Shopkeepers, Government workers and Abroad workers
 - 3.15% of HIV positives cases also have a positive HCV result and 6.68% of HIV positives cases also have a positive TB result
 - The Quetta district has 48.2% of HIV cases

HIV/AIDS in Baluchistan

- ART Services Overview
 - o Two ART centers for Adults/Paeds, with 6 more being built
 - o PPTC services only in Quetta
 - o Injecting Drug Users have increased in the population (38.4% in 2016), infections in male sex workers have also increased significantly