

DEFAULTER TRACING TRENDS AMONG ADOLESCENTS AGED 10-19 YEARS AT MIGWANI SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL; KITUI COUNTY -KENYA.

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BACKGROUND

Ensuring timely defaulter tracing plays an imperative role in enhancing ART adherence among adolescents aged 10-19. Success in prevention among adolescents aged 10-19 years raises the prospect of eliminating pediatric HIV infection. To achieve global elimination, however, strategies are needed to strengthen adolescent centered interventions.

OBJECTIVE

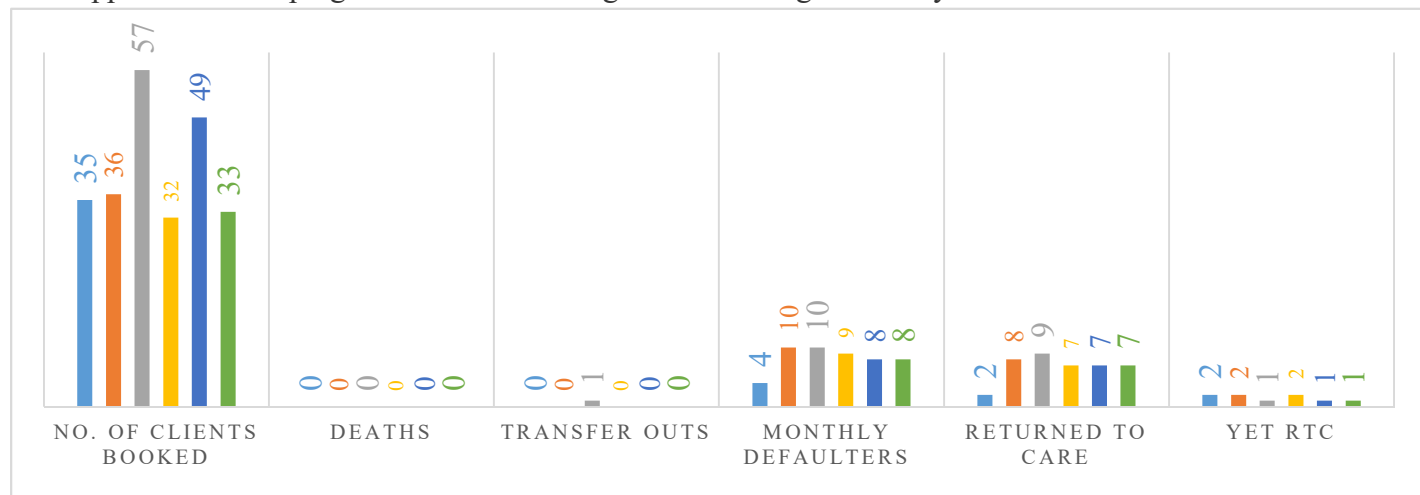
This study aimed to determine adolescent defaulter tracing outcomes, trends and identify challenges facing its successful implementation in Kitui County.

METHODS

The researcher conducted monthly defaulter tracing Data Quality Audits and supported sites to make utmost four subsequent phone call attempts within a week of defaulting. After three months data was extracted using a data abstraction tool. The core interventions included; peer educators led phone tracing, enrollment to PSSG/OTZ, and client centered medication adherence counselling. All this empowered clients' self-made leaders that emphasized on information and experience sharing. This were clients initiated on ART and had an appointment between August 2017 and January 2018 that were included in the study.

RESULTS

96% appointment keeping was recorded among adolescents aged 10-19 years.



CONCLUSION

Timely defaulter tracing within a week of defaulting resulted to 96% appointment keeping above set target of 95% hence ensuring ART adherence.