DTG Global Roll Out
Challenges & Opportunities

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In the history of developing ART – there has never been a drug that was developed as quickly, had its patents released, been developed and distributed by generic companies and been made available across most LMICs within such a short time.

There are likely more than 1 million people receiving DTG world-wide.

And while this very encouraging news - it also comes with both challenges and opportunities.
• Even before DTG was made available in the private sector there were plans being put in place to grant involuntary licenses for the development of generic formulations in LMICs.

• Economic analysis and modelling allowed countries like Botswana to show how ART treatment optimization was highly likely to be cost effective, prevent most HIV infections, save most lives, reduce TB incidence and prevent HIV-Drug Resistance

• PEPFAR was also instrumental in negotiating with generic companies to provide DTG formulations as the lowest costs.
WOMEN RESPOND TO THE NTD SIGNAL

• After the NTD was made known globally, WOMEN ACTIVISTS ACROSS AFRICA came together to discuss the issues and make their voice heard.

• At the International AIDS Society (IAS) in Amsterdam this July these women made sure that global community clearly understood their position on the NTD signal and listened to their recommendations.

• It was because of these African Activists that WHO were able to make their most recommendations.
AFRICAN WOMEN RESPOND

AfroCAB organized a meeting of **39 women living with HIV** representing **18 countries** in Kigali, Rwanda on July 13 and 14 to **discuss** the potential NTD safety signal and **develop a joint position on behalf of women** for access to optimal HIV treatment and prevention.
WOMEN’S MESSAGE

Unanimous decision based on the data currently available that **DTG’s benefits** – reduced side effects, improved efficacy, and a high barrier to resistance – **outweigh its potential risks**.

Concluded that **blanket exclusions that deny women equitable access to this optimal HIV treatment are not warranted or justified**.
### Recommendations from African Women to Policymakers, Stakeholders & Governments

1. **Do not deny us, WLHIV, access to DTG regardless of our childbearing potential.**

2. **Strengthen HIV and SRH services to ensure access to DTG together with acceptable, available, affordable and accessible contraception.**

3. **Do not force WLHIV to take a particular medication.**

4. **Involve us, the WLHIV, in local, national, and global discussions and decisions regarding HIV treatment options.**

5. **Include us in research studies and clinical trials.**

6. **Better integrate HIV, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and other treatment support services.**

7. **Clearly communicate the short and long-term side effects of ARVs to enable us to make informed decisions.**

8. **Strengthen surveillance systems in order to detect any and all potential risk and harm due to use of ARVs.**
Dolutegravir Uptake by Countries
Preferred 1\textsuperscript{st} Line Regimen in LMICs

Preferred first line regimen among adults and adolescents in low- and middle-income countries
(situation as of mid-2018)
## Safety and Efficacy of DTG and EFV600 in 1\textsuperscript{st} line ART

(Summary 2018 WHO Systematic Review & NMA)

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Reference: Steve Kanters, For WHO ARV GDG, 16-18 May 2018

WHO, 2018
Timeline for TLD Transition per Country TLD Plans, April, 2018
Current Timeline for TLD Transition

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% of Adult ART Patients per Country on ARV Regimens, at the end of the COP18 TLD Transition (pre June, 2018 WHO/PEPFAR Revised Guidance)

- % on TLD
- % on TLE or TEE
- % on LNZ
- % on All other Regimens

*Based on submission of original TLD supply plans for PEPFAR work planning in February, 2018. Table does not include Ethiopia, Vietnam, or Uganda NMS, as supply plans for these programs were not submitted. Botswana was also excluded, given that their supply plan only includes current and future patients on DTG-based regimens.*
% of Adult ART Patients per Country on ARV Regimens, as of August, 2018

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Countries listed from top to bottom:
- South Africa
- Zimbabwe
- Malawi
- Côte d'Ivoire
- DRC
- Mozambique
- Zambia
- Namibia
- Vietnam
- Cameroon
- Tanzania
- Lesotho
- South Sudan
- Nigeria
- Haiti
- Kenya
- Uganda MMS
- Uganda MALL
- Burundi
- Uganda MGS
- eSwatini
- Ethiopia
- Rwanda
- Ukraine
Overall ARV Demand Outlook
July, 2018 - Dec, 2019, Number of packs, millions

Countries Included Account for over 90% of Demand
- Malawi
- Tanzania
- Zimbabwe
- Ethiopia
- Zambia
- Kenya
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Uganda
- South Africa
- Cote d'Ivoire

PEPFAR
Kenya
Republic of South Africa
The Global Fund

Q3 2018
Q4 2018
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Q4 2019

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DISCLAIMER: This is an initial version of the forecast, and may contain inaccuracies. These slides contain a conservative estimate for demand management between the three programs. As such, there may be future volumes not yet financially committed or confirmed.

## Modelling - Three-way pair-wise comparisons between strategies

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*Out of projected 3.7 million women ever on first-line ART and 1.2 million HIV-exposed children.

**Cumulative pediatric deaths = non-neural tube defect-related + neural tube defect-related deaths
Conclusions:

• Dolutegravir-based ART would avert >30,000 deaths among women of childbearing age and >5,000 pediatric HIV infections compared to efavirenz-based ART, but result in ~6,000 excess pediatric deaths over a five-year period in South Africa.

• A WHO guideline-concordant approach could mitigate adverse pediatric outcomes, but would result in many more deaths among women than dolutegravir for all.

• Compared with a WHO contraception-based approach or an efavirenz for all strategy, using dolutegravir for all women of childbearing potential would avert greater than 5-fold more deaths among women with HIV than pediatric deaths added over 5 years in South Africa.
MOVING FORWARD
Expanded Surveillance in Botswana

- **Tsepamo:** additional funding from NICHD to expand sites performing examinations of all births.
  - Will cover 70% of births in country
  - Full data set expected to be finalized 3/31/2019
  - Date review by monitoring committee after each 200 births, will release an update only if significant safety issue
- CDC funding to expand to additional sites using same protocol
- Together, these efforts will cover 94% of births in Botswana.
- Expect additional 900-1200 deliveries after DTG exposure at conception and in early pregnancy
Moving Forward

Additional Countries with DTG-exposed Pregnancies

Attempting to ascertain outcomes for entire cohort of women conceiving on DTG; full ascertainment key for unbiased results.

- **Brazil**: 490 DTG-exposed pregnancies; results expected at R4P mtg.
- **Kenya**: 800-1200 DTG-exposed pregnancies; CDC supporting birth surveillance at selected sites to capture outcomes, expected to start early October
- **USA**: CDC domestic HIV and BD groups working to link HIV surveillance and BD surveillance to identify ART exposure at conception and in early pregnancy and assess outcomes. Working in 15 states; expect results late in 2018 or early 2019.
- Limited number of pregnancies on UNITAID-supported trials in Cameroon, RSA, Uganda, Nigeria, and others.
- Ongoing PEPFAR-supported BD surveillance in Uganda, Malawi
**ViiV-supported studies:**

- **Rat whole embryo-culture model:** Investigating the utility of the rat whole embryo-culture model as this system is able to detect NTDs and therefore, if a signal was detected, could provide a model system for further evaluations. Early results are expected by October.

- **Folate receptor:** Investigating the potential of integrase inhibitors (DTG, CAB and marketed integrase inhibitors) to disrupt folate transport. Developing assays to determine if integrase inhibitors inhibit human transporters RFC (reduced folate carrier) and PCFT (proton coupled folate transporter) and folate receptor alpha mediated endocytosis. Results expected late 2018.

**IMPAACT Study 2010** Phase III Study of the Virologic Efficacy and Safety of Dolutegravir-Containing versus Efavirenz-Containing Antiretroviral Therapy Regimens in HIV-1-Infected Pregnant Women and their Infants

- Evaluating changes in folate levels with initiation of EFV versus DTG regimens in late pregnancy
Timeline for WHO normative work

September 2018

1st meeting of WHO sub-committee on safety of dolutegravir:
- Review all safety reports on DTG from all sources incl. periodic safety
  updates by MAHs to FDA and EMA, trials and studies in countries
- Safety Assessment
- Recommendations for follow up and investigation

April 2019

WHO ACSoMP Annual Meeting:
- First report by the sub-committee
- Safety assessment
- Recommendations to WHO to guide and advice the WHO Member States,
  policy makers and health professionals
- Recommendations for follow up and investigation
WHO HIV & SRH activities

Short term (next 6 months)

- Scoping/mapping of key existing documents relevant to contraception access in the context of HIV programmes
- Policy brief (target length 5-10 pages) to support country efforts to increase access to a range of reliable and effective contraception in the context of DTG scale up; including a framework for decision making
- Review of DTG & contraceptives
- Plan for country support to promote integration of targeted HIV & SRH activities
PEPFAR Conclusions

PEPFAR remains committed to broad implementation of DTG-based regimens as first and second line treatment.

PEPFAR will continue to work closely with their country teams to advocate for broader availability of DTG for women and to provide resources for implementation.

PEPFAR supports integration of reproductive health services into HIV care and are working with countries to increase contraceptive options.

PEPFAR are supports multiple efforts to obtain additional data on BD risk rapidly and ongoing birth defect surveillance in Uganda and Malawi.
Countries where the use of DTG is patented:

- Algeria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Kazakhstan
- Macedonia
- Mexico
- Russia
- Serbia
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Turkey
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