

**American International Health Alliance  
PMTCT Site Assessment**

**Site Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* = Notes for interviewer

<b>1. Antenatal Care (ANC)</b>	
Name of site where antenatal care is provided:	
How many ANC patients come here per month?	
How many new ANC patients came here this month?	
Describe the typical flow of activities during a women's first visit to ANC (who does she see, what activities occur, etc.) Does the national protocol require the voluntary testing of all the pregnant after counseling?	
How is it determined that a patient should be referred for HIV testing? Where are the ELIZA blood tests taken? Where are the IFA test examined?	
How many new ANC patients were referred for HIV testing or tested on-site this month?	
How many return ANC patients were referred for HIV testing or tested on-site this month?	
How many of the new ANC patients tested positive for HIV?	
What services were provided to these women?	
Describe the observed problems with ANC:	
Recommendations:	

<b>2. HIV Testing and Counseling</b>	
At which site(s) is testing provided? (ELIZA, rapid-test, western blot)	
Are patients routinely offered HIV testing? Is an opt-in or opt-out approach used?	

Which of the following pre-testing services are provided?

- Group Education
- Individual pre-test counseling
- Couples pre-test counseling
- Ongoing HIV counseling for women who refuse testing

By whom is counseling done?

\*If possible, please observe a counseling session, critique, and record observations:

**HIV testing process (for adults and infants)**

Type of tests used:

Testing algorithm:

Where tests are performed:

Staff who perform testing:

Average number of tests per week:

Time needed to get results for ELIZA and western blot?

Describe the procedures for providing HIV test results:

**Stigma and discrimination related to MTCT**

What are the systems or steps used to protect confidentiality?

What system is in place to find a patient history of HIV-positive woman?

What are the systems or steps used to reduce stigma and discrimination in the facility?

What are the common concerns about and experiences regarding stigma and discrimination discussed by patients?

Describe the observed problems with testing, counseling, and stigma?

Recommendations:

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### 3. ARV Treatment and/or Prophylaxis for PMTCT

Which regimens are provided for positive women, and what are the criteria for selecting a regimen?

Is ARV treatment available?

\*If ARV treatment is not available, only ask questions regarding ARV prophylaxis below

Where is ARV treatment and prophylaxis provided?  
Prescription? Giving out of medicines? Adherence formation?

Which regimens are provided for babies and what are the criteria for selecting a regimen?

What are the main counseling messages and recommendations about ARV treatment and/or prophylaxis for PMTCT?

What is the process for providing ARVs to the women who are HIV-infected and their infants?

During the Antenatal period, in a maternity house and for infants?

Is there sufficient stock of ARVs and ARV prophylaxis available (including both quantity and expiry date)?

In the AIDS center or maternity house?

Where did staff receive training to administer ARVs and/or prophylaxis?

What gaps do they feel they have in their training?

What are some of the common problems that patients have with adherence?

What instructions do the mothers receive? How is compliance monitored?

What are the measures used to ensure that quality information is collected and reported?
Describe the observed problems with ARV treatment and/or prophylaxis?
Recommendations:

<b>4. Labor, Delivery, and Post Partum Care</b>	
What is the site (s) for delivery?	
How many babies are delivered per month in the oblast?	
How many babies are delivered per month at the site?	
How many women delivered at home this month?	
Approximately what percentage of the women that deliver here know their HIV status?	
Through observation or interview, determine the procedures followed for delivery of HIV+ women, describe:	
Are universal precautions followed during the delivery process?	
Is equipment for universal precautions appropriate and is it being used appropriately?	
What equipment needs do the staff have?	
Describe the observed problems with labor, delivery, and postpartum care?	
Recommendations:	

<b>5. Infant Feeding</b>
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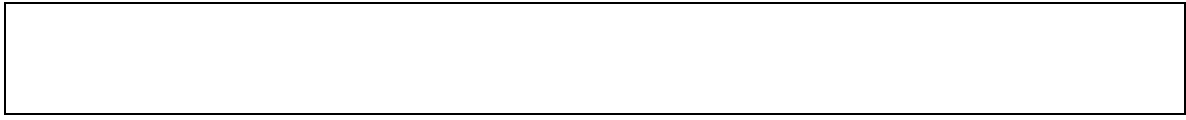
What are the main infant-feeding messages provided?
Is infant formula provided? Is it a stable supply?
When is infant-feeding counseling provided?
How is support for women's infant-feeding choices provided?
How many women this month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received counseling on infant feeding: _____</li> <li>• Chose exclusive breast feeding: _____</li> <li>• Chose exclusive formula feeding: _____</li> </ul>
Describe the observed problems with infant feeding (both breast and formula)?
Recommendations:

<b>6. Linkages to treatment, care, and support for mothers and families</b>
Describe the linkages to other programs or community organizations (in your description please consider home-based care, psychosocial services to PLWHA, family planning, ARV treatment, infant-feeding support, VCT, basic primary care, etc):
What are the mechanisms used to follow-up referrals?
Describe the observed problems with linkages to other programs and organizations:
Recommendations:

<b>7. Safety and supportive care in the work environment</b>
How do counselors receive emotional support to share experiences and alleviate burnout?
How would you describe staff attitudes toward the PMTCT program, satisfaction, support, and workload?

What gaps do staff have in their PMTCT training?
<p>How would you describe the usage <i>and</i> adequacy of supplies and equipment to follow infection control procedures?</p> <p>*If possible, please measure the supply of equipment (without informing staff that you are measuring/counting) to assess supply usage and record. On following assessment, please assess whether the equipment is being utilized.</p>
Describe the observed problems with work environment, safety, and supply?
Recommendations:

<b>8. PMTCT Program Monitoring</b>
Location of database:
Describe the process for PMTCT data collection and reporting:
What are the tools used to record PMTCT services provided? Are the tools being utilized?
What are the measures used to ensure quality information is collected and reported?
How is information collected in the PMTCT program used to improve the program?
Describe the observed problems with program monitoring:
Recommendations:



### Site Operational Plan

<b>Recommendations (List)</b>	<b>Implementation Plan</b>	<b>Responsible person/party</b>	<b>Date for Completion</b>	<b>How will progress be monitored?</b>
1. Antenatal Care				
2. Testing and Counseling				
3. Treatment and/or prophylaxis				
4. Labor, delivery				

5. Infant feeding				
6. Linkages to programs				
7. Safety and Support				
8. Monitoring				