# Evaluating Strategies for a Primary Care Model for HBV and HCV Care: Research Priorities in Viet Nam

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- The author's point of view may not represent the official vision of Vietnam Government.









## **Objectives**

- 1. Provide brief context of viral hepatitis burden and response in Vietnam
- Demonstrate that a people-centered, primary care model is possible in Vietnam through the STITCH project
- 3. Show the research and implementation strategies and achievements of the model to date
- 4. Illustrate how implementation research is being applied to comprehensively evaluate and improve the model









## Viral hepatitis burden



#### **Vietnam**

2022 Total Population: 98.186.856 | 2022 Adult Population: 72.026.052 | World Bank Classification Lower middle income

#### At a Glance

HCV Infections (2022)†

905.000 <1%



Diagnosed

6%



Annual Treated

<1%



Annual Deaths

4.415



Deaths per day

12

HBV Infections (2022);

6.518.000 7%



Diagnosed

42%



**Annual Treated** 

3%



**Annual Deaths** 

26.736



Deaths per hour

3









# Comprehensive national policy framework and plan

#### No.7130/QD-BYT No.35/2021TT-BYT No.13/2020/TT-BYT National Action Plan No.1207/QD-BYT No.2065/QD-BYT Guidelines for No.793/QD-BYT List of Medical Hepatitis C treatment towards the Guidelines for adjusting regulations Issuance of a Plan for Services covered by elimination of in people with HIV on HBV and HCV the Prevention of Diagnosing and Health Insurance. hepatitis B co-infected funded Viral Hepatitis from Treating of Hepatitis testing for outpatient Coinsurance transmitted from by Global Fund from C 2015 - 2019Percentages, and care mother to child from 2021 - 2023 Coverage 2018 - 20232015 2016 2019 2020 2021 2022 2017 2018 No.30/2018/TT-BYT No. 4531/QD-BYT List of Medicines No. 3310/QD-BYT No. 1868/QD-BYT Issuance of a Plan for covered by Health Guidelines for Guidelines on the Prevention and Insurance, Diagnosing and Hepatitis B and C management of Viral Coinsurance Treating of Hepatitis B Virus Testing Hepatitis from 2021 -Percentages, and 2025 Coverage









# Challenges translating policies and plans at subnational and facility level

#### **Implementation barriers**

- Most primary care facilities are not accredited or prepared to provide care
- Primary care HCPs and community have limited knowledge and awareness
- This means services remain concentrated at central and provincial level, led by specialists

#### SHI gaps

- If HBV or HCV screening results are negative, the cost of the test is not covered, means low uptake and delayed diagnosis
- High co-payment rate for HCV DAAs (50%) means ~\$650/12 weeks, which is not affordable for many









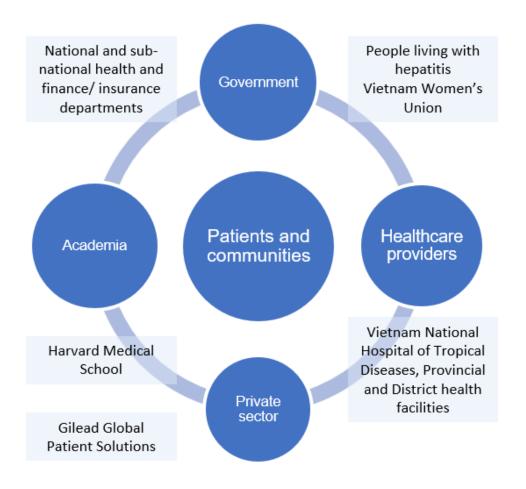
# Strengthening the Integrated Treatment and Care for Hepatitis (STITCH)

#### **Goals:**

- Strengthen hepatitis diagnosis, care and treatment at primary care facilities in Vietnam (and the Philippines)
- Close the gap between policy and implementation
- Use people-centered care strategies (e.g., patient journey mapping, co-design)
- Form partnerships between patients, providers, private sector and health authorities

**Location:** Thai Binh province

**Duration**: 2022 to 2026











# Co-designing the model of care

#### **Design thinking workshops**









#### Four intervention areas

- Optimize clinical pathway and linkages to emphasize primary healthcare
- Build HCW capacity and capability to manage hepatitis in primary care
- mprove facility & systems readiness at the primary care level
- Activate people and community to engage with primary healthcare

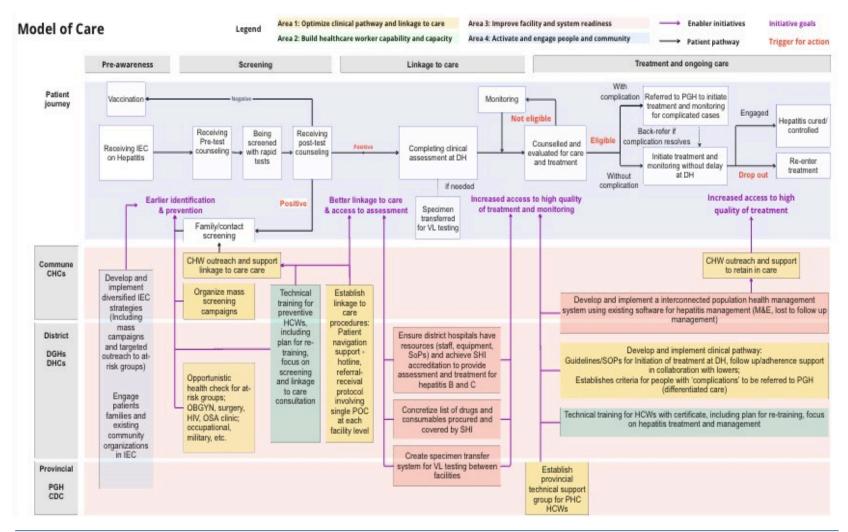








# Optimizing the clinical care pathway











# **Building capacity of primary HCPs**

- Training on hepatitis in collaboration with National Hospital of Tropical Disease
  - 42 district HCPs trained on screening and linkage
  - 16 physicians trained on hepatitis care
- Specialist technical support/telementoring by visiting provincial HCPs















## Improving facility and system readiness

- Viral hepatitis service at the two pilot district hospitals approved by Thai Binh Provincial Health Department and accredited by SHI
  - The service can be provided to people at primary care level and covered by SHI
- Specimen transfer system established
  - Viral load specimens can be collected at district hospitals and tested at provincial facility covered by SHI
- HepB and HepC medicines arrived at district hospitals ready for patients' use



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# Engaging and activating the community

- IEC health promotion materials and activities; IEC campaigns planned
- Collaborate with Women's Labour Union in the two pilot districts















# Evaluating of the model

Preparation	Research	Co-design	Testing	Scaling	Evaluation
1	2	3	4	5	6
May 2022	Sept 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026

Objectives: To evaluate	Data collection tools		
Part A:	1.Rate of treatment completion/cure for hepatitis B/C	Routine health data (supported by team to establish/integrate)	
Cascade of care	2.Uptake and retention in care		
	3. "Person-centeredness" of care	Patient experience and literacy surveys (new tools)	
Part B: Patient experience	4.Hepatitis-related health literacy		
T dutent expenses	5.Hepatitis-related stigma and discrimination		
Part C: Facility readiness	6.Healthcare facility/system readiness for viral hepatitis management	Health facility assessment (repeat 3from 202)	
Part D: Provider competency and experience	7. HCP competency for viral hepatitis management 8. HCP experience in new MoC	Provider survey, competency assessments	
Part E: Cost	<ul><li>9. Financial expenditure by government and patients</li><li>10. Cost savings from MoC compared to specialist model</li></ul>	TBC – under development	

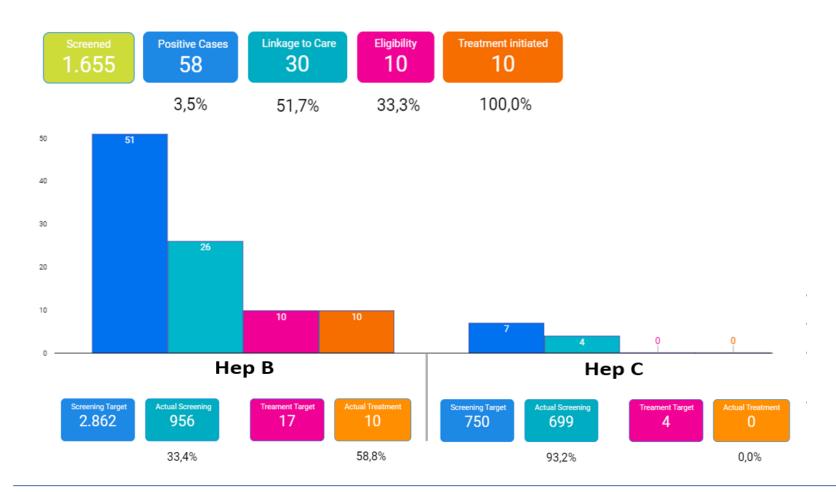








# Dashboards used for continuous quality improvement



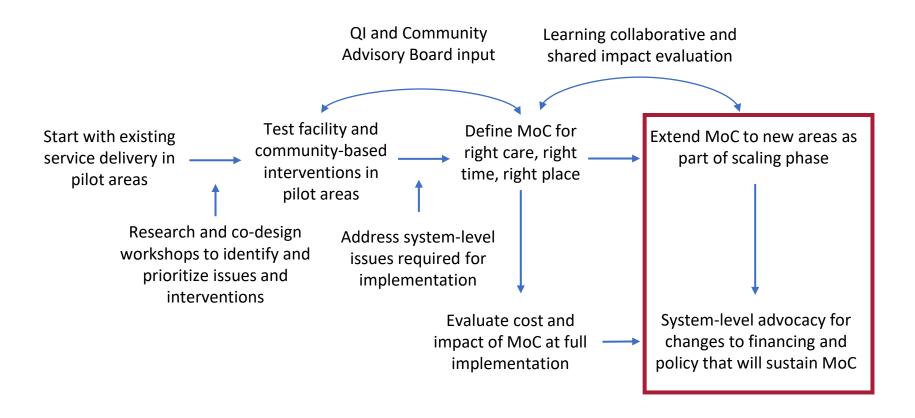








# Scaling up and using evidence for systemlevel advocacy





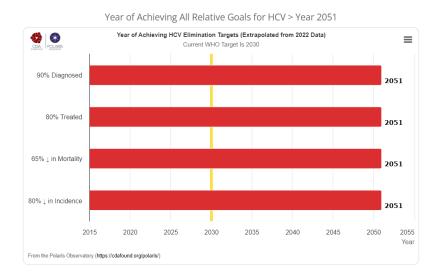


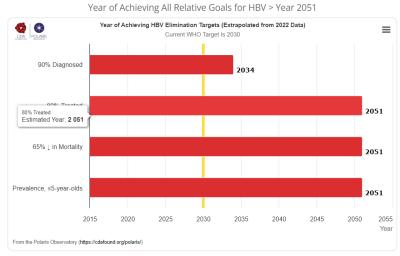




# Accelerating predictions for Vietnam to reach hepatitis elimination targets

Through the STITCH project, implementation research can be used to support Vietnam to translate plans into action by providing evidence on HOW to implement a people-centered primary care model and accelerate achievement WHO and national Government hepatitis goals faster!













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# Thank you for your attention!







