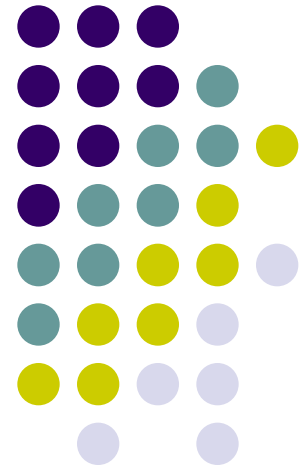




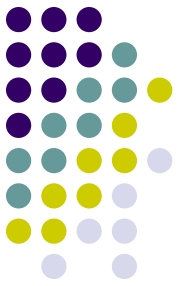
# ***CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS : Botswana Experience***

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# PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

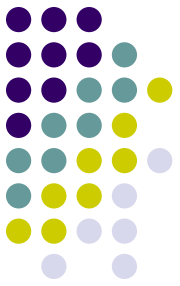


## CURRENT STATUS:

- ❖ HIV prevalence in ANC clinics at 32.4% (2006)
- ❖ PMTCT Services in all Health Facilities in all districts
- ❖ 89% of pregnant women who tested receive AZT/treatment by 2007
- ❖ Transmission rate reduced to 3,5% in 2007



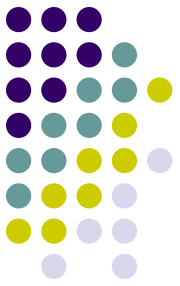
# CHALLENGES



- ❖ Strengthening support from male partners, and communities to test and utilize services –
- ❖ Expanding ARV provision from hospitals to clinics to improve access
- ❖ Strengthening routine testing, couple testing, male involvement
- ❖ Strengthening linkages between PMTCT and ARV services



# PREVENTION IN YOUNG PEOPLE

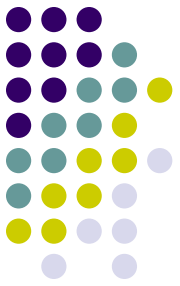


## CURRENT STATUS

- ❖ HIV prevalence among 15-19 year olds at 6.6 % in 2004
- ❖ 78.5% (10-14yrs) and 96%( 15-24) aware of HIV in 2004
- ❖ Life skills education available in all public primary and secondary schools
- ❖ Prevalence reduced by up to 23% in pregnant 15-24 year olds in 2006, compared to 2003



# CHALLENGES



## **(To have an AIDS Free generation by 2016)**

- ❖ Improving access to youth friendly health services
- ❖ Females have higher HIV prevalence rates than males of the same age
- ❖ Strengthening targeted BCIC through ABC strategies, i.e. youth participation and male involvement
- ❖ Strengthening stakeholder linkages and partnerships, including the youth sector



# PEDIATRICS HIV/AIDS TREATMENT CARE AND SUPPORT



## CURRENT STATUS

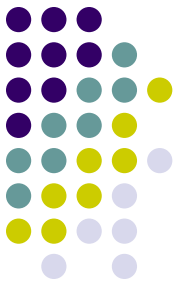
- ❖ 6,831 children (about 10% of population on ARV) are receiving ARV treatment

## CHALLENGES

- ❖ Improving capacity for early diagnosis of paediatric HIV using PCR-DBS (dry blood spot)
- ❖ Strengthening psychosocial support services for children
- ❖ Training HCWs in comprehensive paediatric HIV/AIDS care especially psychosocial care



# PROTECTION OF ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN



## CURRENT STATUS

- ❖ 53,588 orphans are registered and receiving government support
- ❖ 98% receive government support (food basket programme)
- ❖ Other 2% the relatives have volunteered to care & support them



# CHALLENGES

- ❖ Improving psychosocial support services for Orphan & Vulnerable Children (OVC) and their caretakers
- ❖ Early identification and registration of orphans
- ❖ Increasing access to services for all OVC





# Partnerships



## CURRENT STATUS

- ❖ Several partners in the country: development, donors, civil society, private, community

## CHALLENGES

- ❖ Botswana being middle income country -Many bilateral organizations and donors have left the country
- ❖ Capacity of civil society
- ❖ Private sector involvement limited



## CHALLENGES CONT.

- Mobilizing partners and communities to participate in the effort to increase access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support for all children
- Strengthening community participation and empowerment strategies
- Strengthening the implementation of the 'three ones' on issues of children
- Complexity of Coordination of multiple donor partners in line with the identified Country priorities