

Background

- **USAID** Family Focused HIV Prevention Care and Treatment services in Amhara region is a **USAID** /PEPFAR-funded program implemented in selected SNUs in Amhara region
- Amhara Development Association (ADA) is a prime partner for the Activity in the Amhara region since August 2020 and have direct service delivery role through partnering with seven local sub-recipients.
- The Activity focuses on improving access and demand for HIV prevention, testing and counseling, adherence services, and mitigation services for orphan and vulnerable children, PLHIV and their families through person-centered and family-focused approach.
- Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) is a key economic strengthening intervention aims to improve the household income of beneficiaries that enables them to meet their health, school, safety and stability needs
- Since 2021, the project supported the establishment of 647 VSLA groups comprises 11,700 members. Of those 7,137 are HIV positives adults and 311 are youths PLHIVs



Fig.1 Program implementation SNUs

Problem

- Most OVC and caregivers are economically struggling to meet their health, school, safety and stability needs
- There is also saving, loan and income generating activities related knowledge and skill gap among these population groups
- Inequitable access for health services is also among the key barriers that challenges OVC and caregivers

Interventions

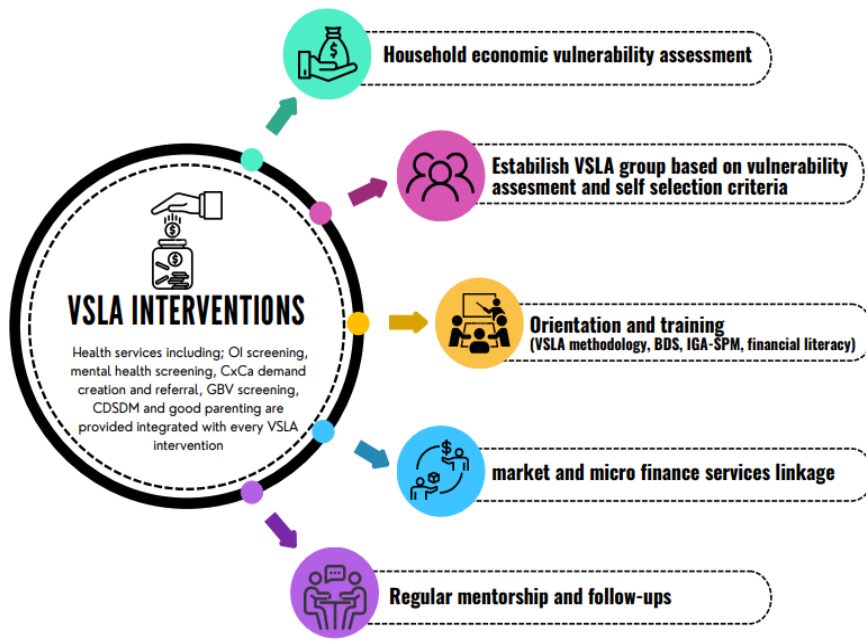
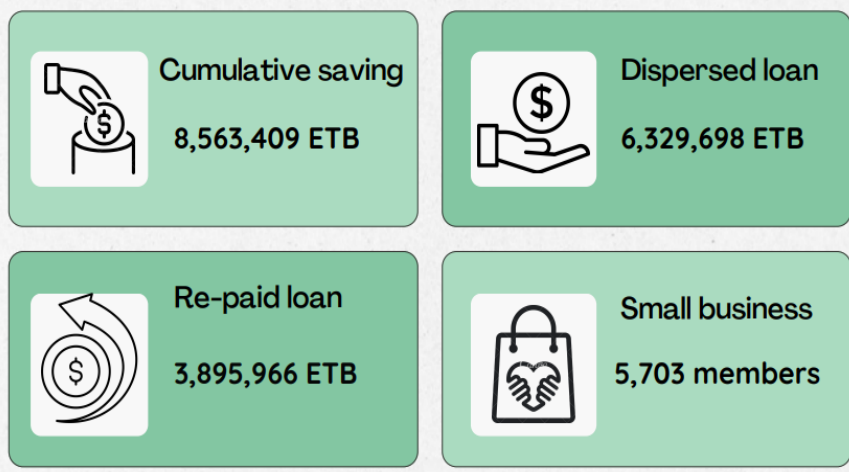


Fig.2 VSLA service provision approaches



Pic. 1 CxCa demand creation among VSLA

Result



Client's reflection

" I valued the importance of my volunteer who visited my house frequently and counsels me to adhere to the drug, encourage and advise me to start and expand my business, educates me on hygiene and sanitation, reminds my appointment and viral load test date, and assisted my children in doing their home works and study"

VSLA Member HIV positive care giver

Fig.3 Saving, loan and small business among VSLA members

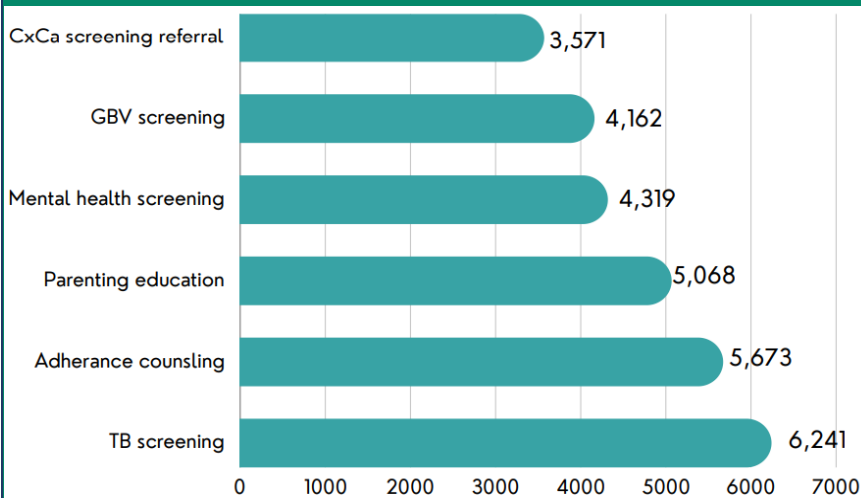


Fig.4 Clinical service integration with VSLA platform

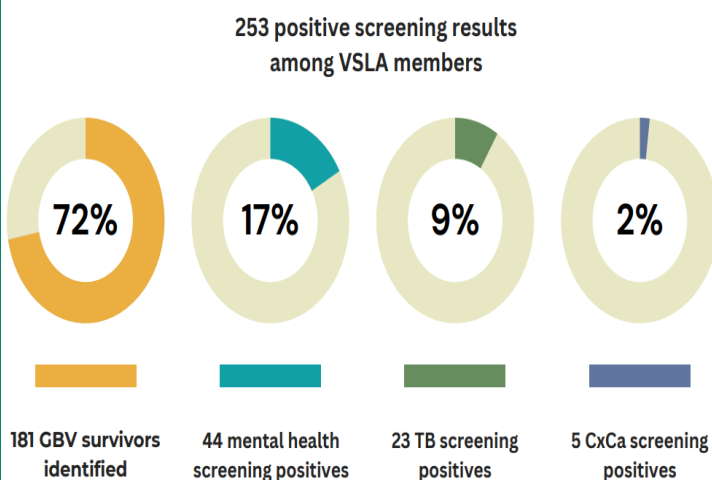


Fig.5 Positive screening results among VSLA members

Lesson learned

- VSLA methodology plays crucial roles to improve household income, saving and access to equitable health services for OVC and their caregivers

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