Increasing the proportion of HIV-positive women screened for cervical cancer at Rukunyu Hospital

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Introduction

- The Ministry of Health recommends that 100% of eligible (25 to 49-year-old) HIV-positive women should receive cervical cancer screening as part of their routine HIV care services. By September 2022 Rukunyu Hospital in Kamwenge district had only 33% of enrolled HIV-positive mothers screened for cervical cancer leaving a gap of 67%.
- •A Root cause analysis was performed and contributing factors identified included; capacity gaps on cervical cancer screening, no line lists for eligible mothers, mothers' files not updated with cancer screening results
- •The hospital team developed a quality improvement (QI) project to increase the proportion of HIV-positive mothers 25 to 49 years screened for cervical cancer to 90% by the end of March 2023.

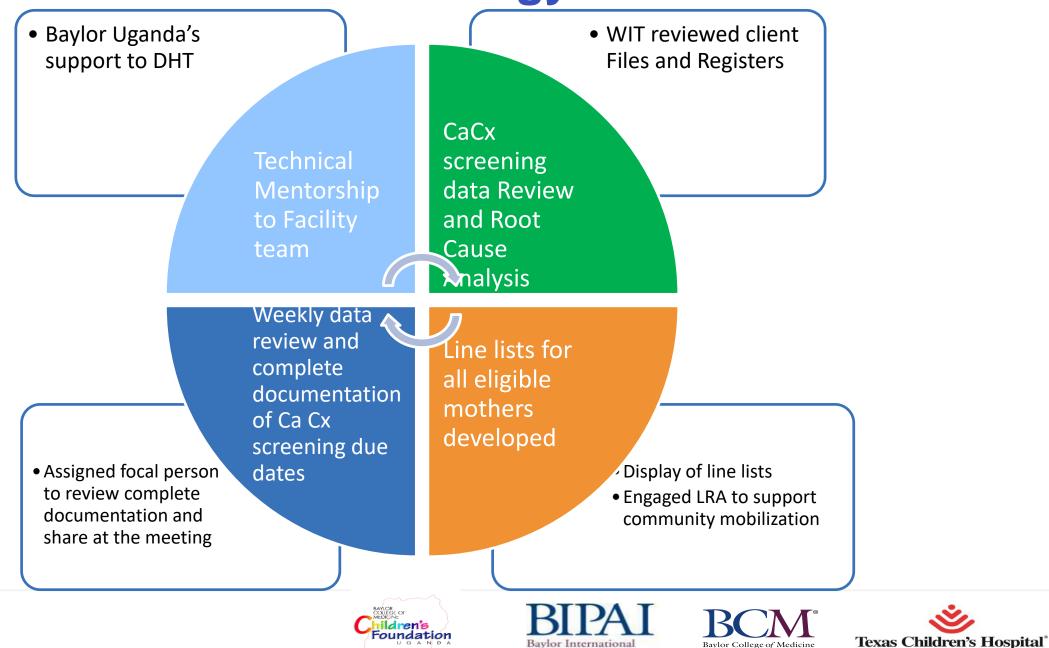








Methodology

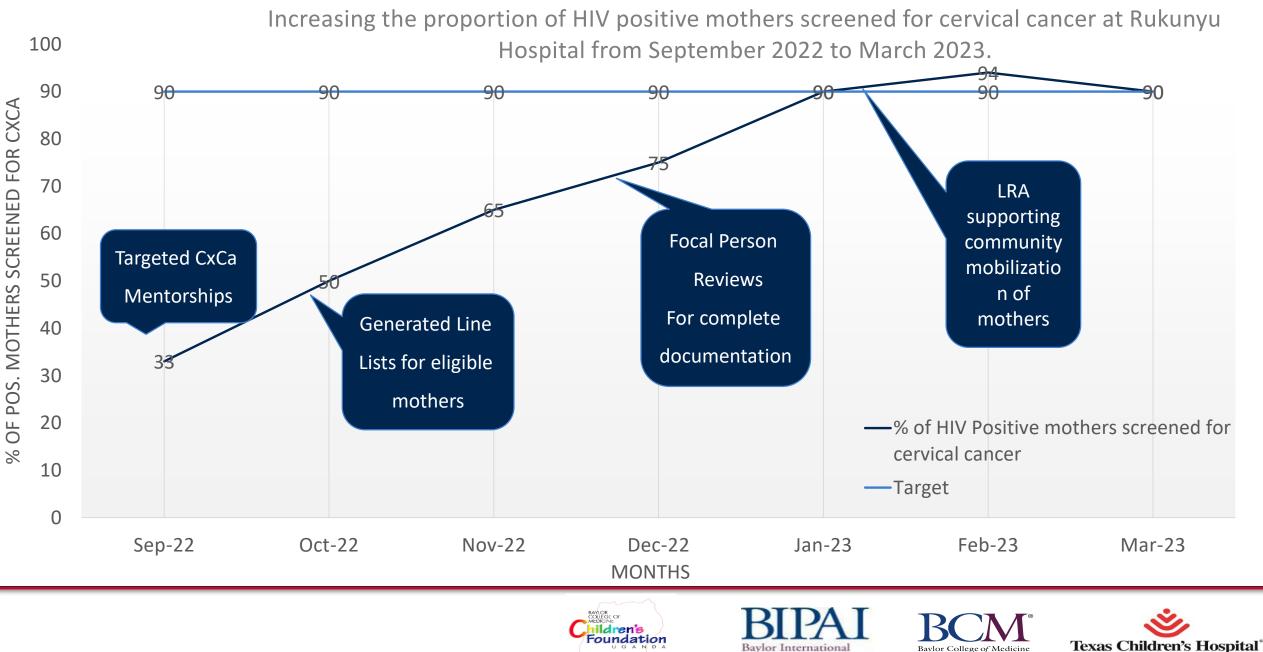


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Results



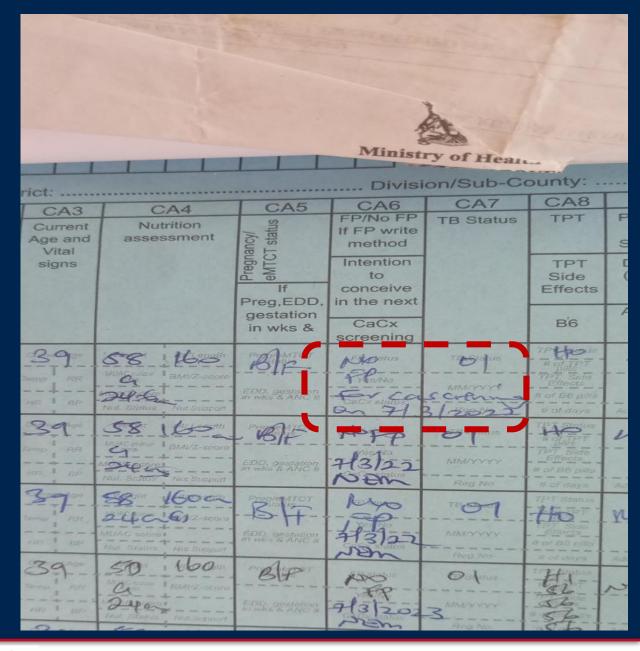
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Discussion

 Mechanisms that routinely identify eligible HIV positive women and streamlining of documentation processes were key factors in improving cervical cancer screening.











Lessons Learnt

•Conducting Root cause analysis is key to identifying successful countermeasures for gaps at facilities

•Having line lists for eligible mothers guide service provision at contact with the mother









Conclusions

•Implementation of changes like line listing clients eligible for cervical cancer screening and recording due dates in client care cards can improve cancer screening uptake.









Recommendations

•Continuous and routine support supervision for cervical cancer screening.

•Strengthen referral system for the identified positive cervical cancer clients.

•Availing adequate instruments for cervical cancer screening like speculums, forceps etc.







