Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting (MER) Guidance (v.2.4): AGYW_PREV

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Section 1:

Overview of the technical area and related indicators

Overview of Technical Area and Indicators

- **DREAMS** is a core part of PEPFAR programming in 15 countries, representing over $800 million invested
- **Layering** of services = key tenant of DREAMS
- **AGYW_PREV** developed to track layering of DREAMS services in MER
  - Required for DREAMS SNUs in all 15 DREAMS countries
  - Requires that all DREAMS OUs have data systems to track layering at the individual AGYW level

Program Area Group	Indicator Code	Indicator Name	Reporting Frequency	Reporting Level
Prevention	**AGYW_PREV**	Percentage of adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) that completed the DREAMS primary package of evidence-based services/interventions.	Semiannual	Community (Input by USG)

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Defining DREAMS Beneficiaries

- **Enrolled**: AGYW identified based on country-specific eligibility criteria/assessment for HIV risk and accepts enrollment into the DREAMS program.

- **DREAMS Beneficiary**: AGYW is enrolled in DREAMS and has started or completed at least one DREAMS service/intervention.

  - **Active DREAMS Beneficiary**: Enrolled; Started or completed at least one DREAMS service in the past 6 months (at Q2) or 12 months (at Q4). **Only active DREAMS beneficiaries should be counted under AGYW_PREV.**

  - **Inactive DREAMS Beneficiary**: Enrolled; At one time had started or completed at least one DREAMS service, but not within the past 6 months (at Q2) or 12 months (at Q4).

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Defining Completion in DREAMS

- **DREAMS Program Completion**: When an individual AGYW has completed all primary and secondary core package interventions based on her unique needs, HIV risk, and age.
  - See the [DREAMS Program Completion and Saturation Document](#)

- **Service Completion**: The country-specific criteria for determining the completion of each service/intervention in their DREAMS core package. Service completion definitions should be based on normative guidance and instructions from program developers where available.
  - Definitions should accompany the OU's annual submission of their DREAMS Layering Table to OGAC.
  - A service should not count towards an AGYW's DREAMS program completion or their layering status in AGYW_PREV until it has met the service completion definition.

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Defining Country-Specific DREAMS Package

- Using the [DREAMS Guidance](#), each DREAMS country must define the primary, secondary, and contextual package of DREAMS services/interventions for each DREAMS age band (10-14, 15-19, 20-24).
  - All 15 DREAMS countries must submit to OGAC on an annual basis
  - Must also define service completion for each intervention
  - Additional guidance on layering tables is found in the Consolidated Guidance

APPENDIX: DREAMS LAYERING TABLES

All 15 DREAMS countries are required to submit Tables 1 & 2 below on an annual basis for OGAC approval during the COP process. Examples are shown below.

Table 1: DREAMS Layering Table

		AGE GROUPS (years)			
		10-14	**15-19**	**20-24**	**Notes**
INDIVIDUAL	**Primary Individual Interventions**	• Social Asset Building • School or Community-based HIV & violence prevention • Parenting/Caregiver Programming • Risk assessment for HTS	• Condoms • Risk assessment for HTS • School or Community-based HIV & violence prevention	• Condoms • Risk assessment for HTS • Combination socio-economic approaches • Community-based HIV & violence prevention	• In school get school-based HIV education; out of school, get community based education
	Secondary Individual Interventions	• Condoms • HTS • Contraceptive Mix • Post-violence care • Education subsidies	• HTS • PrEP • Contraceptive Mix • Post-violence care • Social asset building • Combination Socio-economic approaches • Parenting/Caregiver Programming • Education subsidies	• HTS • PrEP • Contraceptive Mix • Post-violence care • Social asset building	• Contraceptive Mix includes all aspects (e.g. increase availability, outreach, training, alignment with other initiatives, provision, etc.)
CONTEXTUAL	**Contextual Level Interventions**	**DREAMS SNUs**			
		• Community mobilization & Norms Change • Reducing risk of sex partners (link to HTS, VMMC, Treatment)			

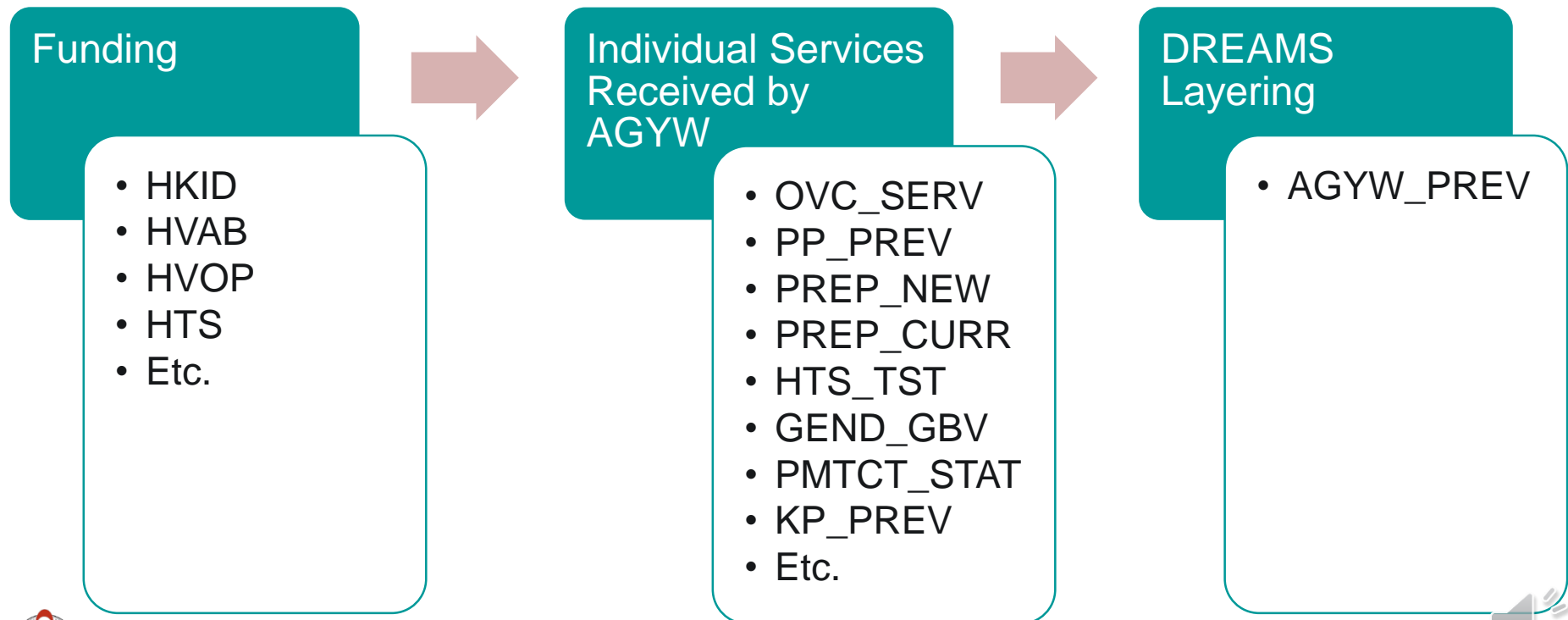*Table 2: DREAMS Service Completion Table*

For each intervention below, indicate how your country defines completion of that service. If using multiple curricula for one part of the core package, please fill in a separate row for each curriculum. Completion definitions should be based on normative guidance and instructions from program developers where available.

Core Package Category	Specific Service/Intervention	Definition of Service Completion	Source Used (if applicable)
Parenting/Caregiver Programming	*Specify curricula/um*	*Ex: AGYW attended 90% of sessions*	*Ex: Specific curricula manual/guidance*
Social Asset Building			
Community Mobilization & Norms Change			
HIV & Violence Prevention Curriculum			

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Relationship with Other Indicators

- AGYW_PREV tracks **layering** of DREAMS services/interventions across budget codes and indicators
- Complementary to other MER indicators that track receipt of individual services

Funding

- HKID
- HVAB
- HVOP
- HTS
- Etc.

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Individual Services Received by AGYW

- OVC_SERV
- PP_PREV
- PREP_NEW
- PREP_CURR
- HTS_TST
- GEND_GBV
- PMTCT_STAT
- KP_PREV
- Etc.

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DREAMS Layering

- AGYW_PREV

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Reporting Scenario

Brenda, age 15, is enrolled in DREAMS. Brenda receives HTS, Stepping Stones, PrEP, and an educational subsidy through DREAMS partner(s) in her district over the past 6 months as of FY20Q2. How is she accounted for in various MER indicators?

HIV testing	HTS_TST
Stepping Stones	PP_PREV
PrEP	PREP_NEW PREP_CURR
Education subsidy	OVC_SERV

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Counted in appropriate layering disag based on her **service completion**

Must meet definition of these indicators
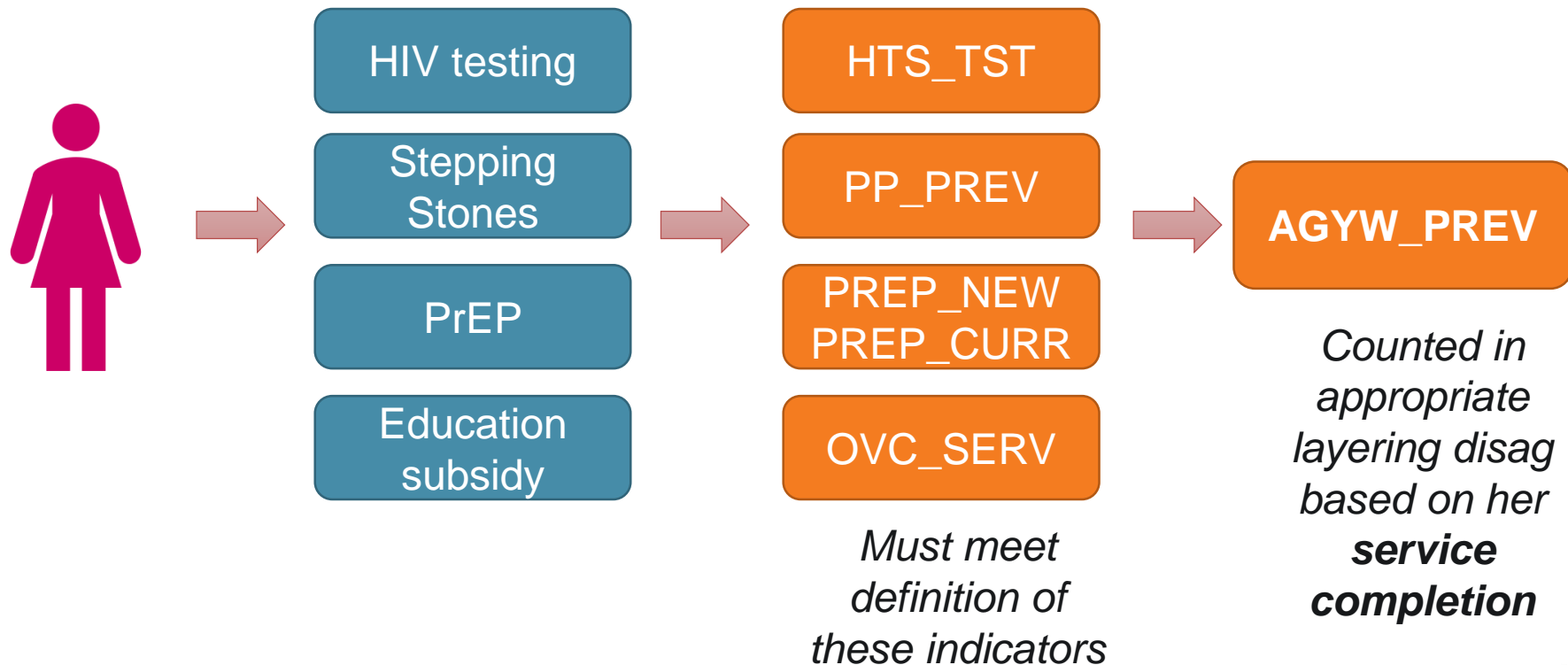
Section 2:

Indicator changes in MER 2.4

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What's Changed?

Change	Programmatic Rationale for Change
Reporting period changed from cumulative to snapshot of AGYW service completion as of the past 6 months at Q2 and past 12 months at Q4. **(change made as of FY19Q2 cleaning period)**	Snapshot is more useful to analyze and make programmatic changes to ensure that all DREAMS beneficiaries are receiving the appropriate DREAMS services/interventions in a timely manner.
Addition of disaggregate to capture AGYW enrolled in DREAMS that have started but not yet completed a DREAMS service/intervention in the reporting period.	Missing category of active DREAMS beneficiaries along the DREAMs Program Completion Continuum that was not captured in the prior indicator version.
Reorganization of numerator and denominator disaggregates.	Better aligns with AGYW_PREV numerator definition; inclusion of AGYW that had not completed the full primary package in the numerator disaggregates was confusing.
All disaggregates (numerator, denominator, service) are mandatory.	All are essential to understanding the success and quality of DREAMS programs.
Definitions added of enrolled/active/inactive DREAMS beneficiaries.	Clarify who should be counted under AGYW_PREV and harmonize other DREAMS guidance.
Definitions and distinctions between service, package, and DREAMS program completion added.	Provide clarification and harmonize other DREAMS guidance.

Section 3:

Review of numerator, denominator, and disaggregations

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Indicator Definition: Percentage of adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) that completed the DREAMS primary package of evidence-based services/interventions.

Numerator: Number of individual AGYW that have **completed at least the DREAMS primary package** of services/interventions as of the end of the reporting period.

Denominator: Number of individual AGYW that have **started or completed any DREAMS service/intervention** in the reporting period.

Required Disaggregates:
- Layering status by Time in DREAMS and Age
  - 2 layering status disags in numerator
  - 4 layering status disags in denominator
- Service Type: Violence Prevention; Education Support

Definitions of Required Disaggregates

- **Age/Sex**: Current age of AGYW at the end of the current reporting period.
    - Female 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29
    - Note: 25-29F included to account for AGYW who have aged over 24 since initial DREAMS enrollment. DREAMS programming should not target AGYW 25-29 unless explicitly approved in your COP.

- **Layering**: Status of DREAMS primary package completion for each AGYW.
    - Completed primary package and additional service(s), completed exactly primary package, completed a service but not full primary package, started but not completed a service

- **Time in DREAMS**: Time since AGYW became a DREAMS beneficiary (i.e. since enrolled in DREAMS and started or completed at least one DREAMS service)
    - 0-6 months, 6-12 months, 12-24 months, 25+months

- **Service disaggregates**:
    - **Violence Prevention**: Number of AGYW enrolled in DREAMS that received an evidence-based intervention focused on preventing violence within the reporting period.
    - **Education Support**: Number of AGYW enrolled in DREAMS that received educational support to remain in, advance, and/or rematriculate in school within the reporting period.

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Layering Disaggregates: 4 Categories

- **Number of AGYW that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions but not additional services/interventions**

- **Number of AGYW that have fully completed the primary package of services/interventions and at least one secondary service/intervention**

- Number of AGYW that have fully completed at least one DREAMS service/intervention but not the full primary package

- Number of AGYW that have started a DREAMS service/intervention but not yet completed it

Numerator

Denominator

Example: Layering and Time in DREAMS by Age

Numerator

Number of AGYW that have fully completed the DREAMS primary package of services/interventions but not additional services/interventions				
Time in DREAMS by Age	10-14 y.o. F	15-19 y.o. F	20-24 y.o. F	25-29 y.o. F
0-6 months				
6-12 months				
12-24 months				
25+ months				
Number of AGYW that have fully completed the primary package of services/interventions and at least one secondary service/intervention				
Time in DREAMS by Age	10-14 y.o. F	15-19 y.o. F	20-24 y.o. F	25-29 y.o. F
0-6 months				
6-12 months				
12-24 months				
25+ months				

Example: Layering and Time in DREAMS by Age

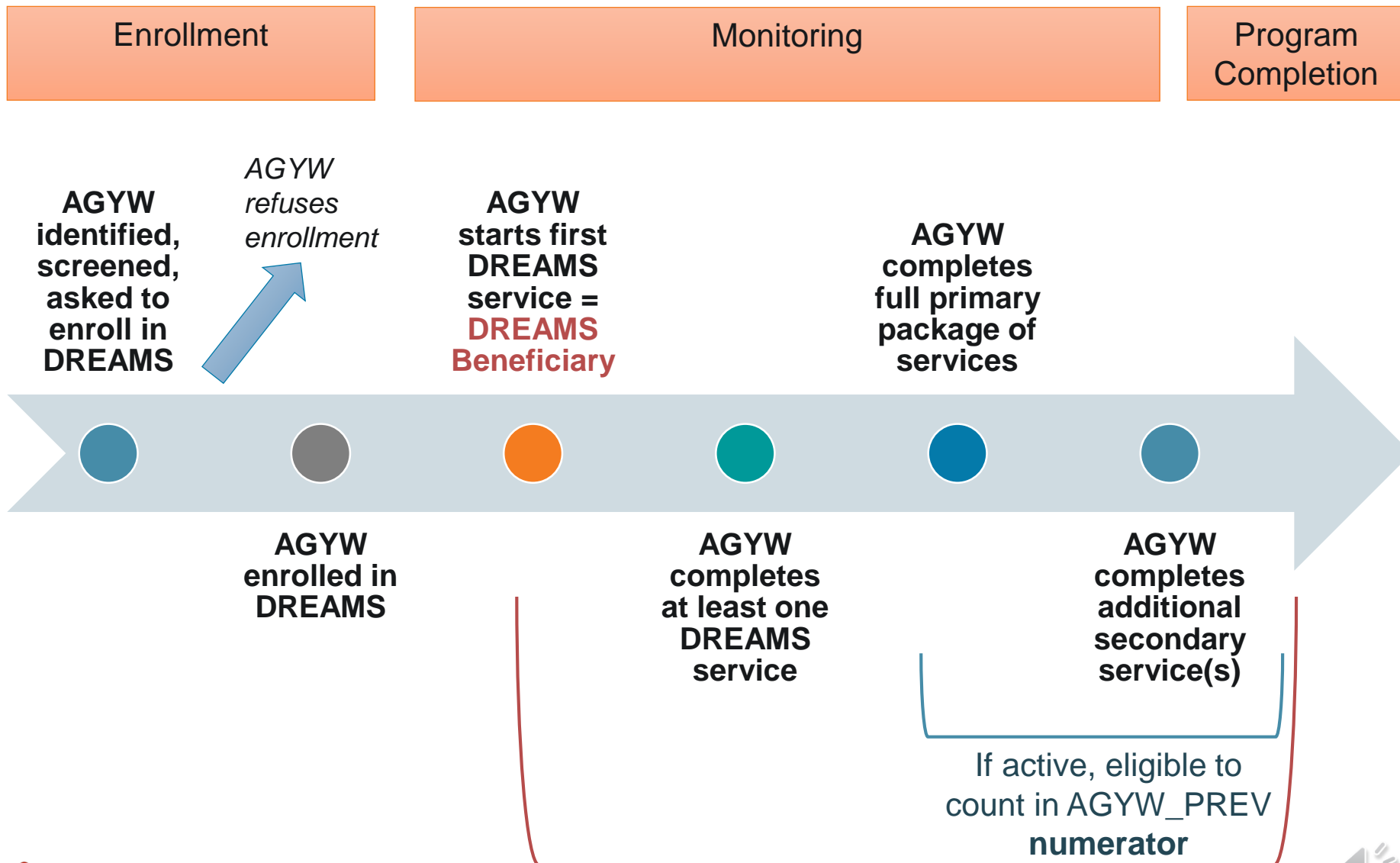| Number of AGYW that have fully completed at least one DREAMS service/intervention but not the full primary package				
Time in DREAMS by Age	10-14 y.o. F	15-19 y.o. F	20-24 y.o. F	25-29 y.o. F
0-6 months				
6-12 months				
12-24 months				
25+ months				
Number of AGYW that have started a DREAMS service/intervention but not yet completed it				
Time in DREAMS by Age	10-14 y.o. F	15-19 y.o. F	20-24 y.o. F	25-29 y.o. F
0-6 months				
6-12 months				
12-24 months				
25+ months				

AGYW_PREV Reporting

- **Data Source(s):** Requires **layering tracking system** & **unique identifier** to track individual-level completion of services by AGYW across partners
  - Ex: DREAMS passports, unique IDs, DHIS2 database
  - Best practice: One M&E partner responsible for coordinating tracking of layering in collaboration with all IPs

- **How to Calculate Annual Totals:** Reported as a **snapshot** of each AGYW's layering status since becoming a DREAMS beneficiary until the end of the Q4 reporting period.

- **Key considerations for reporting**:
  - AGYW must be an **active DREAMS beneficiary** to count under AGYW_PREV.
  - Services are only counted towards layering status upon **completion of the service** (as defined by each OU).
  - Because layering happens across partners and time, this indicator is **inputted into DATIM by USG, NOT individual partners.**

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DREAMS Program Completion Continuum & AGYW_PREV

Enrollment

Monitoring

Program Completion

AGYW identified, screened, asked to enroll in DREAMS

AGYW refuses enrollment

AGYW starts first DREAMS service = DREAMS Beneficiary

AGYW completes full primary package of services

AGYW enrolled in DREAMS

AGYW completes at least one DREAMS service

AGYW completes additional secondary service(s)

If active, eligible to count in AGYW_PREV **numerator**

If active, eligible to count in AGYW_PREV **denominator**

DREAMS and OVC reporting overlap among 10-17 year old females *by program enrollment*

Program enrollment	OVC services	DREAMS services	Count under OVC_SERV	Count under AGYW_PREV
OVC*	Must meet OVC program requirements	N/A	✓	
OVC* and DREAMS	Must meet OVC program requirements	Must meet DREAMS program requirements; Layered interventions	✓	✓
DREAMS only	Qualifying eligible individual DREAMS service that is also an OVC service, e.g. education subsidy	Must meet DREAMS program requirements; Layered interventions	✓ Count as "active" in reporting period when they complete eligible service(s)	✓
DREAMS only	N/A	Must meet DREAMS program requirements; Layered interventions		✓

* OVC program enrollment refers to enrollment in the comprehensive OVC program

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What Counts?

- <u>Approved Interventions</u>: Families Matter Program, Sinovuyo Teen, Coaching Boys into Men, IMPower, Stepping Stones
    - All other curricula must be approved by S/GAC and relevant agency HQ, and must include the three S/GAC evidence-informed modules.
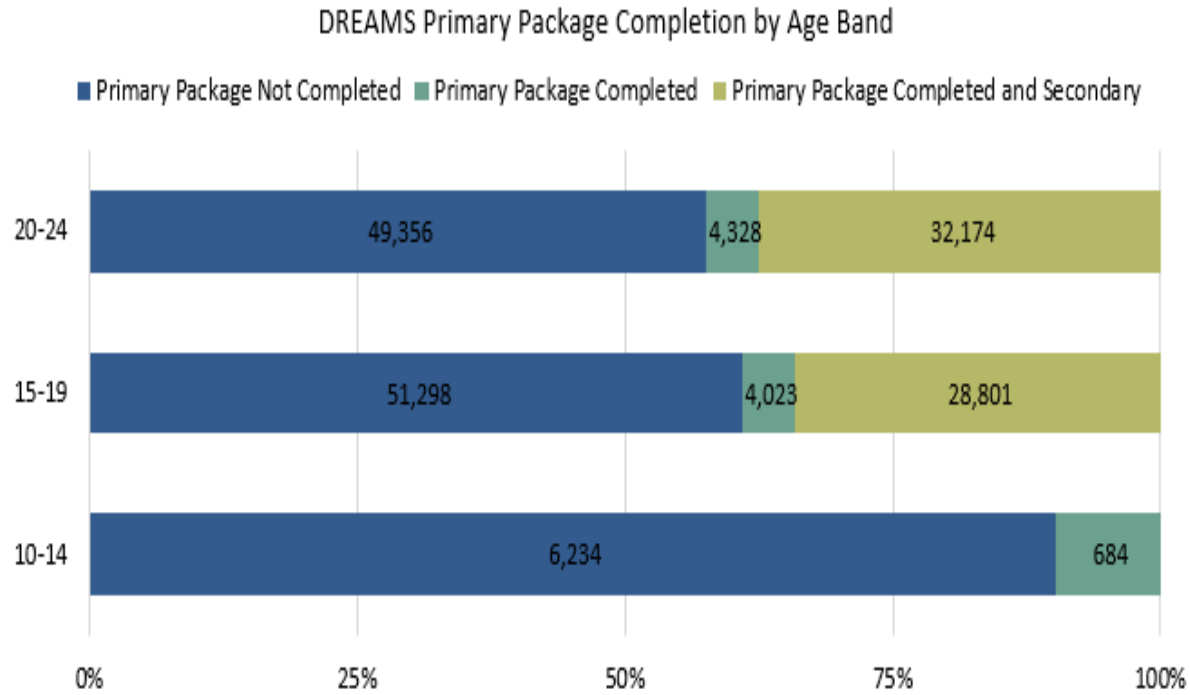
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Reporting approved primary prevention interventions for 9-14 year olds

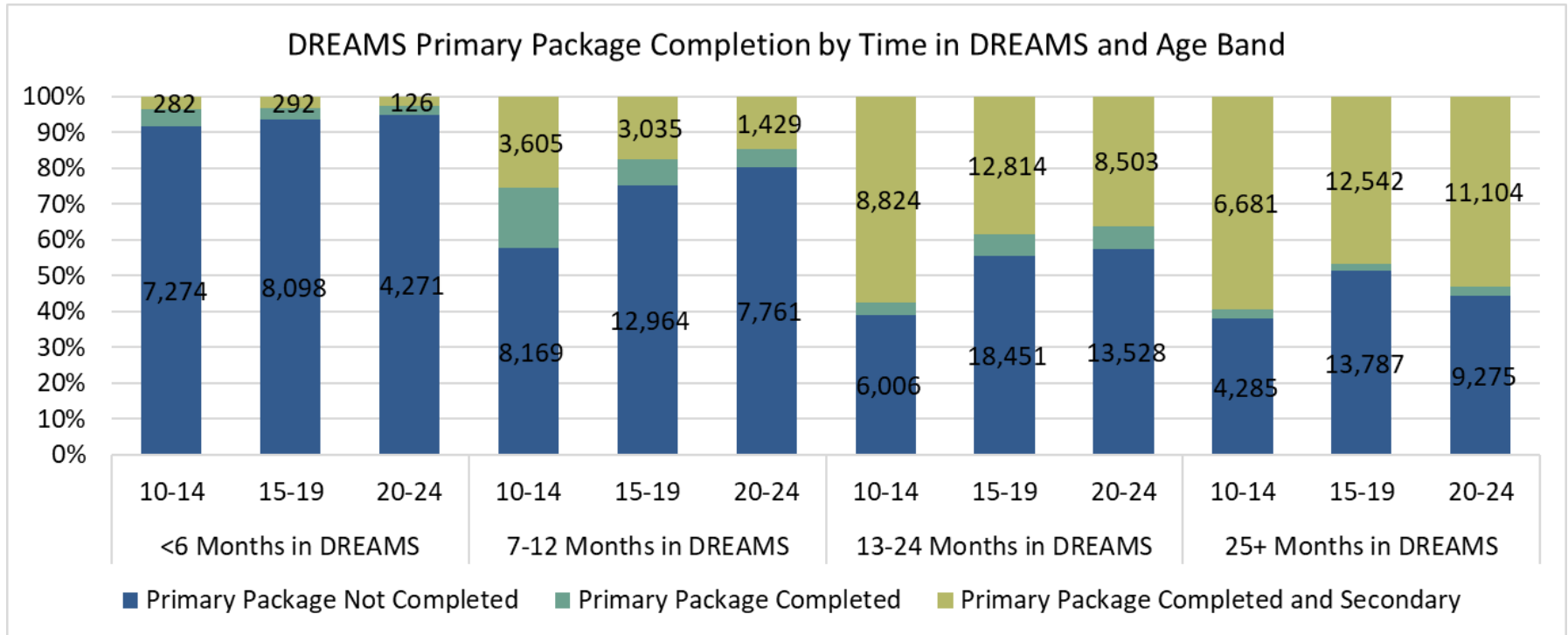| Beneficiary	Indicator	Requirements
Child (9-14) enrolled in comprehensive OVC program	OVC_SERV	• Approved primary prevention intervention counts as eligible service in the quarter when intervention is completed • Child must meet OVC_SERV requirements (quarterly services, case management, graduation benchmarks)
Active DREAMS beneficiary (9-14)	AGYW_PREV & OVC_SERV	• Approved primary prevention intervention counts towards AGYW's layering status once completed; also report in Violence Prevention disag • Can also count completion of the primary prevention intervention under OVC_SERV (requirements depend on OVC enrollment status) • **If serving 9 year olds in DREAMS, note the number in the AGYW_PREV narrative.** 9 year olds are not included in the AGYW_PREV numerator.
Child (9-14) receiving primary prevention intervention, but NOT enrolled in DREAMS or comprehensive OVC program	OVC_SERV	• Report as "active" in period when they complete approved intervention • Report as current age at time of intervention completion (5-9, 10-14) • Child is not required to have case plan or to be monitored using OVC graduation benchmarks • **Note in narrative how many children 5-9 and 10-14 are receiving only primary prevention interventions (i.e. are not formally enrolled in the OVC program)**

Data Use: Overall DREAMS Performance

DREAMS Primary Package Completion by Age Band

■ Primary Package Not Completed ■ Primary Package Completed ■ Primary Package Completed and Secondary

Age Band	Primary Package Not Completed	Primary Package Completed	Primary Package Completed and Secondary
20-24	49,356	4,328	32,174
15-19	51,298	4,023	28,801
10-14	6,234	684	

Analysis Questions:
- How many active DREAMS beneficiaries are in the DREAMS program?
- What proportion of active DREAMS beneficiaries have completed at least the primary package?
- Are there differences by age group?
- What interventions are most often missing for age bands with poor primary package completion rates?
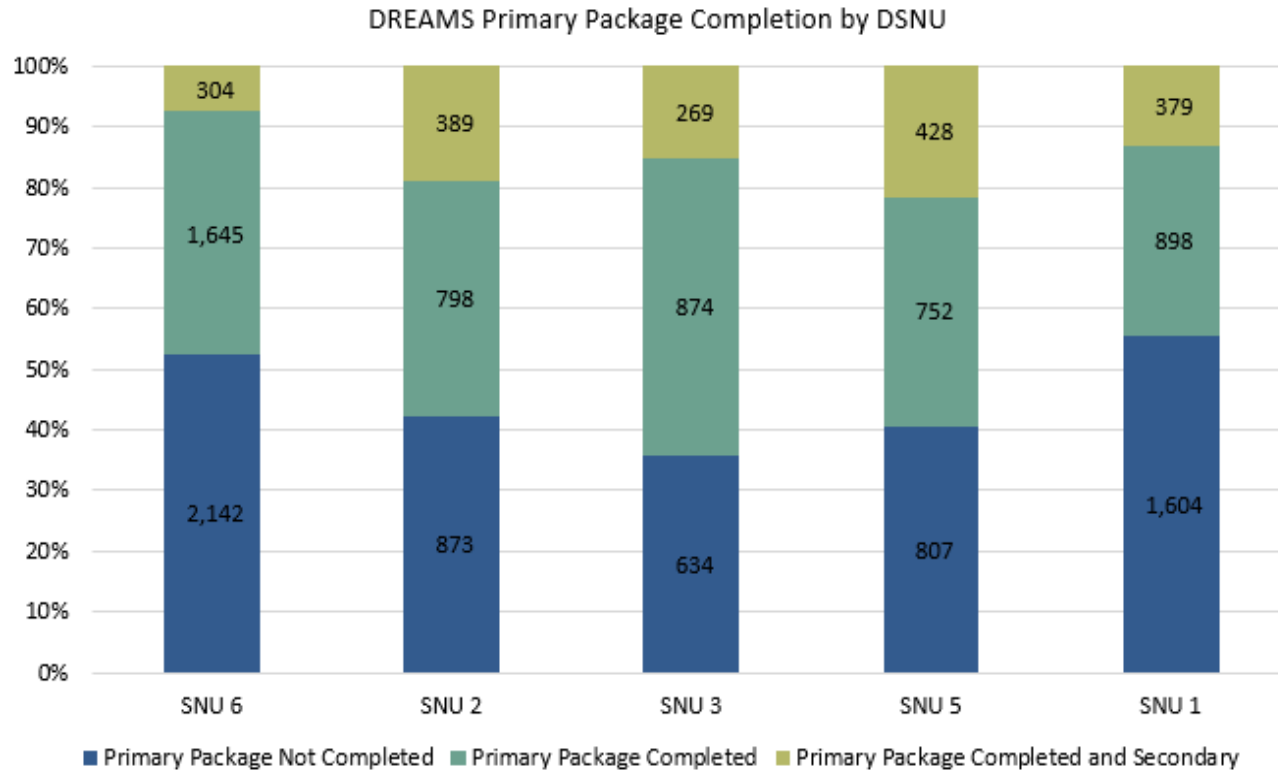
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Data Use: Layering Trends over Time in DREAMS

DREAMS Primary Package Completion by Time in DREAMS and Age Band

Analysis Questions:
- Do primary package completion rates increase with time in DREAMS?
- Have 90% of active DREAMS beneficiaries completed at least the primary package after being in DREAMS for 13+ months? If not, what are the challenges?

Data Use: Layering Trends by SNU

DREAMS Primary Package Completion by DSNU

	SNU 6	SNU 2	SNU 3	SNU 5	SNU 1
Primary Package Completed and Secondary	304	389	269	428	379
Primary Package Completed	1,645	798	874	752	898
Primary Package Not Completed	2,142	873	634	807	1,604

■ Primary Package Not Completed ■ Primary Package Completed ■ Primary Package Completed and Secondary

Analysis Questions:

- Do primary package completion rates (overall and by age) differ between DREAMS SNUs?
- What lessons can be translated from higher performing SNUs to lower performing SNUs?

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Section 4:

Overview of guiding narrative questions

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Narrative Overview

- Two sets of DREAMS narrative questions:
  1. AGYW_PREV guiding narrative questions
  2. General DREAMS narrative questions

- Each OU PEPFAR team should submit one narrative response, based on input from all agencies and implementing partners.
  - This should not be just a compilation of responses from IPs, but instead a thoughtful response reflecting the interagency USG team's response on their DREAMS performance.

- Both sets of narratives entered in DATIM on the Host Country Results: Narratives (USG) form on the DREAMS tab.

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AGYW_PREV Guiding Narrative Questions

1. Describe your OU's approach to measuring layering and reporting on this indicator (e.g. unique identifiers, tracking individuals, analysis of coverage in small geographic areas).

2. What challenges and/or data quality issues did you face in reporting on AGYW_PREV?

3. Describe your OU's approach to ensuring that partners are layering services and interventions for AGYW enrolled in DREAMS, including ensuring that active linkages have been established between clinical and community-based platforms. How have you used the data for this indicator to inform your programming?

4. What are the challenges with implementing layering (i.e. AGYW subgroups who have difficulty participating in services/interventions, partners that have trouble with linking to services, etc.)? If there are gaps in DREAMS layering, which particular services (by age group) are the most challenging for AGYW to complete?

5. AGYW_PREV only captures active DREAMS beneficiaries. Does your OU have a large number of inactive DREAMS beneficiaries (i.e. AGYW who are enrolled in DREAMS and at one point completed or started a service, but not within the reporting period)? What are the reasons why AGYW are not active in DREAMS? What is being done to reengage these AGYW into the DREAMS program?

6. Please report the number of nine year olds that are active DREAMS beneficiaries in your OU at the time of reporting (if any)?

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General DREAMS Narrative Questions

These questions refer to the [DREAMS Program Completion and Saturation Document](.).

1. Describe your process for determining the DREAMS program completion status of each DREAMS beneficiary. How many DREAMS beneficiaries have reached program completion (cumulatively and in the reporting period)? How often are AGYW monitored to record program completion progress?

2. Describe your process for determining saturation within each DREAMS SNU. What data sources are you using to estimate the DREAMS saturation denominator for each age group? What is the saturation status of each current DREAMS SNU?

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Section 5:

Data quality considerations for reporting and analysis

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Data Quality Check:

Denominator must be GREATER than Numerator

- # AGYW that have started or completed any DREAMS service in the reporting period is always greater than # AGYW that have at least completed the primary package

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Section 6:
Additional Resources and Acknowledgments

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Additional Resources

- [DREAMS Tools & Guiding Documents](#), including:
  - Current DREAMS Guidance
  - DREAMS Program Completion & Saturation Document
  - DREAMS Efficiency Questions
- MER 2.4 Guidance
- OVC MER 2.4 Training Video

- Questions on setting up or improving your DREAMS Layering System?
  - Consider reaching out to PEPFAR Kenya, Mozambique, Uganda, or Zimbabwe for south-to-south learning.

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