METS WATCH

Roll-out of 'UgandaEMR Mobile' Application to TASO Supported Facilities



Participants from TASO Mbarara during the training

UgandaEMR is currently operational at over 1900 ART facilities countrywide and facilitates HIV /AIDS data capture at various service delivery points at the health facility either in real-time or retrospectively.

Between 16th and 20th January 2023, METS embarked on supporting the rollout of the UgandaEMR Mobile App to several TASO-supported health facilities in the districts of Gulu, Mbarara, and Masaka.

The 'UgandaEMR Mobile' is an innovation

that was developed as an extension of a facility-based electronic medical records (EMR) system and supports community outreach services including 'Back to Care 'and 'Community Drug Distribution' through community pharmacies.

To decongest health facilities and take services closer to the community, facilities are providing outreach programs such as HIV testing, antiretroviral (ARV) and anti-TB drug distribution among others. This created a need for innovations to capture data at these remote service points.

To support the rollout of the Uganda EMR Mobile, METS supported upgrading of Uganda EMR to the most recent version, 3.3.9 and oriented TASO-supported facility staff in the use of the App especially on how to enter and generate data.

It is expected that these facilities will now ably capture data for services provided in the communities, especially in hardto-reach areas, while decongesting the health centers.