Uganda has made significant progress in reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV, cutting the number of new infections from about 25,500 in 2010 to about 3,500 in 2015. The country’s implementation of the World Health Organization prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) Option B+ strategy, which aims to provide antiretroviral therapy (ART) to all HIV-positive pregnant women for life, has contributed to the success. Most women are now tested for HIV in antenatal care and are encouraged to initiate ART if they are infected. However, keeping women and their children in care throughout their pregnancy and until the child is 18 months old remains a challenge.

HealthEnabled and the Knowledge for Health Project (K4Health) are partnering with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Ministry of Health in Uganda to address these challenges using practical digital health solutions. After a thorough technology assessment process, in which the team met with key in-country stakeholders and conducted a literature review to understand the PMTCT and digital health landscapes, stakeholders participated in a prioritization workshop to review the assessment findings and identify the most appropriate solutions.

Through these activities, the Faster to Zero initiative will contribute to the development of a national digital health strategy for the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (EMTCT) and strengthen the local capacity to design, implement, and evaluate digital health solutions in line with national standards and priorities.

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