

Zimbabwe Country Updates

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Country Background

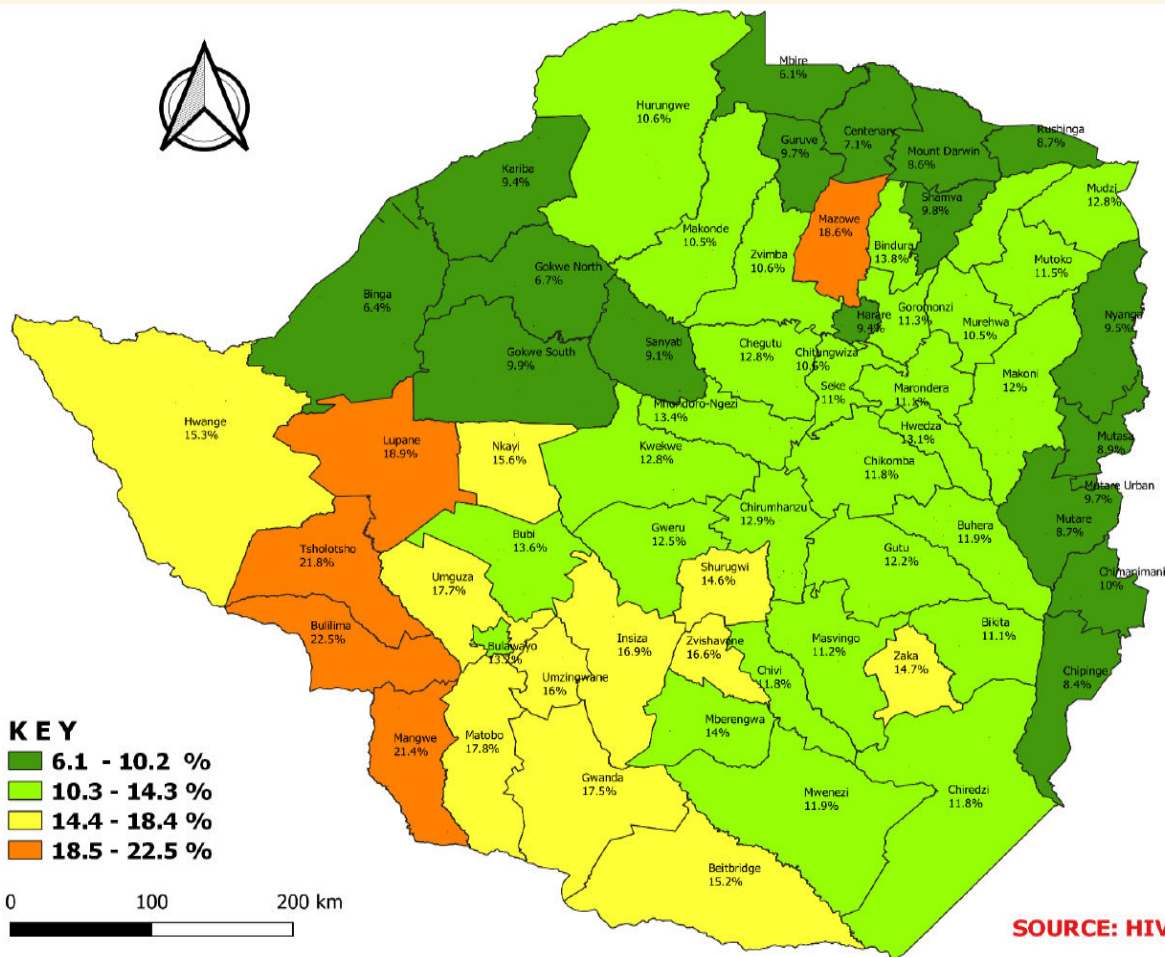
Progress Towards the 95:95:95 and Epidemic Context

Indicator	Female	Male	National Average
1 st 95	98%	96%	96%
2 nd 95	98%	97%	99%
3 rd 95	96%	95%	96%
HIV prevalence	11.2%	9.8%	10.5%
HIV incidence	1.4%	0.9%	1.2%

Sub-population	HIV Prevalence
MSM	22.5%
Transgender	26.5%
FSW	16.9%

Data Source: 2023 HIV Estimates

Zimbabwe HIV Prevalence, 2023



Country Background

Testing Volume and Approach Disaggregated by age and sub-population

Age Disaggregation	HIV Testing Volume	%
Children (0-14 years)	10,0961	6%
Adolescents (15-19 years)	24,6917	15%
Young People (20-24 years)	38,4511	24%
Adults (25+ years)	897,731	55%
Total	1,630,120	100%

- *DHIS2 does not report HTS data by entry point because the thrust was to reduce the number of indicators to be reported monthly*

Testing Approach	HIV Testing Volume	%
Facility-Based (PITC/CITC)	1,531,376	94%
Community-based (outreach)	98,744	6%
Total	1,630,120	100%

Sub-population	HIV Testing Volume	%
MSM	22,183	22%
Transgender	2,966	3%
FSW	76,995	75%
Total	102,144	100%

Source: DHIS2 Program Data, April 2023-March 2024

Progress on implementing 2023 action plans: 3-4 activities where progress was achieved

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
Linkage to prevention and other services	The Ministry developed clear guidance on intensifying linkage to prevention and developed a job aid to assist health care workers in operationalizing the guidance	Completed
Coordination	The HTS TWG Terms of Reference was developed, reviewed and approved by members of the TWG	Completed
Community Engagement	The Ministry continues to build platforms of engagement. It has ensured that community representatives are present within the TWG and the CQUIN CMM self-staging process informs QI initiatives	Completed
Financial Resource Allocation	The Annual HIV Prevention Resource mapping led by the MoHCC provides a transparent overview towards resources available in HTS and other prevention programs	Completed

Progress on implementing 2023 action plans: 2-3 activities where progress/implementation has delayed

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons for implementation delay	Plans for remediation
EQA/IQC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomedical Research Training Institute (BRTI) and Zimbabwe National Quality Assurance Program (ZINQAP) partners have been tasked by the TWG to work together to ensure alignment of External Quality Assurance (EQA) cycles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges in alignment of External Quality Assurance (EQA) cycles Timely delivery of data showcasing national picture 	HTS Technical Working Group (TWG) monitoring EQA cycles conducted by BRTI and ZINQAP
Private sector engagement/oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework has been developed across the National AIDS Council and the Ministry to guide future partnerships. The Ministry and its various stakeholders continue to collaborate on building effective and suitable PPP models that ensure impact within the program. 	The development of the Framework was crucial to ensure clear guidance and objectives of Private Public Partnership (PPP)	Once validation of the framework has been achieved, further exploration into PPP opportunities will be discussed across stakeholders

Zimbabwe 2024 dHTS CMM Results

Policy: Strategic Model Mix				
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing				
Policy: Linkage				
Finance/Resource Allocation				
Scale-up Plan		Population Coverage		Private Sector Engagement
Community Engagement	M&E	SOPs	Linkage to Prevention	Impact: Knowledge of Status
Coordination	Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	dHTS Training	Proficiency Testing	Impact: Linkage to Tx
Linkage to Tx: Verification	EQA/IQC	Procurement/Supply Chain	Clinical Services	Impact: Linkage to Prevention
Most mature domains		Least mature domains		

Domain Summary

8/22 Dark Green	3/22 Light Green	3/22 Yellow	4/22 Orange	4/22 Red
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Zimbabwe dHTS CMM results – 2023 vs 2024

Zimbabwe		
	2023	2024
Policy: Strategic Model Mix	Green	Green
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing	Green	Green
Policy: Linkage	Light Green	Green
Finance/Resource Allocation	Light Green	Green
SOPs	Green	Yellow
Scale-up Plan	Green	Green
Community Engagement	Light Green	Green
Private Sector Engagement	Red	Red
Coordination	Yellow	Green
dHTS Training	Green	Yellow
M&E	Green	Light Green
Procurement/Supply Chain	Light Green	Yellow
Population Coverage	Red	Orange
Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	Green	Light Green
Linkage to Tx: Verification	Green	Green
Linkage to Prevention	Orange	Orange
EQA/IQC	Orange	Light Green
Proficiency Testing	Yellow	Orange
Clinical Services	Orange	Orange
Impact: Knowledge of Status	Red	Red
Impact: Linkage to Tx	Red	Red
Impact: Linkage to Prevention	Red	Red

Positive Shift [upgrade in the staging]

- **Policy: Linkage:** Development of the guidance on intensifying linkage to Prevention
- **Finance/Resource Allocation:** Established quantification and target-setting processes supported by resource mapping and program data
- **Community Engagement:** Community representation within various areas of dHTS implementation including but not limited to the TWGs
- **Coordination:** The development and validation of the HTS TWG ToR
- **Population Coverage:** Country has data on most population groups and achieved coverage rating of between 55-75%
- **EQA/IQC:** Country achieved a score of 80-90% in most sites. Previously data was unavailable

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Impact: Linkage to Prevention	Red	Red

Negative Shift [downgrade in the domains]:

- **SOPs:** Unavailability of data for sites that received SOPs
- **dHTS Training:** Unavailability of training coverage targets
- **M&E:** Limited evidence to show data use at the sub-national level
- **Procurement/Supply Chain:** No registration/regulatory pathway for new products in testing
- **Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage:** Coverage achieved was not above 95% for the previous period
- **Proficiency testing:** Lack of actual certificates for proficiency testing, however, it is being conducted.

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Stagnation in the red, orange or yellow staging:

- **Private Sector Engagement:** Lack of private sector coverage targets
- **Linkage to Prevention:** The country is yet to collect data on the proportion of people testing negative and at high risk of HIV who are linked to prevention services
- **Clinical Services:** Unavailability of Service Quality Assessment data due to introducing a new assessment tool to inform programming.
- **Impact Domains:** Unavailability of data for one or more population groups across all three impact domains

Key Lessons Learned Over The Past Year – Barriers and Facilitators

Barriers/Challenges

- Inability to report by sub-population within the HMIS tools including the national DHIS2
- Utilization of cross-sectional data [as opposed to a longitudinal approach] brings challenges in building effective tracking systems

Facilitators

- Collaboration across all stakeholders fosters effective buy-in and quick resolution of challenges faced
- Being proactive towards addressing challenges fosters an environment that is active and not reactive in nature

Engagement with CQUIN and other stakeholders on dHTS

- **Country-to-country learning visits undertaken - South Sudan exchange visit to Zimbabwe**

Purpose:

- To learn on the community post models for differentiated testing service to increase access to services throughout the HIV cascade targeting key populations such as men and key and vulnerable populations (i.e. adolescent boys)

- **Country-to-Country visit organized by the WHO between Zimbabwe and Mozambique**

Purpose:

- Share experiences and promotion of best practices in the delivery of HIVST
- Understand linkage to treatment and prevention with a special focus on CAB-LA for key and vulnerable populations
- Provide an understanding of Zimbabwe's M&E tools for CAB-LA and HIVST for country adoption

Engagement with CQUIN and other Stakeholders on dHTS

Tools Developed:

- Developed guidance on linkage to HIV prevention for HIV ROC who test HIV negative but are at risk of infection
- HTS SOPs for children and adolescents and the development of animation video



Linkage To Post-Test Services Video (Ctrl+Click Image)

2025 dHTS CMM Priority Activities and Projected Scores

Domain	2024 score	2025 Projected Score	Planned actions
SOPs	Yellow	Green	Implementation of a tools tracker that encompasses M&E tools, SOPs and guidelines across HIV at the health facility level that filters into DHIS2. Providing an overview of tools availability and distribution at the sub-national level
dHTS Training	Yellow	Green	Monitoring of training coverage against forecasted targets
Linkage to Prevention	Orange	Green	National scale-up of linkage to prevention guidance and revised HMIS tools providing accurate reporting to clients linking to prevention services in health facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry has selected demonstration sites to support evidence generation to inform national scale-up of linkage to prevention

Cross-learning Topics Of Interest In 2024



Private sector engagement
and monitoring



Testing modalities for HIV
prevention (i.e. PrEP
monitoring using HIVST)



Caregiver-assisted testing
using HIVST for children 2-14
years (upcoming visit to
Nigeria)



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