

Lesotho Update

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Country Background

Country Context

	Female	Male	Total
• 1st 95	96%	93%	95%
• 2nd 95	97%	90%	94%
• 3rd 95	99%	98%	99%
• HIV prevalence (15+ Years)	24.5%	16.2%	20.3%
• HIV incidence 15+ Years)	0.56%	0.32%	0.44%

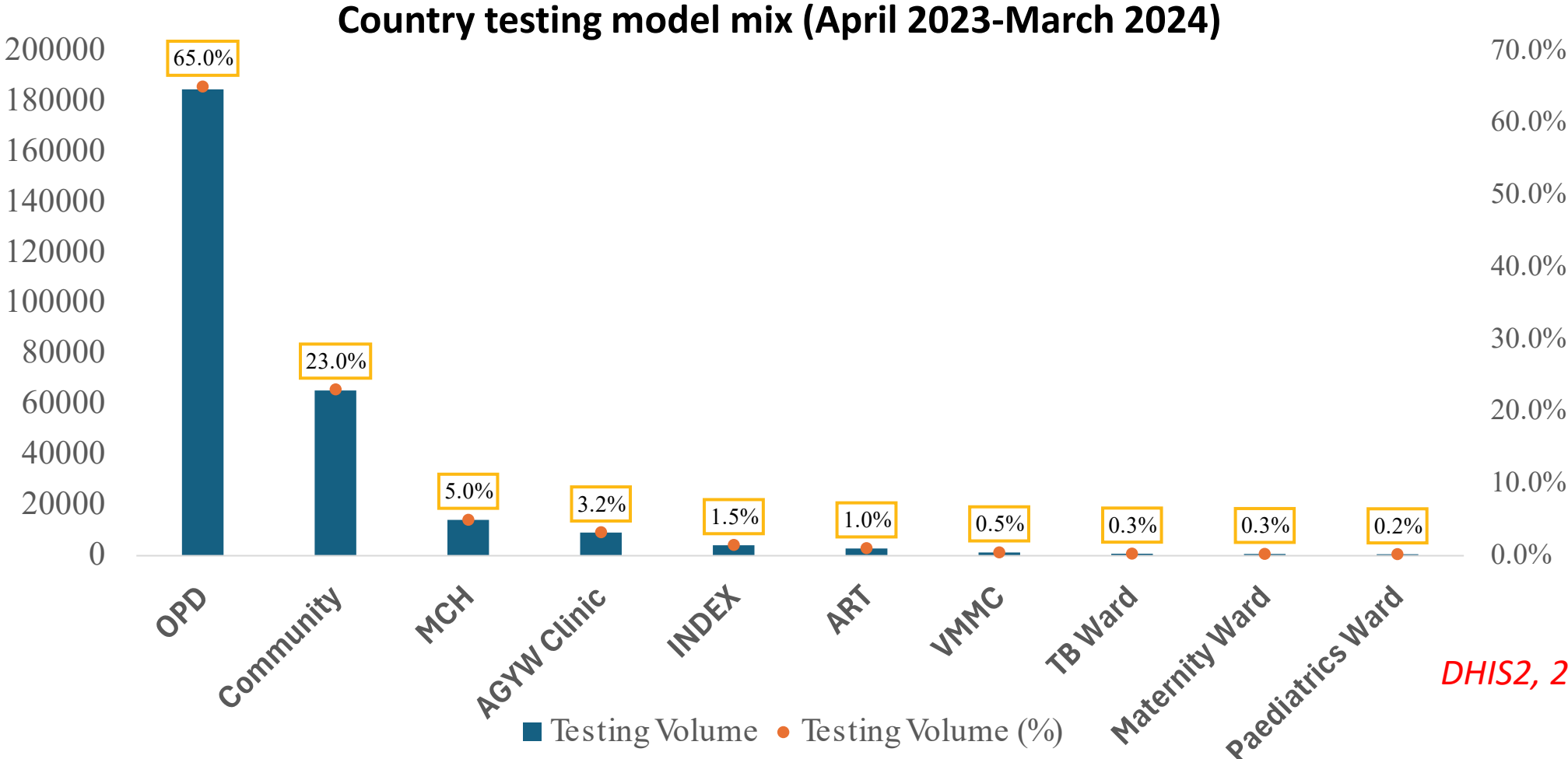
Spectrum, 2024

Priority sub-populations

Sub population	n	%
• AGYW	37847	78%
• MSM	4868	10%
• FWS	5486	11%
• TG	50	0%
• Total (N)	48251	100

FHI360, 2024 (PEPFAR & GFF)

65% of testing occurs at the OPD, but Lesotho has scaled up HTS at all service entry points



DHIS2, 2024

Progress on implementing 2023 action plans

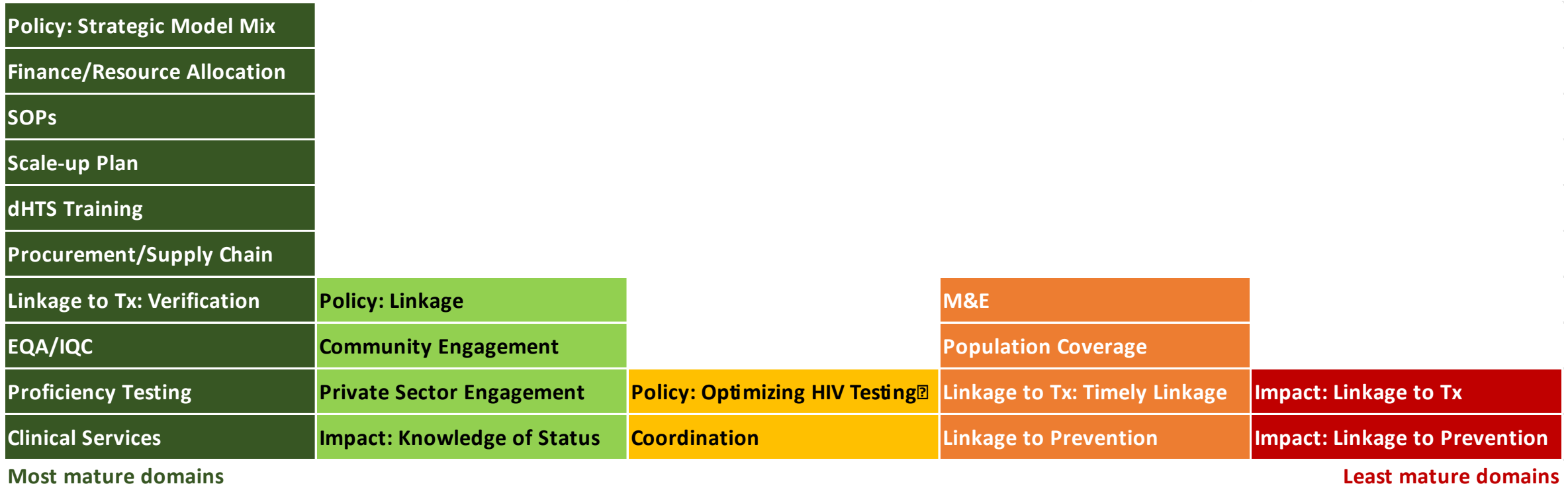
Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
Policies 1. Strategic model mix and decentralisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of the Health Sector strategic plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The health sector strategy was developed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conceptualize and develop a dHTS scale up plan to include SNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SNS TOT trainings conducted followed by step down trainings to the districts and facilities

Progress on implementing 2023 action plans

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons for implementation delay	Plans for remediation
Linkage to Rx 1: Timely Linkage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of HTS M&E tools (paper and electronic) to Include linkage to prevention Indicators (disaggregation of sub-populations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process underway post the finalization of the KP M&E framework 	Process underway, reprioritized in 2024 action plan
Linkage to prevention and other services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting the finalization of the KP M&E framework and finalization of the national health sector strategic plan However currently PrEP uptake is monitored 	Process underway, reprioritized in 2024 action plan

No activity was de-prioritized/dropped during implementation

2024 dHTS CMM Results



- Lesotho scored Dark Green in 10 domains, and Light Green in 4 domains.
- Less mature domains include the two linkage and two impact domains; in addition, M&E, population coverage, coordination, and policies on optimizing HIV testing, which have been prioritized in the 2024/2025 action plan

dHTS CMM results – 2023 vs 2024

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

Observations

- Improved in 7/21 domains such as financing, scale up plan, private sector engagement, supply chain, and linkage to Rx: verification
- Regression in the coordination domain from Light Green to Yellow caused by a reduction in the number of coordination meetings attended by community representatives
- Quality domains: EQA/IQC, Proficiency testing, Clinical testing were mature
- 2024 action planning will tackle linkage, M&E, and population coverage domains

Key lessons learned over the past year – facilitators and barriers

Facilitators

- 1. Strengthening the policy environment**
 - ❖ **Review of guiding documents:**
 - National health sector strategy
 - DHTS Guidelines review process underway
- 2. Stakeholder engagement**
 - ❖ **CQUIN for TA (physical and virtual)**
 - ❖ **PEPFAR, GF, etc. for TA and funding**

Barriers/Challenges

- 1. Lack of survey data to determine coverage for some KP segments**
 - ❖ **IBBS to include transgender and PWID populations**
- 2. M&E system not capturing all HTS indicators**
 - ❖ **DHIS2 upgrade is ongoing**
- 3. Ambitious action plans: Time did not permit to implement all prioritized actions**

Engagement with CQUIN and other stakeholders on dHTS

- **Country TA visit**
 - Included site visits with the MOH officers, and stakeholder engagement
- **Technical assistance received**
 - dHTS CMM staging, action plan implementation
 - Review/input of the National Health Sector Strategy
- **Meetings attended**
 - HTS meeting in Nairobi, March 2023
 - CQUIN annual meeting, November 2023
 - dHTS Community of Practice calls and CQUIN Webinars
- No tools shared during the year



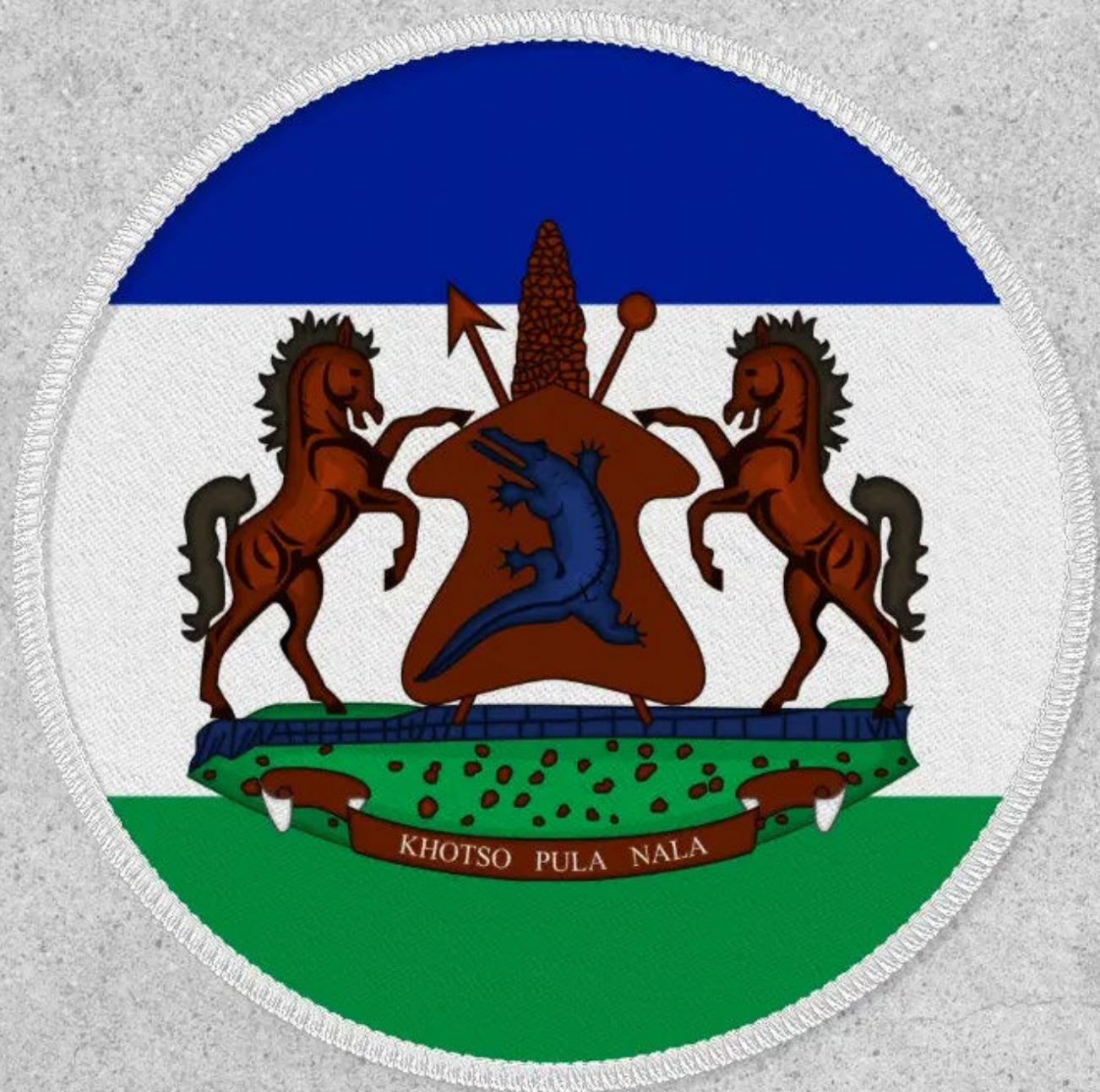
2025 dHTS CMM priority activities and projected scores

Domain	2024 score	2025 aspirational score	Planned actions
Population coverage			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of KP M&E indicators in the national M&E system
Linkage to Rx 1: Timely Linkage			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triangulate de-identified patient level data in the e-register
Linkage to prevention and other services			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale up Testing for prevention including defining a combination prevention package • Introduce use of HIVST for PrEP continuation (oral and ring)

Cross-learning topics of interest in 2024

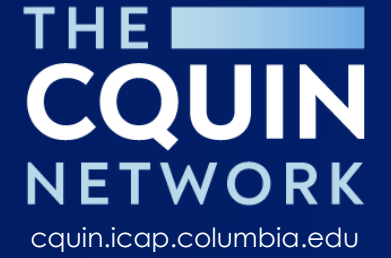
Linkages

- Best practices on use of Unique IDs in other countries
- Inter-country collaborations on following up migrant and mobile populations
- Re engagement of migrant patients through HTS



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