

Liberia Updates

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Outline

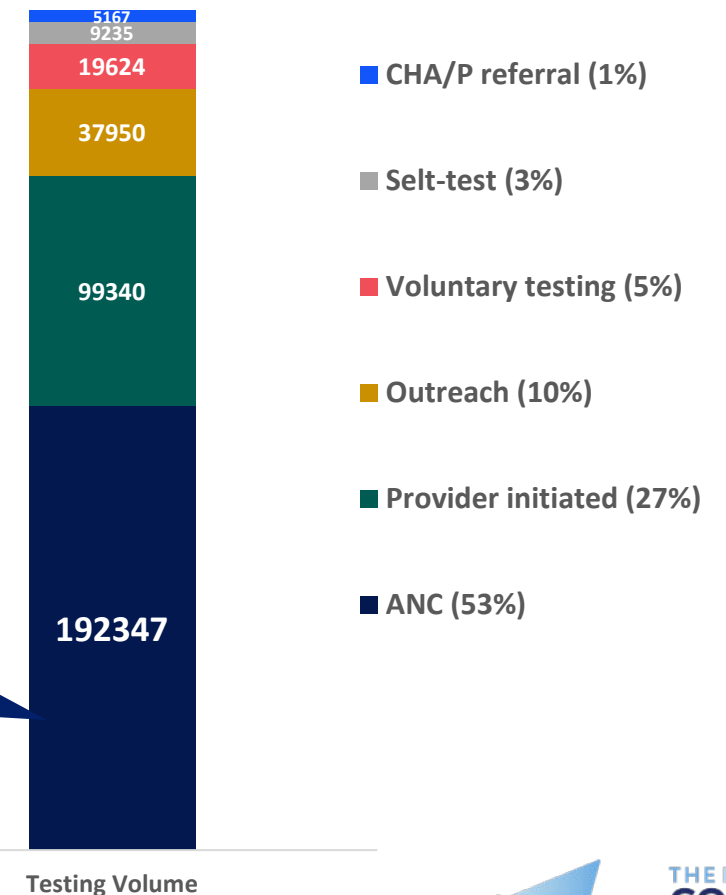
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Country background: HIV statistics and testing model mix

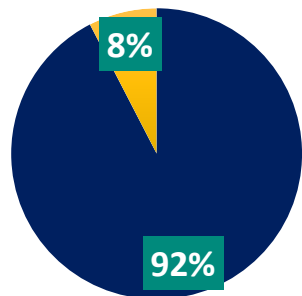
Country Context (UNAIDS Spectrum estimates 2024)

	Children(0-14)	Female(15+)	Male(15+)	All ages
• Estimated PLHIV	2799 (8%)	20106 (60%)	10863 (32%)	33,768
• 1 st 95	1,041 (37%)	17,491 (87%)	8,563 (79%)	27, 095 (80%)
• 2 nd 95	865 (31%)	17,257 (86%)	8,505 (73%)	26, 627 (98%)
• 3 rd 95	774 (28%)	16,402 (82%)	80,26 (74%)	25,202 (95%)
• HIV prevalence	-	1.20%	0.70%	0.90%
• HIV incidence	-	-	-	0.15%

Testing model mix (April 2023-March 2024, HMIS)



AGYW are highly prioritized among other populations



■ AGYW (n=41,978)

■ Vulnerable Pop (3,449)

ANC accounted for 53% of the testing volume

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

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
Linkage to prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimize linkage of HIV negative people to prevention services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ledgers updated to include linkage to preventive services
Linkage to Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting one stop shop for HIV services at community level: Test, Link, and Treat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a ledger to capture linkage to treatment in the national HMIS
Population coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale up HIV testing for KP and PPS (Long-distance transport workers, uniformed personal, hotspot testing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the dHTS guideline and updated the Algorithms

Activities where progress/implementation has delayed

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons for implementation delay	Plans for remediation
Implementation and scale up plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validate dHTS guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting validation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby funding to validate the guidelines
dHTS Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop dHTS curriculum and material for training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delayed guideline validation means the curriculum could not be developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guideline validation will allow us to develop the curriculum

Activities that were de-prioritized/dropped

Domain	Activities Initially Prioritized	Reasons for de-prioritization
Population coverage	Prioritize testing Penpen /Keke riders (bikes and tricycles) riders	Currently not budgeted under GF (the Global Fund)
Knowledge of HIV status	Use the secondary and tertiary school health clubs for mobilization	These are no priority activities for our partners

2024 dHTS CMM Results

Policy: Strategic Model Mix				
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing ²				
SOPs			Scale-up Plan	Finance/Resource Allocation
Community Engagement			Private Sector Engagement	Linkage to Prevention
Coordination	Policy: Linkage		M&E	Clinical Services
dHTS Training	Linkage to Tx: Verification	Linkage to Tx: Timely Linkage	Population Coverage	Impact: Knowledge of Status
Procurement/Supply Chain	Proficiency Testing	Impact: Linkage to Tx	EQA/IQC	Impact: Linkage to Prevention
Most mature domains			Least mature domains	

Observation:

- Results reflect the true picture on ground as of time of staging
- Progress has been made in a number of areas since last staging
 - Funding constraints hinder timely implementation of action plans

dHTS CMM results – 2023 vs 2024

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

Observations

- Improved in 6/21 domains
- Regressed in 8/21 domains was due:
 - *Revision of national HTS guidelines*
 - *Better understanding of the staging criteria*
- 2024/2025 implementation will focus on the identified gaps

Key lessons learned over the past year – facilitators and barriers

Facilitators

- Collaboration between National program and USAID partners have led to achievement beyond expectation

Barriers/Challenges

- Lack of funding for national program from Global fund impedes planning and implementation
- Poor staff morale due to delayed payments of salaries and allowances
- Supply chain interruptions

Engagement with CQUIN and other stakeholders on dHTS

Technical assistance received

- Technical support from CQUIN has help us to update our guideline, algorithms for all population

Meetings attended

- CQUIN's financial support for our staging was very valuable in the phase of lack of funding for NACP
- Attended annual meeting in November 2023, plus several Virtual dHTS calls

• Tools

- The national program have incorporated the 4D strategy from Malawi into our guidelines to support adherence

• DPR

- First DPR conducted in March 2024 included HIV testing indicators
- Was fully supported by ICAP/CQUIN and help with the training of data collectors and data analysis after the survey.
- The Dissemination for the results with stakeholders is schedule for June 26 & 27,2024

2025 dHTS CMM priority activities and projected scores

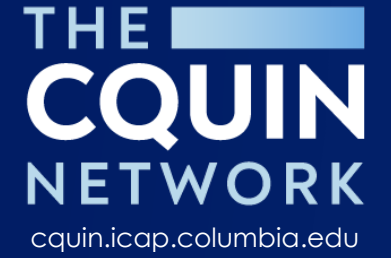
Domain	2024 score	2025 Aspirational score	Planned actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality 1: EQA/IQC 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate EQA/IQC with onsite data verification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkage to prevention 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale up recording and reporting of Linkage to prevention data
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality 3: Clinical services 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate clinical quality assessment with onsite data verification

Cross-learning topics of interest in 2024

- Hepatitis response (testing, triple elimination, vaccination and treatment)
- Dealing with traditional and religious leaders in responding to testing and lost to follow up
- HIV services in workplace (mines)

Acknowledgements

- **FHI360:**
 - Developing tools and updating of guidelines and ledgers and e-tracker for services delivery which include dHTS and our community data collection tools
- **CQUIN**
 - Technical Support
 - Financial support for staging meetings
 - Sharing of tools and resources
 - Supporting DPR
- **ROC**
 - Being always part of the response



Thank You!

