

South Africa Country Updates

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Country Background

	Female	Male	Total
1st 95	96%	95%	95%
2nd 95	84%	80%	79%
3rd 95	94%	94%	94%
HIV prevalence	3.8%	2.4%	2.96%
HIV incidence	2.1%	0.18%	0.1%

**Priority sub-populations: Data not available

Country testing model mix (April 2023-March 2024)

Testing Approach	Testing Volume	Testing %
Antenatal 1 st visit	737 548	3.97%
Antenatal re-test	1 955 092	10.5%
Chronic	1 731 140	9.3%
Children (5 – 14 year) exc ANC	839 476	4.5%
18 months (EPI & IMCI)	364 706	1.96%
19 months – 4 years	137 791	0.74%
25 – 59 months (TB)	195 788	1.0%
VMMC	365 050	1.96%
TB Clinic	1 162 848	6.2%
Family Planning	3 468 091	18.6%
Females	7 590 426	40.9%
Total	18 547 956	100%

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

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
Policy Optimizing HIV Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update guidelines • Train master trainers on the 3-test strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the 2016 HTS Policy • Revised the HIVST and Index Testing Services guidelines: • Trained 100 master trainers in the 9 provinces on the 3-test strategy
M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the HTS register • Develop the national HTS consent form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register updated to include KP indicators, Dual HIV Syphilis, Hepatitis B (for triple elimination) • Included referral for prevention services into the HTS register in line with the status-neutral approach • Included mental health screening in the HTS register and the HTS consent form for the integration of non- HIV services into the HTS register and consent form

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

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
Linkage to Rx: Verification	Update guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensured that the verification testing aspect is covered in the revised HTS policy and guidelines • Trained testers to ensure that verification testing is conducted prior to ART initiation
EQA/IQC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update QA guidelines • Enrol more facilities for IQC assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the QA guidelines that were last updated in 2009 • Trained testers on IQC • Enrolled more testers for PT

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

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons for implementation delay	Plans for remediation
Private Sector engagement	Engage with SANAC to ensure public and private sector engagement	Delay in the coordination meeting	Re-engage with SANAC to co-ordinate PPP
Linkage to prevention	Include indicators in the HTS register and DHIS2 for reporting number tested HIV negative and linked to prevention services	National Indicator Data Set (NIDS) are only updated every two years	Included the indicators for NIDS 2025 for DHIS2 inclusion
Linkage to treatment	Update data collection tools	Development of the tools	Ensure that the indicators are within NIDS 2025 for DHIS2 inclusion

South Africa 2024 dHTS CMM results

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

Most mature domains

Least mature domains

South Africa dHTS CMM results – 2023 vs 2024

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

Positive shifts:

- Optimizing HIV testing: Increased the services to different populations including the KPs
- Co-ordination between different stakeholders were prioritized
- Stock outs were monitored monthly to ensure all stock levels were maintained
- EQA/IQC: scaled up training for the testers

Negative shifts:

- Training was scaled down due to austerity measures within the MoH
- Timely linkage to treatment was not well documented
- No private sector engagement to scale-up the dHTS model in the private sector
- Linkage to prevention services: Not captured into the DHIS2. Indicators were not updated in the NIDS 2023. These will be included in 2025 though monitored at facility level through the HTS register

Engagement with CQUIN and other stakeholders on dHTS

- Country-to-country learning visits undertaken
 - Nigeria visited South Africa through a funder (Last Mile) to discuss the implementation of HIVSS in the country
- **Meetings attended**
 - M&E webinar to share best practices



2025 dHTS CMM priority activities and projected scores

Domain	2024 score	2025 Aspirational score	Planned actions
Knowledge of Status	Red	Green	Ensure that training for the testers is completed and that they are aware that each client who has been tested knows their status and that the database is completed
Linkage to Prevention (dHTS training)	Orange	Green	Scaling up on training to the testers to ensure that the status neutral approach is implemented nationally
Linkage to Prevention	Red	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that linkage of the HIV negative clients is recorded in the HTS register • Ensure that the indicators are included in the NIDS 2025/ DHIS

Cross-learning topics of interest in 2024

- Scale-up of HIV Self Screening (HIVSS) amongst children of consenting age
- Implementation of HIVSS amongst PrEP users
- Index testing services among children and AGYW, ABYW and key population
- Social network services among AGYW, ABYW and key population

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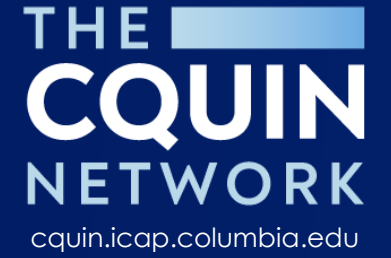
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