

Ethiopia Country Update

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Country Background-Ethiopia (Data source: Spectrum 2024)

Indicator	Female	Male	Total
1st 95 (all ages)	-	-	90%
Age 15+ Adults	91%	92%	92%
0-14 Children	-	-	66%
2nd 95 (all ages)	-	-	94%
Age 15+ Adults	95%	94%	95%
0-14 Children	-	-	72%
3rd 95 (all ages)	-	-	89%
Age 15+ Adults	89%	88%	89%
0-14 Children	-	-	81%
HIV prevalence among age 15-49 years(%)	0.9	0.5	0.7
Total PLHIV	-	-	610,000
HIV incidence among age 15-49 years(%)	-	-	0.011

PLHIV

- 15+ years age = 580,000
 - Female =370,000
 - Male =210,000
- Children 0-14 yrs =27,000

Country Background

**Priority sub-populations (This excludes testing for PMTCT and the general population-
Source :(April 2023-March 2024-DHIS2)**

Sub population	n	%
Female sex workers	178,182	14.4%
Prisoners	19,493	1.6%
Long distance drivers	28,611	2.3%
Mobile/Daily Laborers	212,422	17.1%
OVC of PLHIV	9,167	0.7%
Children of PLHIV	18,490	0.3%
Partners of PLHIV	30,197	2.4%
Other priority populations	742,071	59.9%
Total	1,238,633	100.0%

1. As indicated in the national strategic plan other priority pop. Includes :
Widowed/er, divorced or separated ,
High risk AGYW
2. The KPs listed above (FSW, Prisoner) are the identified KPs in the Ethiopian context (revised NSP) and PWID is included in the current NSP but waiting for Indicator revision time to include it in the HMIS disaggregation

Country Background (2)

Country testing model mix (April 2023-March 2024-DHIS2)

Testing Approach	Testing Volume	%
VCT	970,292	14%
PICT (including ICT and ANC)	5,902,953	86%
Total	6,873,245	100%

1. These are testing modalities that are included in DHIS2
2. ICT is also reported as part of PICT
3. HIV self-test is one of the modality to complement the conventional testing

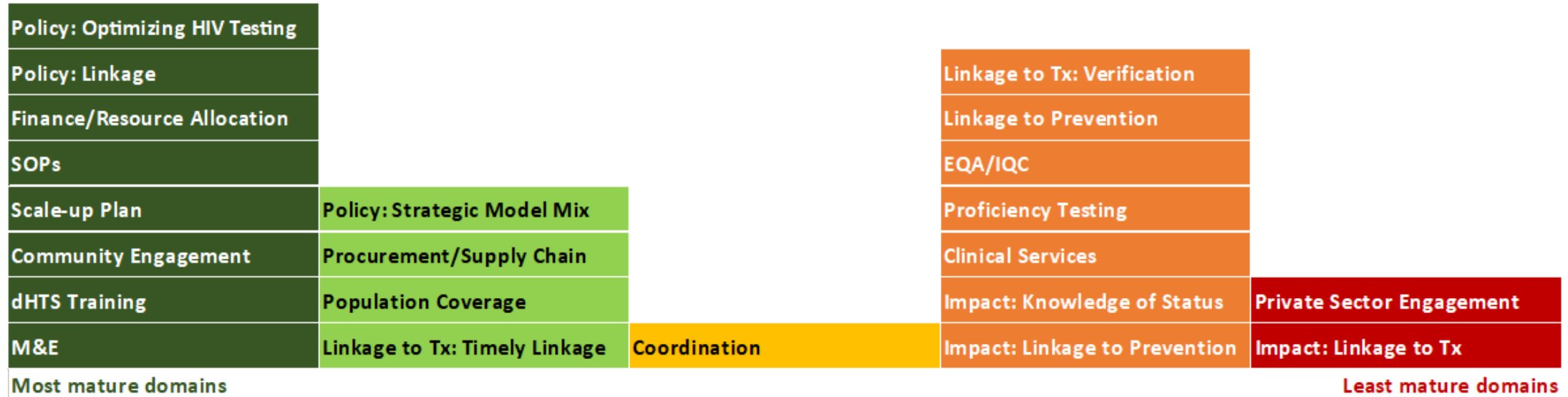
Progress on implementing 2023 action plans: 3-4 activities where progress was achieved

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
National dHTS implementation and scale up plan	Workshop conducted to update the dHTS scale up plan	Completed
Coordination	The national HTS TWG ToR revised involving all relevant community stakeholders eg. NEPWE, NEP+ and ASK-US	Completed
Meaningful engagement of community representatives	Disseminated tailored TV and radio messages for targeted populations	Completed
Monitoring and evaluation	Print and distribute HIV positive tracking register	On going

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

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons for implementation delay	Plans for remediation
Linkage to prevention and other services	Conduct sensitization workshop to standardize and regular monitoring of linkage to prevention services	Due to delay in integration of MRIS to DHIS-2	Follow and initiate ASAP
dHTS Training	Revise and endorse the national comprehensive HTS training material	The revision has been conducted waiting for approval	Follow for approval of the training material
Effective engagement and oversight of the private sector dHTS	Engagement of the private sector through joint planning, supervision and review meetings	Difficult to get the designated point of contact at the national level. However, we have involved the regional private sector focal people in all the activities	Lobby the higher officials to get in contact with the national POC

Ethiopia 2024 dHTS CMM Results



In 2024, Ethiopia achieved the most mature stage (dark green) in 8 (36%) domains, light green in 4 (18%), while 2 (9%) domains remained in the least mature (red) staging

Ethiopia dHTS CMM results – 2023 vs 2024

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

Observations

- Policy - Linkage and M&E progressed from light green to dark green staging
 - Linkage improved because prevention services are provided immediately after testing
 - For M&E, the availability of evidence to show data being used for decision-making, including target setting, RTK distribution and quantification, and procurement
- Community Engagement achieved dark green from red staging
 - It is a result of the revision of TOR for HTS TWG to include NEP+, ASK Us, and NNPWE
- Impact - Knowledge of status and linkage to prevention progressed from red to orange staging
- Moving forward, domains in the orange and red staging will be prioritized

Key lessons learned over the past year – facilitators and barriers

Facilitators:

- CMM staging identifies gaps, aiding effective action plans
- Evaluation of HTS success against key population, prevention, and treatment goals
- Revitalization of national HTS-TWG with relevant stakeholder involvement
- Donor support and local partner engagement in KPP testing
- Sharing of experiences among countries

Barriers:

- Limited financial and human resources to address gaps
- Difficulty engaging key stakeholders like the private sector
- Complex gaps needing coordinated approaches, with EQA/IC implemented in few sites;

Engagement with CQUIN and other stakeholders on dHTS

- **Technical assistance received**

Ethiopia received expert guidance and resources from CQUIN and other stakeholders to enhance dHTS.

- **Meetings attended (virtual and physical)**

Participated in several virtual and CoP meetings for learning exchange on dHTS initiative

- **Tools shared with CQUIN**

Care giver assisted HIVST (10) and SNS tools (2)

- ✓ SNS Network tracking register
- ✓ SNS Register
- ✓ Adverse event investigation form HIVST
- ✓ Communication guide with Children
- ✓ Demand creation HIVST Leaflet
- ✓ Feasibility and acceptability HIVST
- ✓ In advert disclosure tracking tool
- ✓ Revised HIV-ST 2-15 years Register
- ✓ Site support visit checklist HIVST 2-14 Yrs
- ✓ Social Harm IPV screening tool HIVST
- ✓ SOP HIVST Facility level
- ✓ Tracking tool for HIVST reactive children

Ethiopia 2025 dHTS CMM priority activities and projected scores

Domain	2024 score	2025 Aspirational score	Planned actions
Private sector engagement	Red	Light green	Engage private sector representatives in national HTS TWG

Cross-learning topics of interest in 2024

- Status neutral testing approach - country to country visit
- Community led monitoring - virtual meeting
- Linkage to prevention services especially for the monitoring tool - country to country visit

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- National HTS TWG members
- CSOs: NEP+, NNPWE, Ask Us



Thank You!

