

# Malawi Country Updates

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# Country Background: HIV Context and Testing Model Mix

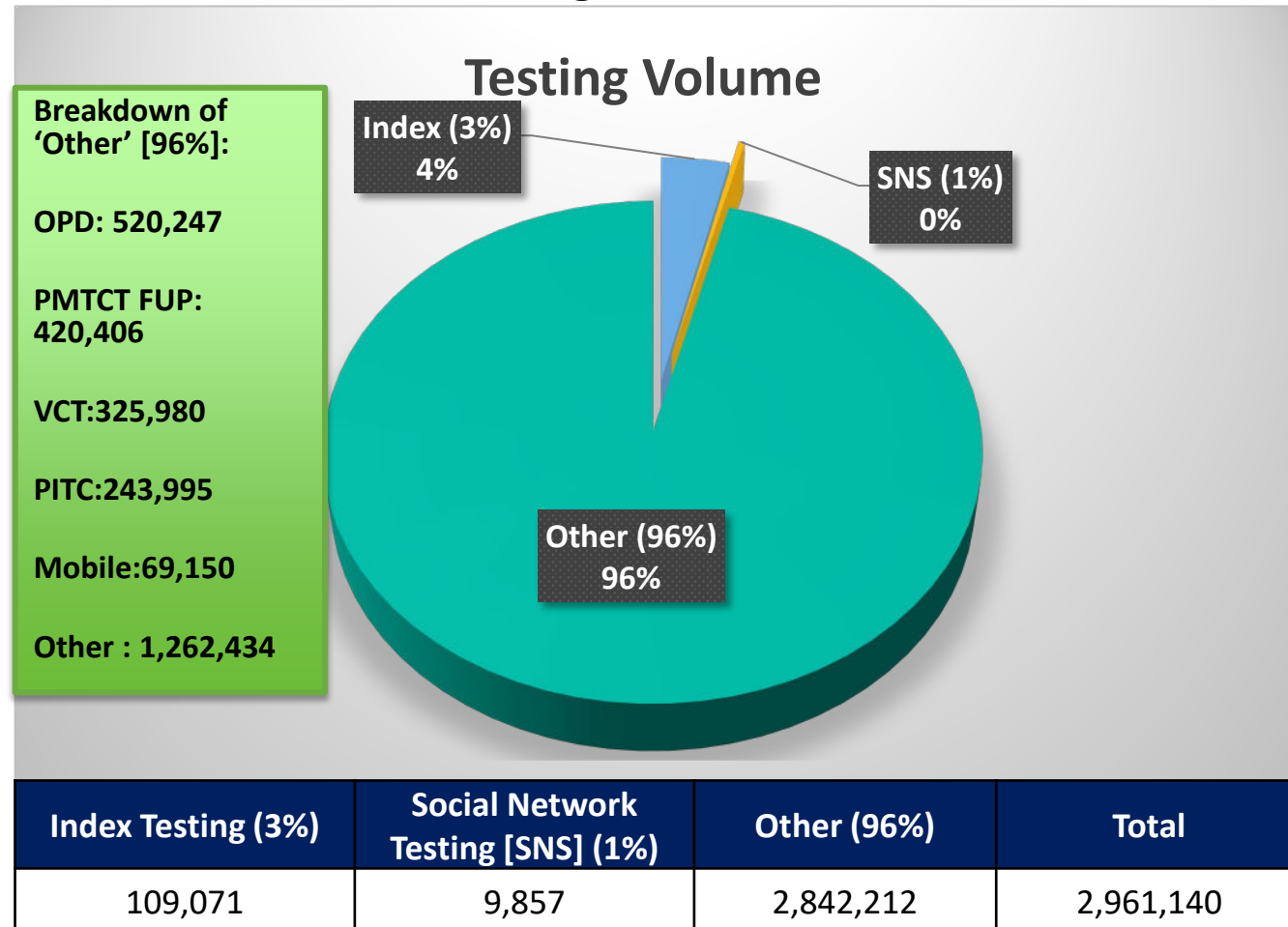
## Country Context [Data Source: Spectrum, 2023]

Indicator	Children [Age <15]	Female	Male	National Average
1 <sup>st</sup> 95	87%	97%	93%	95%
2 <sup>nd</sup> 95	83%	96%	95%	95%
3 <sup>rd</sup> 95	84%	96%	95%	95%
HIV Prevalence	-	9.2%	6%	7.7%
HIV Incidence	-	0.14	0.08	0.11

Sub-Population	n	%
Pediatric	93,008	3
STI Patients	127,343	4
Inpatients	78,513	3
ANC attendees	572,656	19
Other	2,089,620	71
<b>Total (N)</b>	<b>2,961,140</b>	<b>100</b>

Breakdown of 'Other' [71%]:  
 TB patients: 9,271  
 VMMC clients: 19,601  
 Other: 2,060,748

## Testing Model Mix



Data Source: HIV program data, April 2023-March 2024

# Progress On Implementing 2023 Action Plans: Activities Where Progress Was Achieved

Domain	Activity	Progress made by March 31, 2024
M&E	Train providers and deploy scan form for data collection	601 facilities (75 %) were activated
Procurement and supply chain management	Supply chain module available in in the dHTS guideline	Guidelines distributed to all activated sites -
Linkage to treatment 1: Timely Linkage	Training providers on the use of the linkage register to facilitate real time linkage data	Cumulatively, 4,000 frontline testing providers were oriented

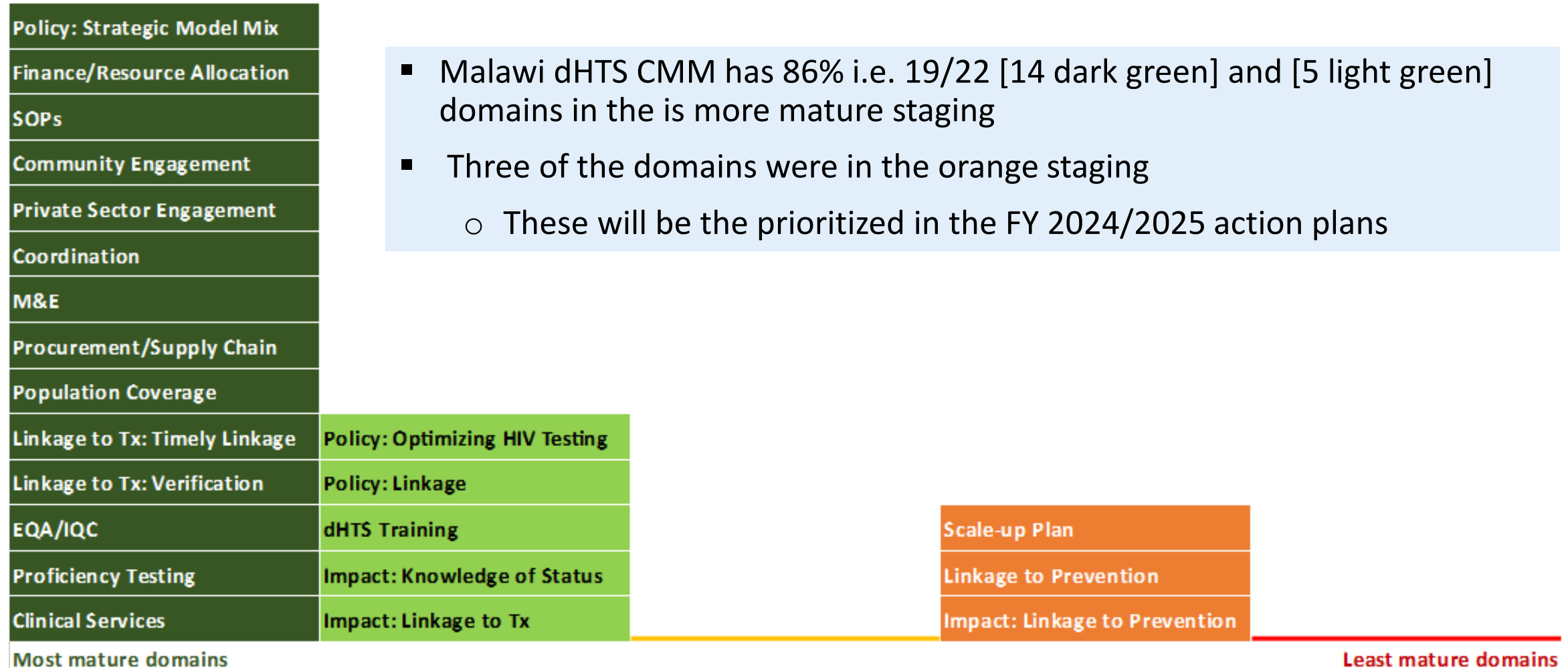
# Progress on Implementing 2023 Action Plans: Activities Where Progress/Implementation has Delayed

Domain	Activities Prioritized	Reasons for Implementation Delay	Plans for Remediation
Linkage to prevention and other services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train raining of providers in the updated M&amp;E tools</li> <li>• Create policy guidance on timing for linkage to prevention</li> </ul>	Delayed funding to conduct training sessions as scheduled	Conducting several sessions and seeking resources outside main sources
Implementation and scale up plan	Costing of the activities, presentation to MOH leadership for approval	Competing priorities	Conduct an <i>ad hoc</i> meeting to expedite finalization

# Progress on Implementing 2023 Action Plans: Activities De-prioritized/Dropped

Domain	Activities Initially Prioritized	Reasons for De-prioritization
Impact 3: Linkage to prevention	Lobby for developing M&E systems for all key and priority populations	Existing Laws do not favor detailed sub population reporting

# Malawi's 2024 dHTS CMM Results



- Malawi dHTS CMM has 86% i.e. 19/22 [14 dark green] and [5 light green] domains in the is more mature staging
- Three of the domains were in the orange staging
  - These will be the prioritized in the FY 2024/2025 action plans

# Malawi dHTS CMM Results – 2023 vs 2024

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

- Maintained 13 dark green and 1 light green staging
- Positive shifts [upgrade] in 5 domains:
  - Malawi now has procurement and supply chain SOP
  - More M&E indicators are reported including linkage indicators through scan-form
- Negative shifts [downgrade] in 3 domains:
  - Policy: Linkage from dark green to light green: Due to lack of timelines for linkage to prevention
  - Scale-up plan from dark green to orange: Implementation plan was not finalized and signed off by management according to plan
  - dHTS training from dark green to light green: Trainings and sites activation of the 3 - test algorithm and the use of scan-form technology was not finalized according to plan



# Key Lessons Learned over the Past Year – Barriers and Facilitators

## Barriers

- Declining funding for dHTS limits the scope of activity implementation
  - Trainings
  - Supportive supervision
  - 3-test algorithm
- Despite updating the M&E system, some dHTS indicators are difficult to report:
  - e.g. Testing and Prevention services are not always co-located, hence referrals are not tracked

## Facilitators

- Stakeholder engagement helped to mobilize resources for testing
- Deliberate monitoring of action plan implementation enabled timely interventions to accomplish the targets
- TA from local and global partners facilitated smooth implementation
- Update of dHTS guidelines and M&E systems improved coverage of implementation and quality of reporting

# Engagement with CQUIN and other Stakeholders on dHTS

- Malawi hosted Mozambique for country-to-country learning visit on Re-engagement in Care
- Technical assistance received:
  - Meetings to finalize the implementation plan
  - Budget support during staging meeting
  - Training of testing providers
  - PrEP guidelines and registers revised to scanform type
  - DSD Performance Review [DPR] preparations ongoing for FY 2024/25
  - dHTS guidelines development
- CQUIN meeting attended: Virtual CoP calls, webinars and CQUIN annual meeting
- Planned visit by Malawi team to Nigeria to learn implementation of care giver HIVST delivery to children



***Mozambique visit to Malawi,  
November 2023***

# Malawi 2025 dHTS CMM Priority Activities and Projected Scores

Domain	2024 score	2025 Aspirational score	Planned actions
Linkage to prevention and other services			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete training of providers in the updated M&amp;E tools</li> <li>▪ Create policy guidance on timing for linkage to prevention</li> </ul>
Impact 3: Linkage to prevention			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop M&amp;E systems for all key and priority populations</li> </ul>
Implementation and scale up plan			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Costing of the activities and have them presented to MOH leadership for approval</li> </ul>

# Learning Exchange Topics of Interest in 2024

- M&E for key populations
- Benchmarking other countries' HTS implementation and scale-up plans
- Linkage to prevention
- dHTS supply chain

# Acknowledgements

- Ministry of Health
- CSOs
- CHAI
- CDC
- USAID
- PEPFAR IPs and other non-PEPFAR IPs
- CHAM
- Uniformed forces; MPS, MDF, Prison
- Testing services coordinators from all 29 districts across the country
- CQUIN



# Thank You!

