

Lesotho Progress Updates

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Presentation Outline

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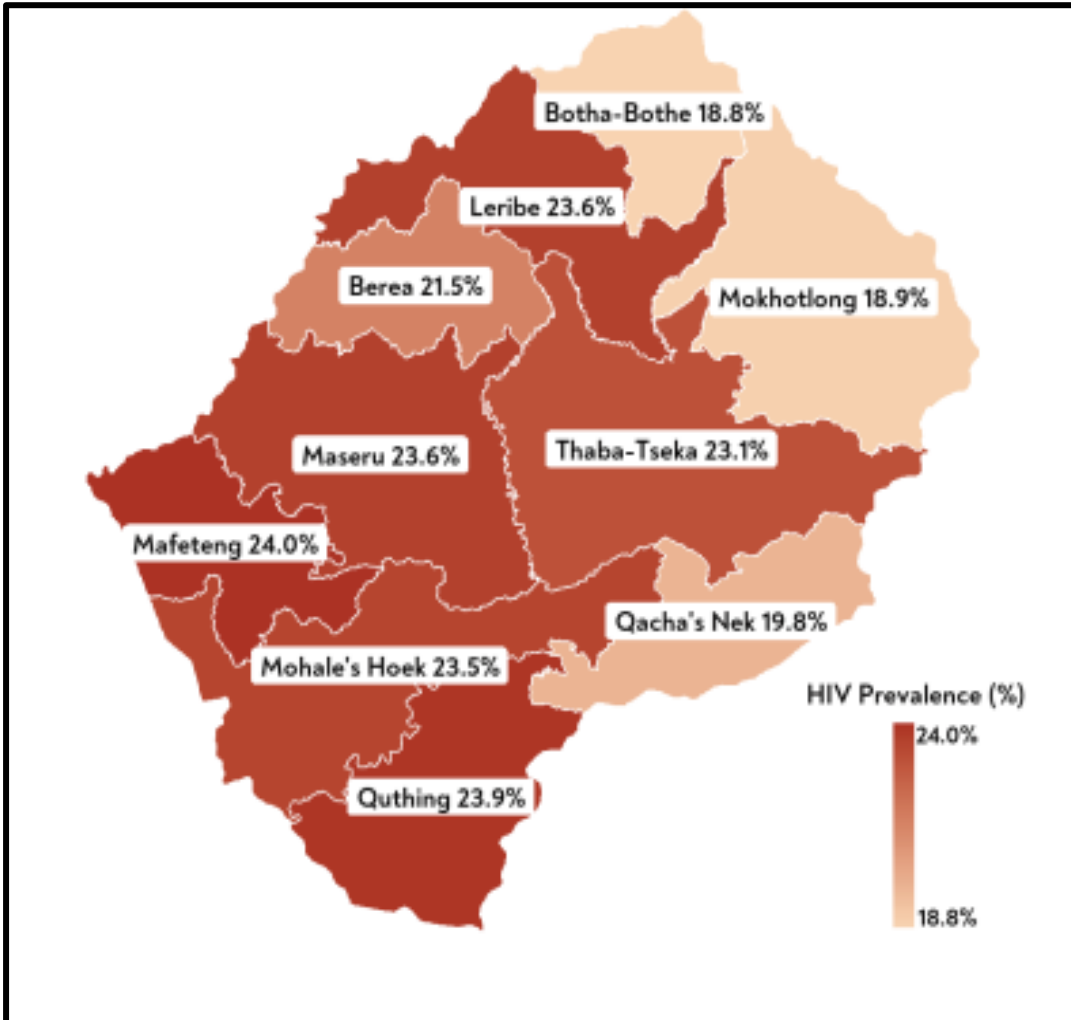
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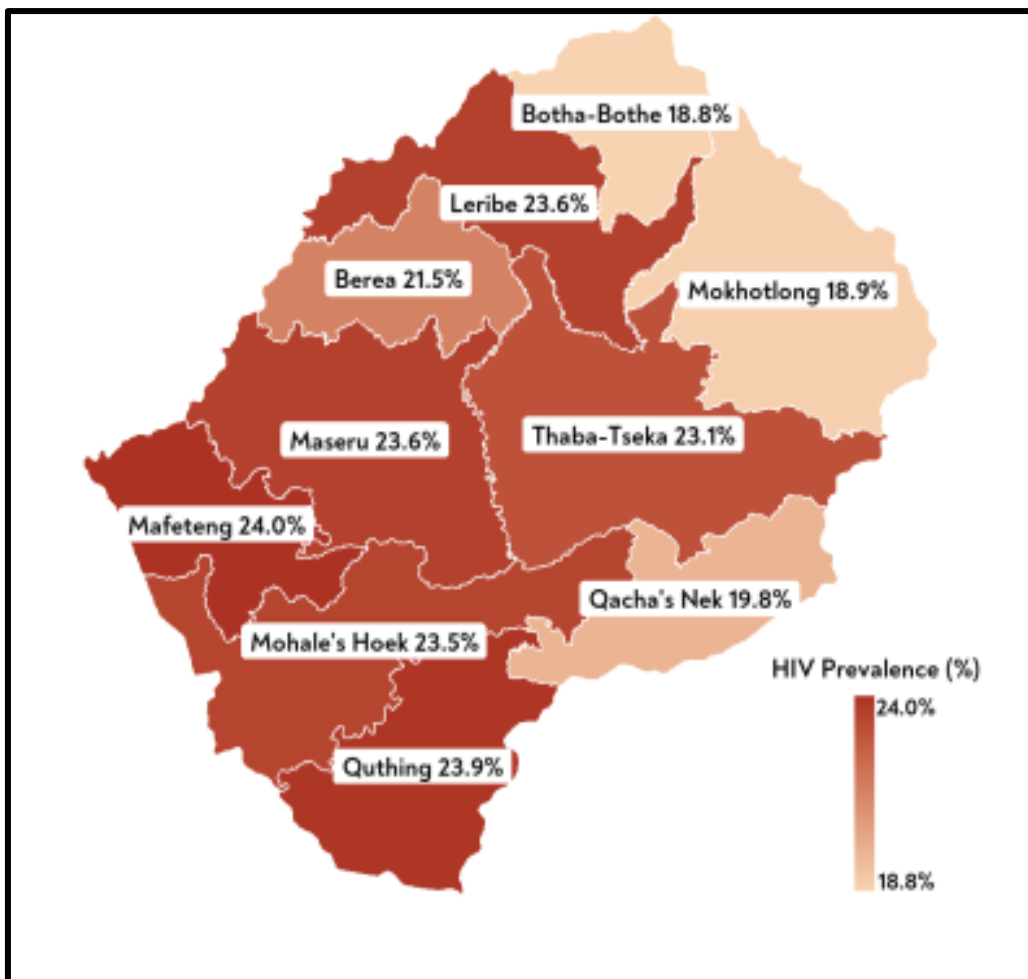
95:95:95, Spectrum estimates, 2024



Population of 2.1 million people of which 49.9% are males and 51.1% are females 1:1 ratio.

- MTCT- 5.1%
- Adult HIV prevalence is 20.5%¹
- PLHIV in Lesotho include an estimated:
 - 264,918 adults¹
 - 6,479 children < 15 years¹

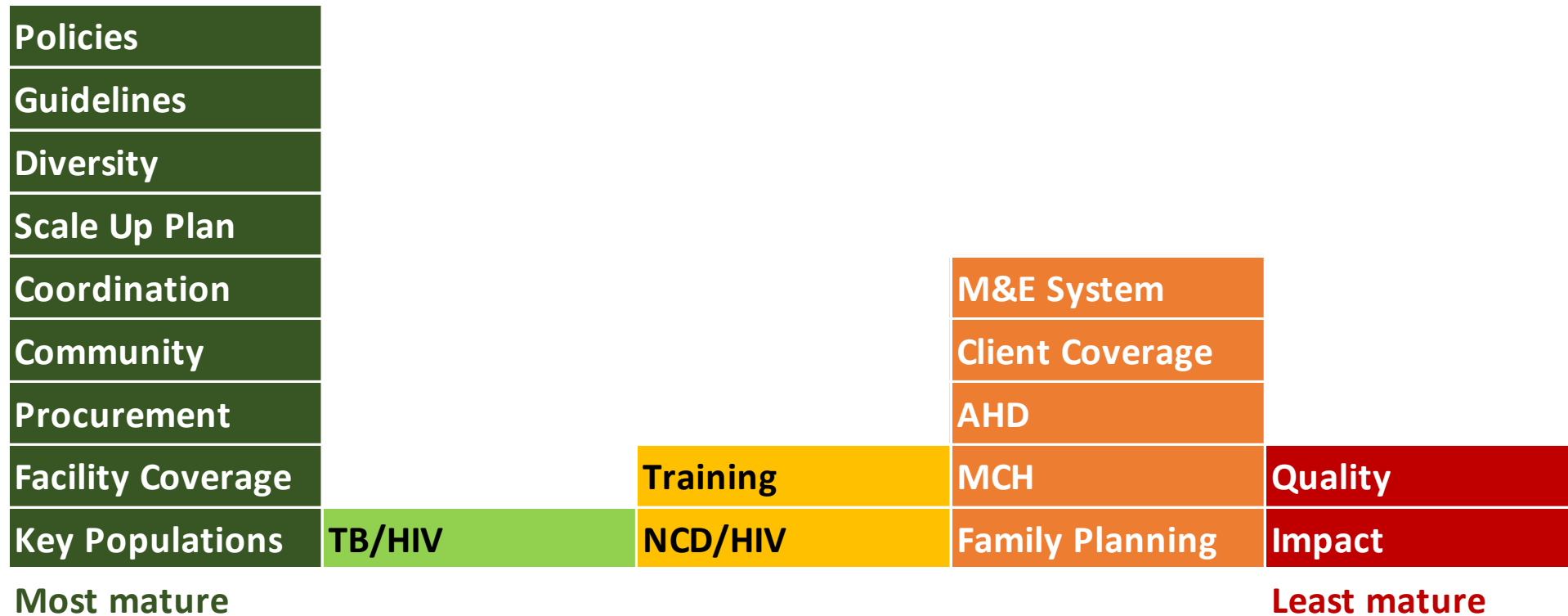
Progress towards 95:95:95



95:95:95, Spectrum estimates,

	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%

Lesotho Treatment CMM Results: 2024



- Maturity was achieved in 9 domains
- Integration domains are generally immature and are a focus for 2025

Lesotho Treatment CMM Results: Change Over Time 2022-2024

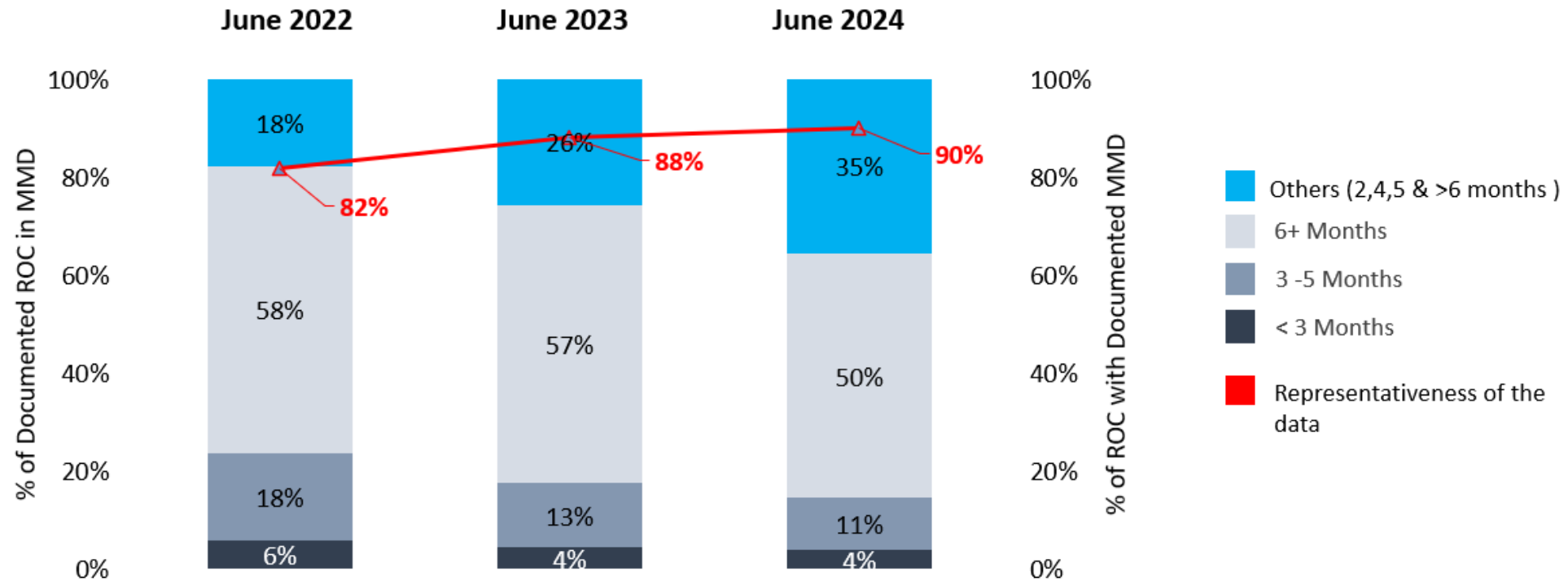
Domains	2022	2023	2024
Policies	Orange	Green	Dark Green
Guidelines	Green	Green	Dark Green
Diversity	Yellow	Green	Dark Green
Scale Up Plan	Red	Red	Dark Green
Coordination	Yellow	Green	Dark Green
Community	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Green
Training	Orange	Orange	Yellow
M&E System	Orange	Orange	Orange
Procurement	Green	Green	Dark Green
Facility Coverage	Green	Green	Dark Green
Client Coverage	Green	Green	Orange
AHD	Yellow	Yellow	Orange
Key Populations	Red	Orange	Dark Green
TB/HIV	Orange	Green	Green
MCH	Orange	Orange	Orange
NCD/HIV	Grey	Red	Yellow
Family Planning	Orange	Orange	Orange
Quality	Red	Red	Red
Impact	Red	Red	Red

Observations

Progressive improvement over time

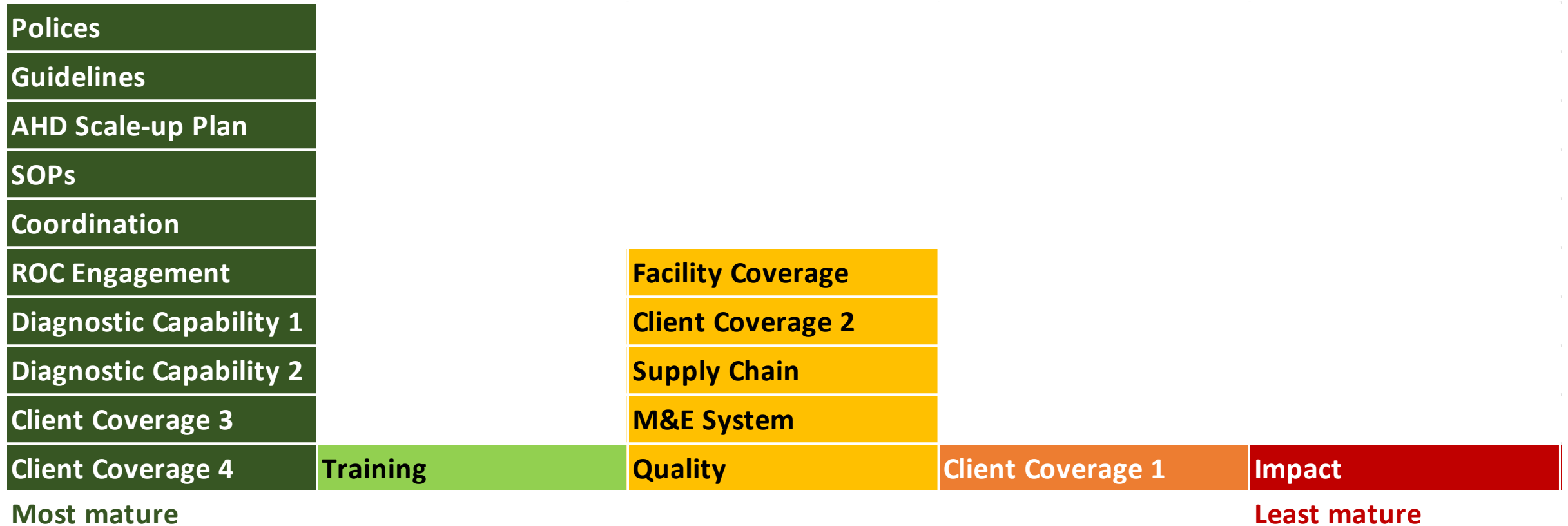
- **Improved in 4 domains**
 - Community
 - Training
 - KP
 - NCD/HIV
- **Regression** in Client Coverage and AHD, is attributed to an improved M&E system that can consistently report data at national level

Lesotho Differentiated Treatment: Multi-month Dispensing



- Majority of clients are receiving MMD refills of 4 months and above
- The M&E system is customized to capture 1, 3 and 6 MMD, but not MMD for 2,4,5, or >6 months hence “Others”
- M&E system to be harmonized to reflect these OTHER categories within 2, 4,5, and 6+ MMD

Lesotho AHD CMM Results 2024



Lesotho still faces challenges with Facility and Client coverage, Supply Chain, and M&E of AHD

Lesotho AHD CMM Results – Trend over time 2022-2024

Domains	2022	2023	2024
Policies			
Guidelines			
AHD Scale-up Plan			
SOPs			
Coordination			
ROC Engagement			
Training			
Supply Chain			
M&E System			
Diagnostic Capability 1			
Diagnostic Capability 2			
Facility Coverage			
Client Coverage 1			
Client Coverage 2			
Client Coverage 3			
Client Coverage 4			
Quality			
Impact			

Improvements observed in the following domains:

- SOPs
- RoC engagement
- Client coverage 3
- Quality domain

Stagnation observed in the following domains:

- Training
- Facility coverage 1&2
- Supply chain
- M&E

Lesotho Differentiated Testing CMM – 2024

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

Overview of HIV Program 2024 CMM Results

- **Observations on the enabling domains across the three CMMs**
 - Optimizing testing particularly for KPs is lagging behind
- **Program areas that need to be prioritized**
 - Linkages to prevention and care and treatment as well as quality
 - Facility & Client coverage
 - Integration of HIV/NCD, FP
 - M&E System
 - Quality & Impact Domains
- **Plans to ensure outcome domains are addressed in an integrated manner**
 - Joint planning as a team to prioritize resource allocation
 - Joint integrated supportive supervision



Lesotho					
dHTS		DART		AHD	
Domains	2024	Domains	2024	Domains	2024
Policy: Strategic Model Mix	Green	Policies	Green	Policies	Green
Policy: Optimizing HIV Testing	Yellow	Guidelines	Green	Guidelines	Green
Policy: Linkage	Light Green	Diversity	Green	AHD Scale-up Plan	Green
Finance/Resource Allocation	Green	Scale Up Plan	Green	SOPs	Green
SOPs	Green	Coordination	Green	Coordination	Green
Scale-up Plan	Green	Community Engagement	Green	ROC Engagement	Green
Community Engagement	Light Green	Training	Yellow	Training	Light Green
Private Sector Engagement	Light Green	M&E System	Orange	Supply Chain	Yellow
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Stakeholder coordination and prioritization processes-1/2

- **Platforms used for planning and coordinating DSD activities**
 - HIV/TB TWG
- **Recipient of care organizations represented in co-ordination meetings**
 - LENEPWA and Care 4 Basotho
- **Action items funded by PEPFAR**
 - Scale up of HIVST targeting men
 - dHTS guidelines review
 - Development of a digital supportive supervision tool
 - Procurement of BP machines, Glucometers and its accessories for clinics in 8 districts

Stakeholder coordination and prioritization processes-2/2

- Action items funded by WHO
 - WHO-HTS Guidelines review
 - WHO- Development of a comprehensive integrated package of services for men
- Process of securing buy-in for funding prioritization
 - COP22 – joint planning (MOH, PEPFAR, and CSOs)
 - National HIV/TB TWG meetings

Update on Country Action Plans from 2024 Meetings

- Activities that have been successfully completed include:
 - dHTS guidelines review and validation
 - Development of a digital supportive supervision tool
- Activities that are still ongoing include:
 - Review of dHTS M&E tools
 - Review of the DSD manual
 - Standardizing tools for monitoring of key population indicators
 - Development of a comprehensive service package for men
- Activities that were dropped include:
 - Develop/disseminate DSD messages on radios, TV and social media by Q2
 - Develop DSD knowledge online polls among ROC (Men, AGYW, KP) by Q3

Update on Integrating Non-HIV and HIV Services

Key program policy and implementation approaches adopted since the integration meeting in April 2024

Defining integration:

- Conducted study tours in the Southern Africa region (Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia) to **explore** different models of integration
- Revised client care card and reporting tools to include NCDs indicators
- Conducted capacity building of providers on screening and management of NCDs, and Mental Health
- Procured BP machines, Glucometers and its accessories
- Appointed NCD mentors as focal points at DHMT level, for program monitoring and reporting

Update on Integrating Non-HIV and HIV Services -2

Establishing a coordinating mechanism

- Initiated discussions with key program managers and **stakeholders to develop TORs** for the integration TWG

Community Engagement:

- Involvement of LENEPWHA during design, planning, implementation and monitoring of the program
- Ongoing community engagement **with recipients of care and community gatekeepers (Facility-community feedback meetings) through the VHW program**

Defining integration metrics:

- Pending finalization of the **TORs**

Program sustainability efforts and opportunities

Sustainability of DSD activities

- **DSD activities initiated by CQUIN that have been adopted by in-country funding mechanisms to ensure they are sustained**
 - Assignment of HIV Treatment and Care Officer as DSD Coordinator, with additional TA support from EGPAF
- **Adaptations/modifications made to these initiatives to enable their sustainability**
 - Developed national DSD scale-up plan, currently developing DSD manual, and to plan to include DSD indicators in the national EMR
- **Other plans in place to ensure country DSD programs are sustained**
 - Included DSD within the HIV/TB Health Sector Strategic Plan
 - DSD and integration are among priorities for the MOH

Program sustainability efforts and opportunities

National sustainability roadmap

- **DSD and ongoing national sustainability planning in country**
 - Included in the National Sustainability Roadmap as the country reaches epidemic control, and undergoes transitions from INGOs to LIPs
- **Integrated service delivery and ongoing national sustainability planning in country**
 - Integration is a priority of the national sustainability planning with the shrinking resource envelope

DSD Implementation Successes in 2024

- Development of DSD scale-up plan
- Development of AHD SOPs
- Development of a digital supervision tool
- Decentralization of Point of Care (POC) testing (CD4 Visitect, TB - LAM, CrAg)
- DSD manual in draft version, awaiting endorsement
- Scale up AHD package services provision to Phase III sites (remaining 155 medium and low volume facilities)

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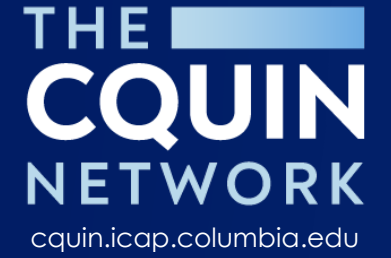
DSD priorities for 2025

- **DSD-related goals for 2025**
 - Completion of the National DSD Manual, dissemination, HCW trainings and implementation and roll-out
- **Lessons learn from other countries in the CQUIN network over the coming year**
 - Best practices on cost effective integration models



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