

CQUIN's strategic shift and TA support for HIVST

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"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." — Dolly Parton



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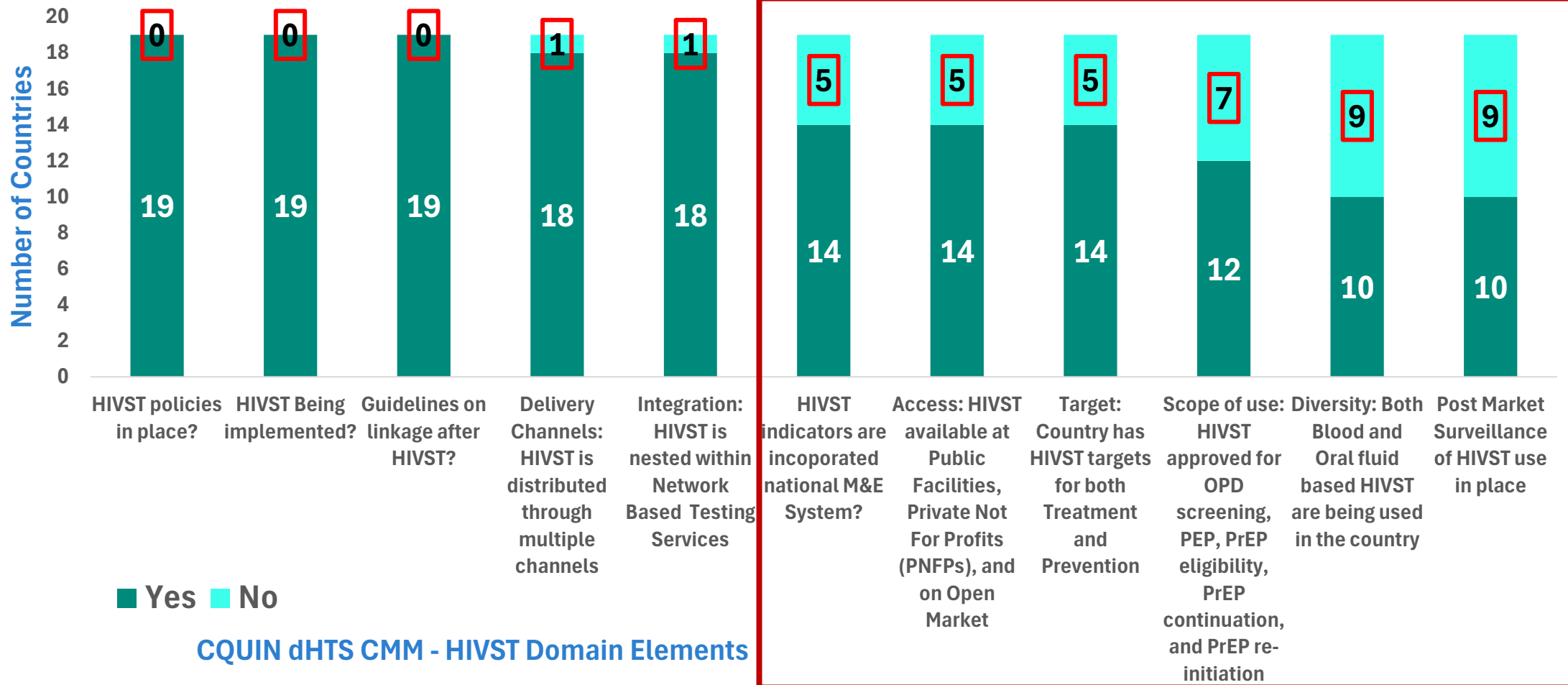
CQUIN HIVST Focus – Rationale

- CQUIN promotes the adoption and scale up of evidence-based practices to enhance the coverage and quality of services leading to impact
- HRH constraints and scaling back of community-based HTS models with funding cuts warrant adoption of strategic HIV testing approaches to reach people who need testing
- Accelerating the use of HIVST is strategic, timely and can lead to the desired impact in HIV testing programs

2025 dHTS CMM HIVST Domain - least mature

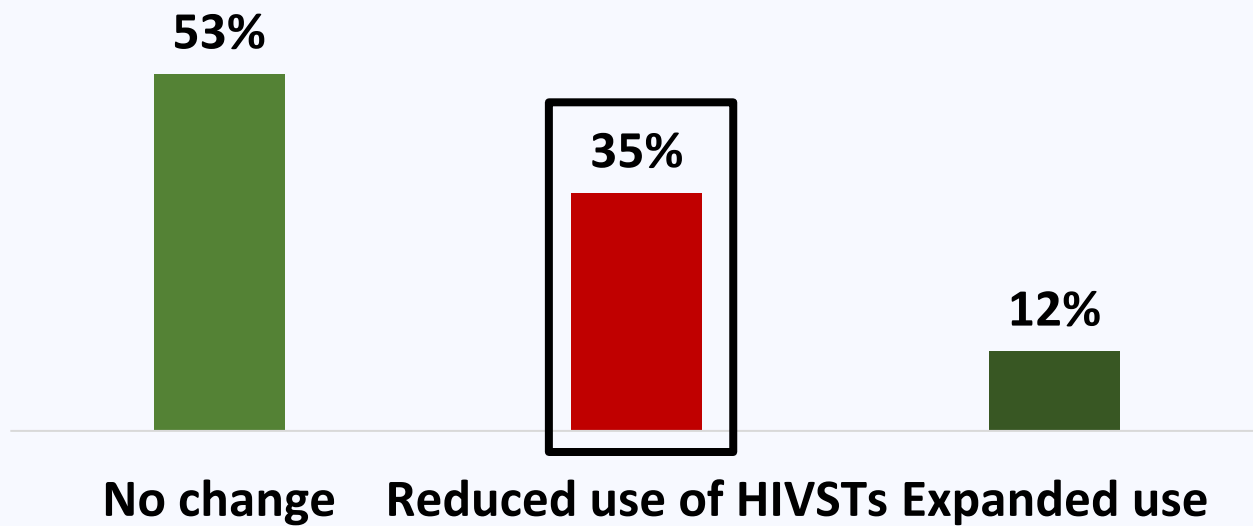
HIVST domain responses from 19/21 CQUIN network countries, 2025

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HIVST Findings From Rapid Survey in May 2025 (N=17)

Changes in Use of HIVST (n=17)



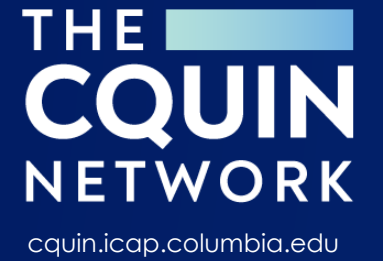
- **PrEP:** 4 countries reported use of HIVST as an adaptation to address challenges
- **Facility-based HTS:** 3 countries reported use of HIVST as an adaptation to address challenges
- **Network-based testing:** 2 countries reported use of HIVST as an adaptation to address challenges

Next Steps

- Work with network member countries to identify and address specific TA needs for expanded use of HIVST:
 - **Access:** HIVST available at Public Facilities, Private Not For Profits (PNFPs), and on Open Market
 - **Scope of use:** HIVST approved for OPD screening, replacing risk screening tools, PEP, PrEP eligibility, PrEP continuation, and PrEP re-initiation, and use as A1
 - **Diversity:** Both Blood and Oral fluid based HIVST are being used in the country
- Disseminate latest global guidance and resources within the network through various fora
- Work with global stakeholders, such as WHO, CHAI, among others to support adoption and scale up of HIVST use

In this session, we will discuss:

- Operationalization of facility-based HIVST and opportunities for expanded use (**WHO**)
- Protecting access to testing: scalable evidence and implementation experiences from multiple countries (**CHAI**)
- Practical steps to introduce HIV screening using HIVST in OPD settings in **Lesotho**
- **Community** perspectives on HIVST
- Two breakout groups:
 - **Adapt and Sustain:** maintaining HIV testing coverage and responsiveness amid financial and HRH constraints
 - **Prioritize and Deliver Differently:** expanding HIVST access, integration, and impact across diverse populations and platforms



Thank you

