

Viral Load Scale-Up National Readiness Assessment

Date of interview: ___ / ___ / ___

Interviewer name: _____ Organization: _____

Interviewee name 1: _____ Organization/Sector: _____ Position: _____

Interviewee name 2: _____ Organization/Sector: _____ Position: _____

Instructions:

- Please read and understand the contents of the checklist before beginning the interview.
- Discuss the purpose of the evaluation with National AIDS Program (NAP) and reference laboratory
- Meet with an NAP representative and reference laboratory to jointly interview and complete the checklist
- Collect copies of all existing materials related to viral load implementation
- Please include complete answers to all the explanations given by respondents

1. Program Management	Comments
Is there a commitment at the central level/government to implement viral load monitoring? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there a line of funding in the national budget for implementation and expansion of viral load? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, specify in comments. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there a focal point for viral load at the Ministry of Health? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, specify in comments. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there a technical working group at the Ministry of Health responsible for coordination and planning for viral load? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, answer in comments: what is the frequency of the meetings and who are the participants of the group? <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

2. Standards and Documentation	
<p>Is there a viral load implementation plan in the country (separate or integrated into other national documents)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If yes, ask for a copy)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Is there a monitoring and evaluation framework for viral load implementation (separate or integrated into other national plans)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If yes, ask for a copy)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Are there guiding documents outlining responsibilities of different professions (SOPs, terms of reference, patient eligibility sample, and information flow)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If yes, ask for a copy)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Are there specific training materials for viral load implementation?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If yes, request the electronic version)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Is there a package of clinical tools and job aids for enhanced adherence counseling?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If yes, request the electronic version)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Are there support materials for viral load (job aids, algorithms, flip chart, registers suitable for VL)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>(If yes, ask for a copy)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
3. Laboratory	
<p>Is there a transportation system for samples and results designed and/or established?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please describe in comments.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Is there a referral laboratory capable of processing the anticipated quantity of viral load samples?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please answer in comments: what kind of sample is processed (DBS/plasma) and how does it compare to anticipated specimen workload?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>In the referral laboratory, how many professionals are trained to operate the</p>	

existing platform? Does the staffing plan meet workload? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there a focal point for virology laboratory in the NAP/MOH? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, identify. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there training material for sample collection, storage and shipping? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there training material for utilization of relevant equipment in the referral laboratory? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is the referral laboratory included in the external quality evaluation program? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
4. Supply Chain Management	
Is there a structured system for commodity procurement and quantification for ARVs and laboratory consumables? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please describe the flow and responsibilities in comments. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there a supply chain management system that includes a planned requisition based on forecasting of expected needs? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please describe the flow and responsibilities in comments. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is there an established system for monitoring stock-outs? <input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please describe in comments. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
5. Monitoring and Evaluation	
Are there specific records and tools for monitoring viral load cascade? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (<i>If yes, ask for a copy of each</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

<p>Is there a forum for review, analysis and discussion of viral load cascade data in the country?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please describe the participants and frequency of the meeting in comments.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Is there capacity to compare the number of VL specimens test and number of tests performed against a targeted number of VL tests?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>If yes, are they divided by province/municipality?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	
<p>Is there a regular feedback system on data quality and program performance from NAP/MOH to the provinces and health facilities?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, please describe the frequency and professionals involved in comments.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	