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DATA HIGHLIGHTS

as of August 16, 2016

In Zimbabwe:

- More than **15,000** households have participated in ZIMPHIA
- More than **30,000** individuals, including over **7,100** children and adolescents age 14 and under, have received HIV counseling and testing
- Fieldwork is complete

In Malawi:

- More than **14,000** households have participated in MPHIA
- More than **23,000** individuals, including over **6,100** children and adolescents age 14 and under, have received HIV counseling and testing

In Zambia:

- More than **10,700** households have participated in ZAMPHIA
- More than **27,000** individuals, including over **7,800** children and adolescents age 14 and under, have received HIV counseling and testing

From Arm to Freezer: PHIA Laboratory Network Supports Ambitious HIV Testing Targets

How can a large public health survey in sub-Saharan Africa collect blood samples efficiently? Is it possible to perform sophisticated lab tests in people's homes? What is the best way to transport samples collected from remote locations?



The PHIA Project, which relies on laboratory testing of blood samples as a core component, is providing answers to these questions.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Zimbabwe

- Fieldwork is complete
- ZIMPHIA has recruited over 30,000 participants exceeding the target sample size of 28,000
- Data cleaning and analysis are underway

Malawi

- Field teams have surveyed all selected EAs
- Field teams will spend the remainder of August resolving final outcomes for outstanding households and revisiting urban households to improve the male sample in urban areas
- Fieldwork will be completed in the last week of August

Zambia

- Fieldwork is scheduled to be complete by the end of August

Uganda

- 28 survey teams will begin data collection in the last week of August
- Official Launch Ceremony will be held on August 23

Tanzania

- Laboratory training of more than 200 nurse-interviewers is complete
- Interviewer training is currently underway
- Fieldwork is scheduled to start in September

Swaziland

- Training has been completed for over 150 field staff in interview procedures, use of tablets for data collection, and home-based HIV testing and counseling
- Training has been completed for laboratory technicians in conducting viral load testing and early infant diagnosis
- Fieldwork is scheduled to begin in August

Lesotho

- Nurse interviewers are being selected; training is scheduled to start in August
- Fieldwork is scheduled to start in November

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- **New Vision (Uganda): [HIV Survey Starts](#)**
- **The Standard (Zimbabwe): [Artists Embrace Door-to-Door Testing](#)**



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