

# Global Fund RDT Consultation Meeting

December 11, 2023

Cape Town, South Africa



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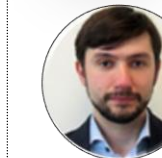
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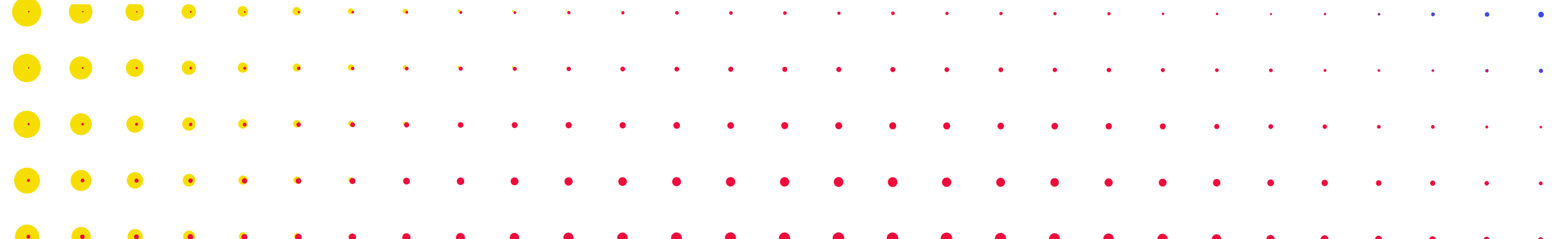


# Opening remarks

Hui Yang

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Global Fund



# Objectives of RDT Consultation

11 and 12 December 2023, Cape Town

1. **Bring together suppliers and partners** to share progress updates in HIV, Malaria and other Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) markets
2. Create a platform to share perspectives to **inform** ongoing and future **RDT procurement strategies**
3. Provide an **opportunity for face-to-face** meetings with individual suppliers and partners
4. Present the Global Fund's Rapid Diagnostic Tests Procurement Strategy for 2024-2026 and obtain feedback from partners and suppliers
5. Engage with Regional manufacturers and provide visibility of Global Fund procurement activities in line with NextGen Market Shaping ambitions

# Agenda – 11 Dec 2023

8.30 – 9.00	<i>Registration &amp; Welcome coffee</i>		
	<b>Welcome &amp; Global Fund updates</b>		
9.00 – 10.00	1. Opening remarks	15m	Hui Yang / Head, Supply Operations – Global Fund
	2. NextGen Market Shaping	25m	Ellie Marsh / Senior Manager, Strategy Procedure and Innovation – Global Fund
	3. Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)	20m	Lin (Roger) Li / Senior Manager, Direct Sourcing – Global Fund
10.00 – 10.15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
	<b>Disease and technical updates</b>		
	4. Malaria Update	15m	Roopal Patel / Senior Disease Advisor, Technical Advice and Partnerships (TAP) - Malaria – Global Fund
10.15 – 12.00	5. HIV Update	25m	Celine Lastrucci / WHO HIV David Maman / Senior Disease Advisor, TAP – HIV – Global Fund
	6. TB Update	10m	Grania Brigden / Senior Disease Advisor, TAP –TB – Global Fund
	7. WHO Prequalification	20m	Irena Prat / WHO PQ program
	8. Global Fund QA and ERPD Q&A / Discussion 1	20m 20m	René Becker-Burgos / Specialist, Diagnostic Products Quality Assurance, HPM – Global Fund All
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
	<b>Innovation &amp; Partners RDT Strategies</b>		
13.00 – 14.30	9. Innovation pipeline	20m	Jeremie Piton / FIND
	10. PMI sourcing strategy	20m	Christine Hershey / PMI
	11. PEPFAR sourcing strategy	20m	Matthew Wattleworth / PEPFAR
	12. UNICEF 2023-2028 Procurement Strategy Q&A / Discussion 2	20m 10m	Wandani Sebonego / UNICEF All
14.30 – 15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
	<b>Global Fund RDT Procurement Strategy &amp; tender timeline</b>		
15:00 – 17:00	13. RDT Sourcing Strategy 2024-2026	60m	Azizkhon Jafarov, Mustafa al Samaraee / Global Health Technologies Team – Global Fund Fabrice Abalain / Global Health Technologies Team – Global Fund
	14. Request for Proposals (RFP) Approach & Timeline Q&A / Discussion 3	30m 30m	Kiraz Bulut / Legal Counsel (Institutional Matters), Legal Department – Global Fund Artem Lazurenko / Specialist, Integrity Due Diligence (IDD), Ethics Office – Global Fund All



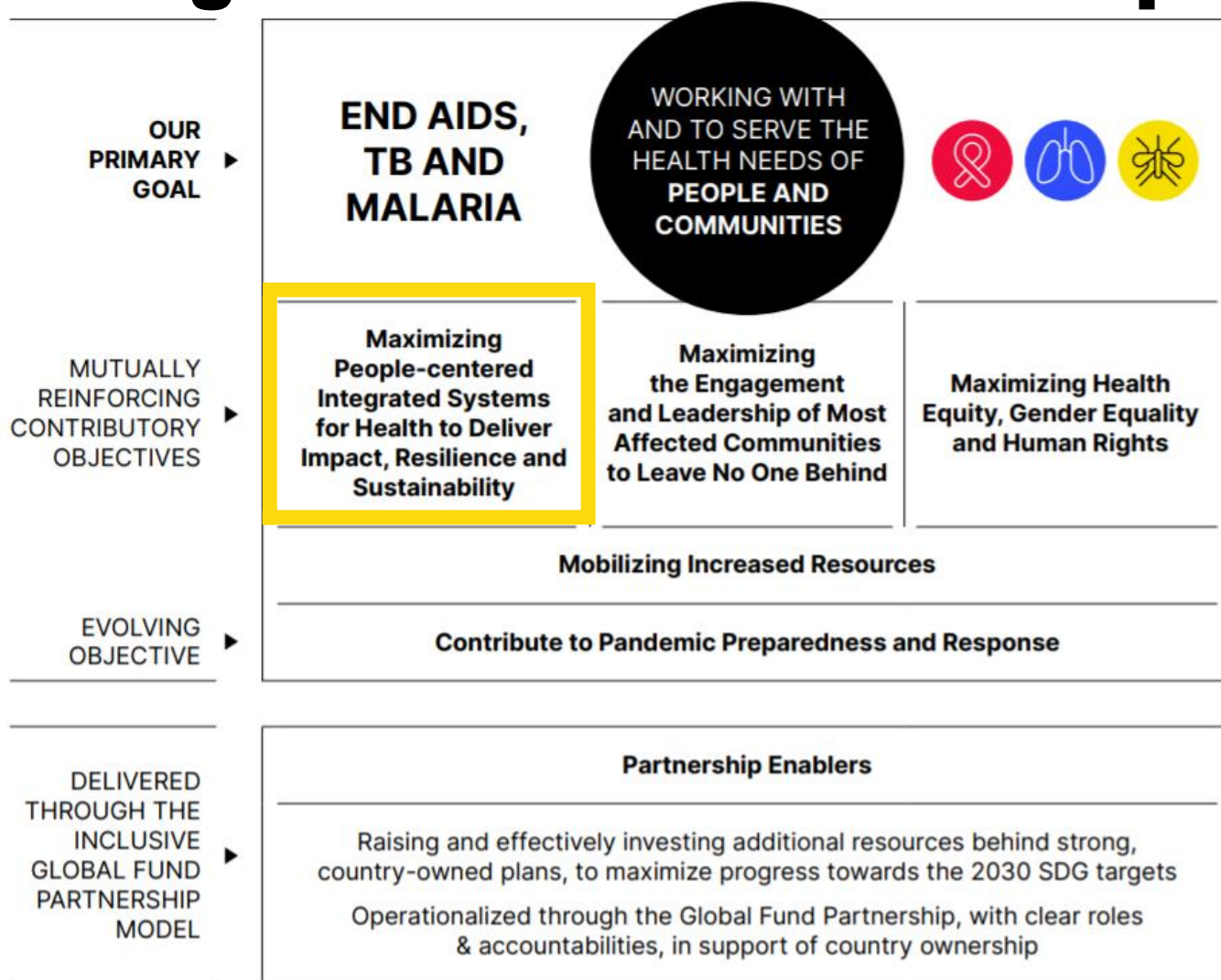
# 2. Global Fund Strategy (2023-2028) NextGen Market Shaping

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# 2023 - 2028 Global Fund Strategy: Fighting Pandemics and Building a Healthier and More Equitable World

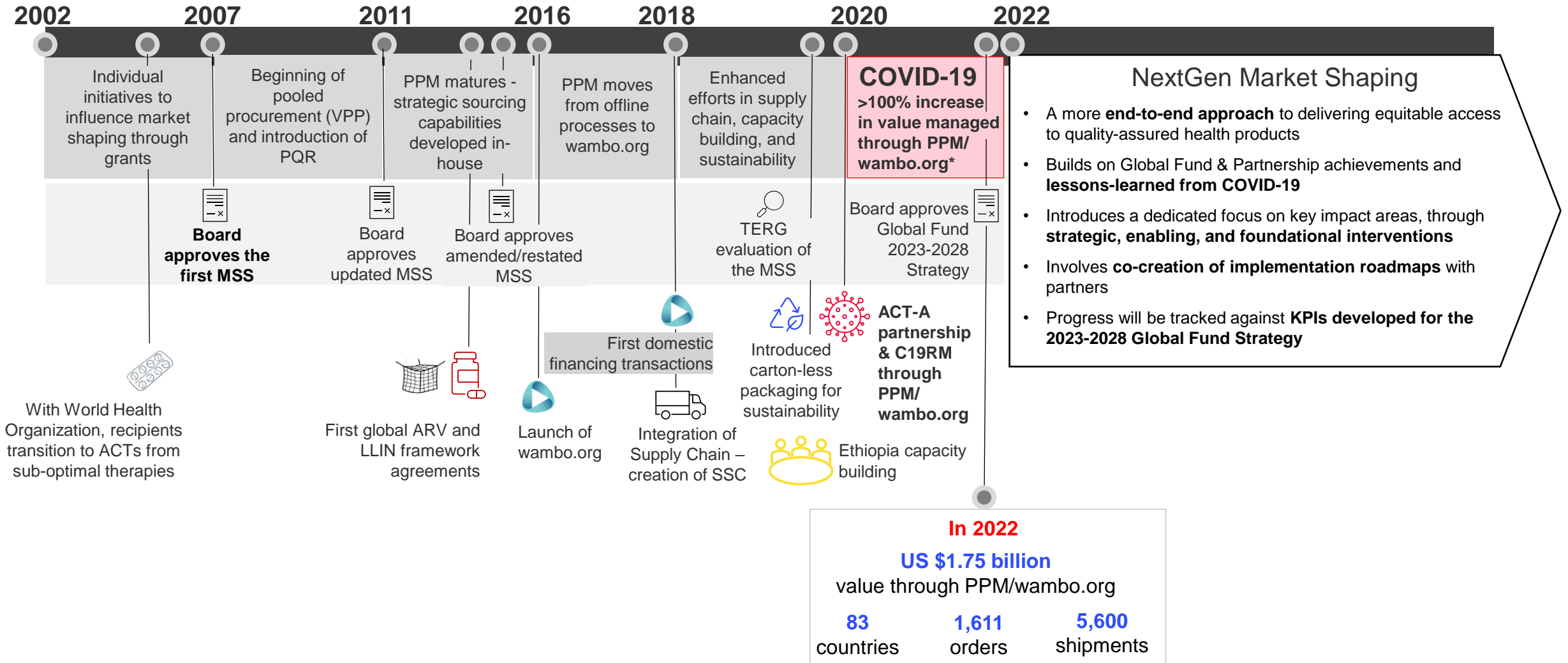


Equitable access to quality assured health products and innovations is critical to deliver on more resilient and people-centered integrated systems for health.

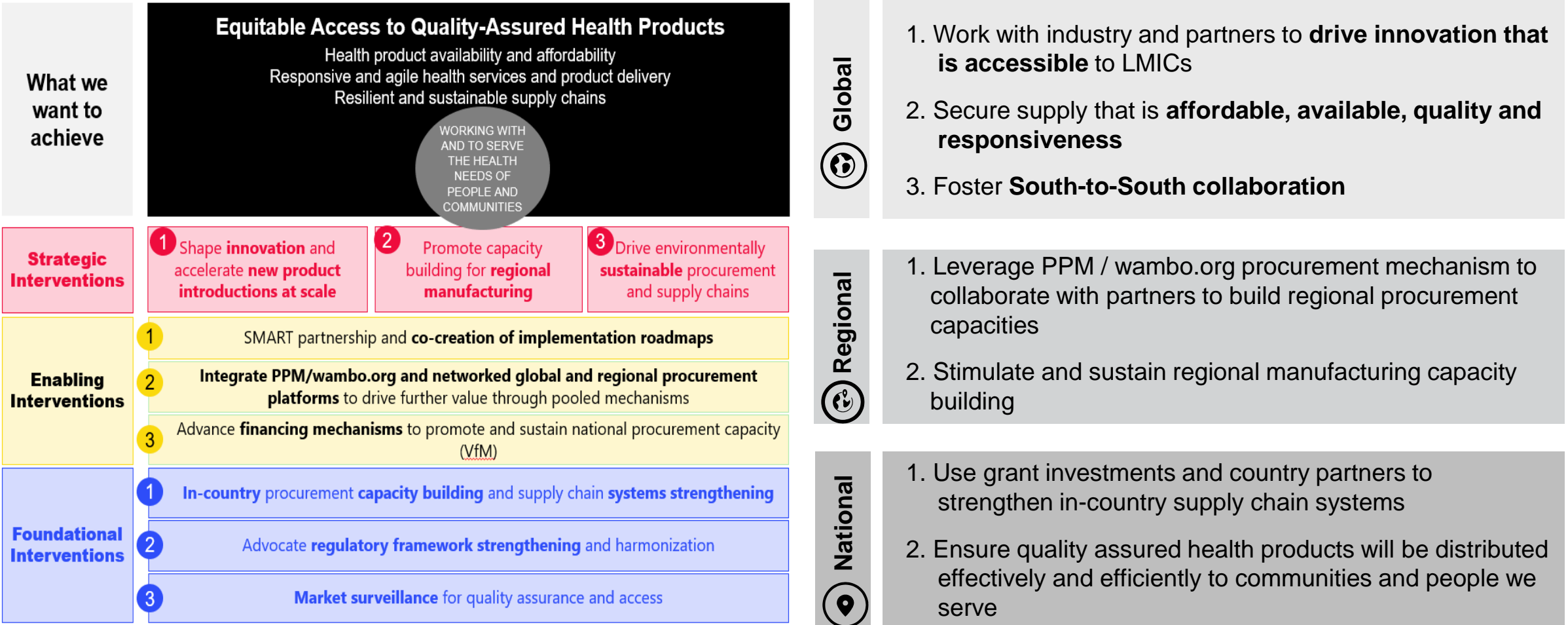
Health products remain the number one tool to address HIV, TB and malaria, and for ending the three diseases.



# Evolution of the Global Fund's Market Shaping partnership efforts



# Global Fund's NextGen Market Shaping approach to drive equitable access to quality health products

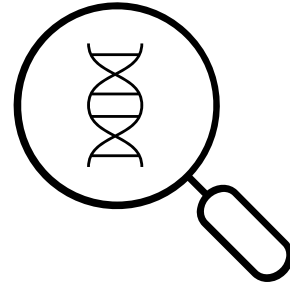


# The NextGen Market Shaping approach is reflected in GF's sourcing strategies

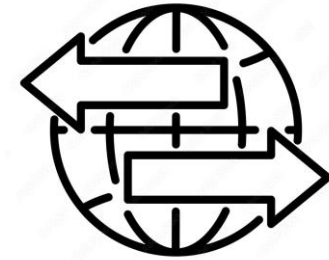
The success of the NextGen Market Shaping approach is **dependent on the contribution of, and partnership with, industry**. This will require industry to:



**Responsive to Global Fund tenders**



**Continue to invest in innovation targeted at the countries and communities the Global Fund serves**



**Adopt sustainable, inclusive and equitable go-to-market approaches**



# 3. Global Fund Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)

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# How we work

We raise funds and support programs

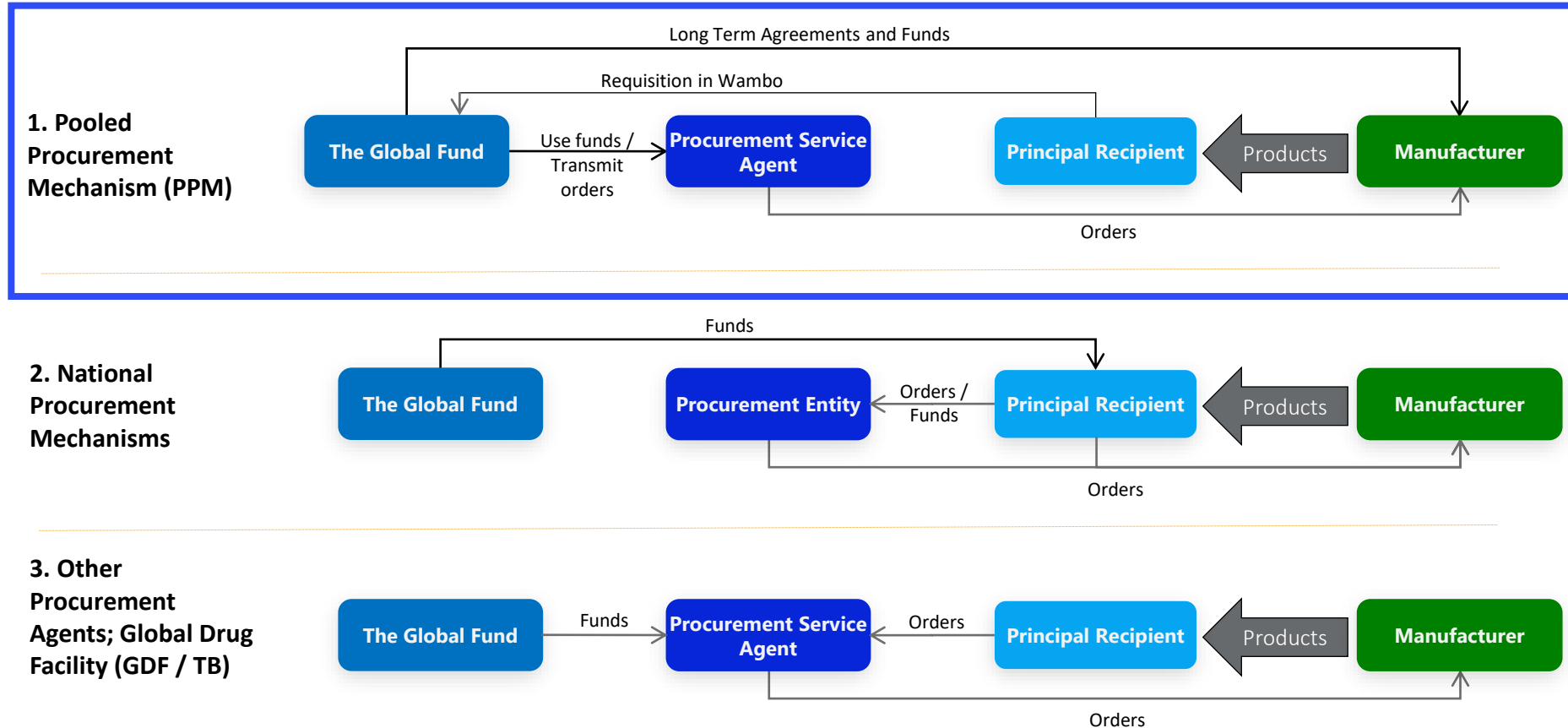


## Oversight in Action

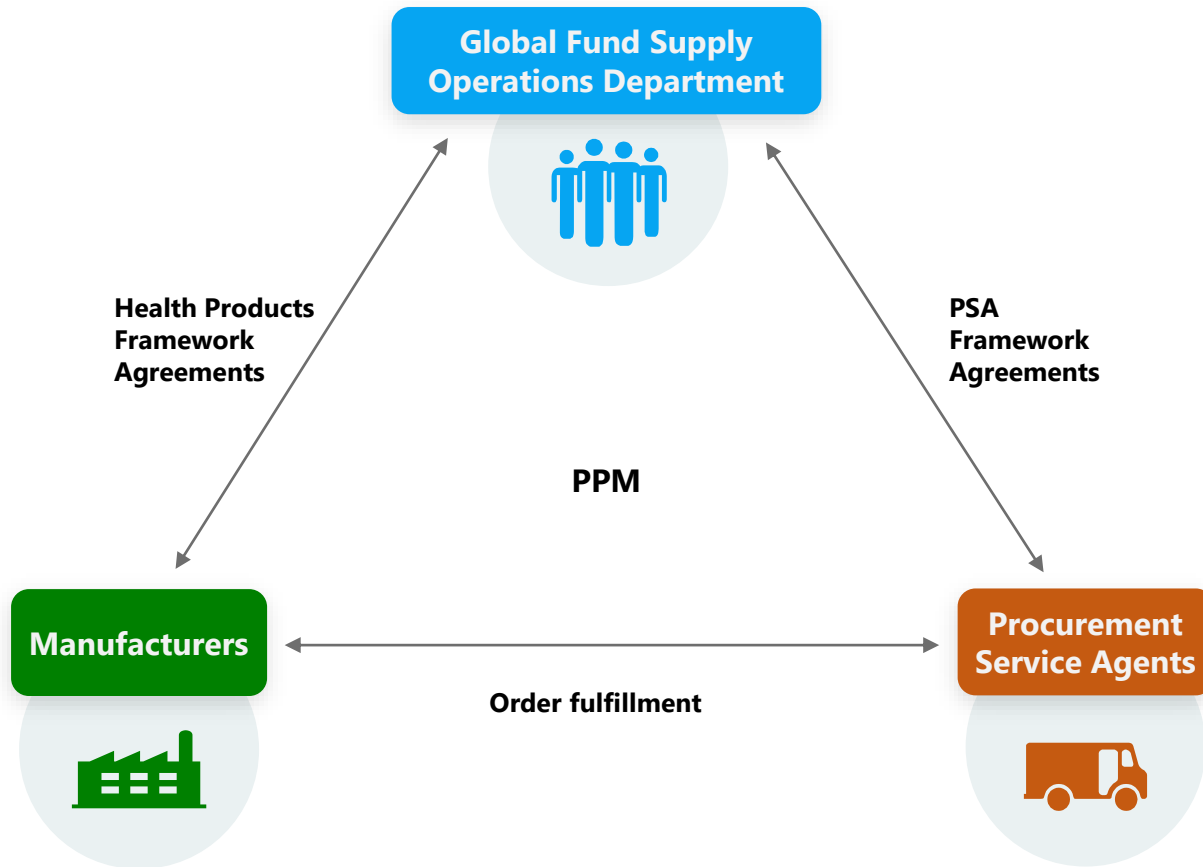
- Local Fund Agents in each country monitor the implementation of grants.
- The Global Fund's Office of the Inspector General conducts audits and investigations.
- The Secretariat reports information to the Global Fund Board and the wider public.

# Procurement Channels and Routes to Market

There are a number of procurement channels - with the Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) representing around 60% total Global Fund health product spend



# The GF Pooled Procurement Mechanism holds Framework Agreements (long term agreements with manufacturers for key product categories: ARVs, ACTs, LLINs and RDTs



The Global Fund aggregates order volumes to leverage our spending power and achieve value-for-money:

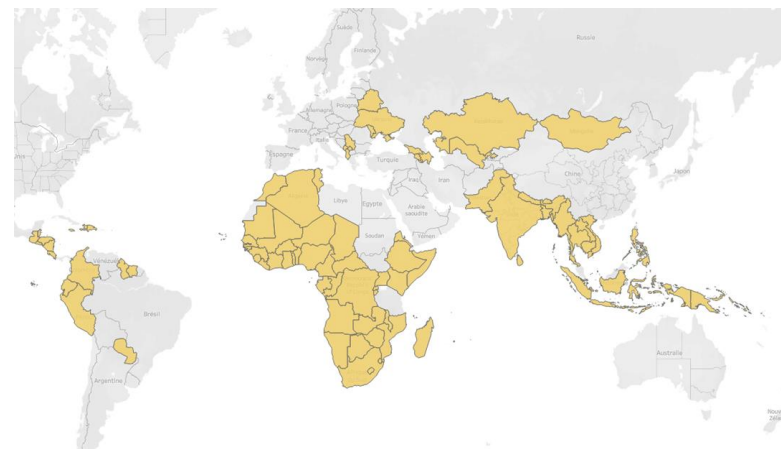
- Competitive tenders to select manufacturers
- <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/health-products/>
- Require adherence to GF quality assurance policies  
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/>
- Stringent performance management through contract implementation

## Procurement Service Agents:

- Liaise with framework agreement manufacturer
- Manage procurement for other categories and non-catalogue items where needed
- Provide logistics estimates and ensure delivery to country per the the agreed incoterm

# Overview PPM: More than 80 countries served in 2022 through PPM/Wambo

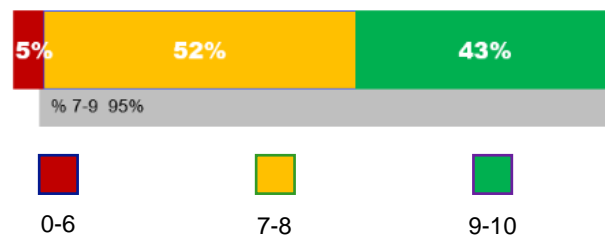
There are a number of More than 6,000 shipments of needed health products delivered despite global supply chain disruptions in 2022



Since its creation, PPM/wambo.org has connected **531 PR users** from **107 organizations** in **83 countries**

(including **40 organizations** from **27 countries** for non-grant funded transactions)

Overall **user satisfaction** with the Wambo platform: **95%**



Scale: 0 = Not satisfied at all to 10 = Fully satisfied

Tracked more than **6,000 shipments** from shipping to delivery

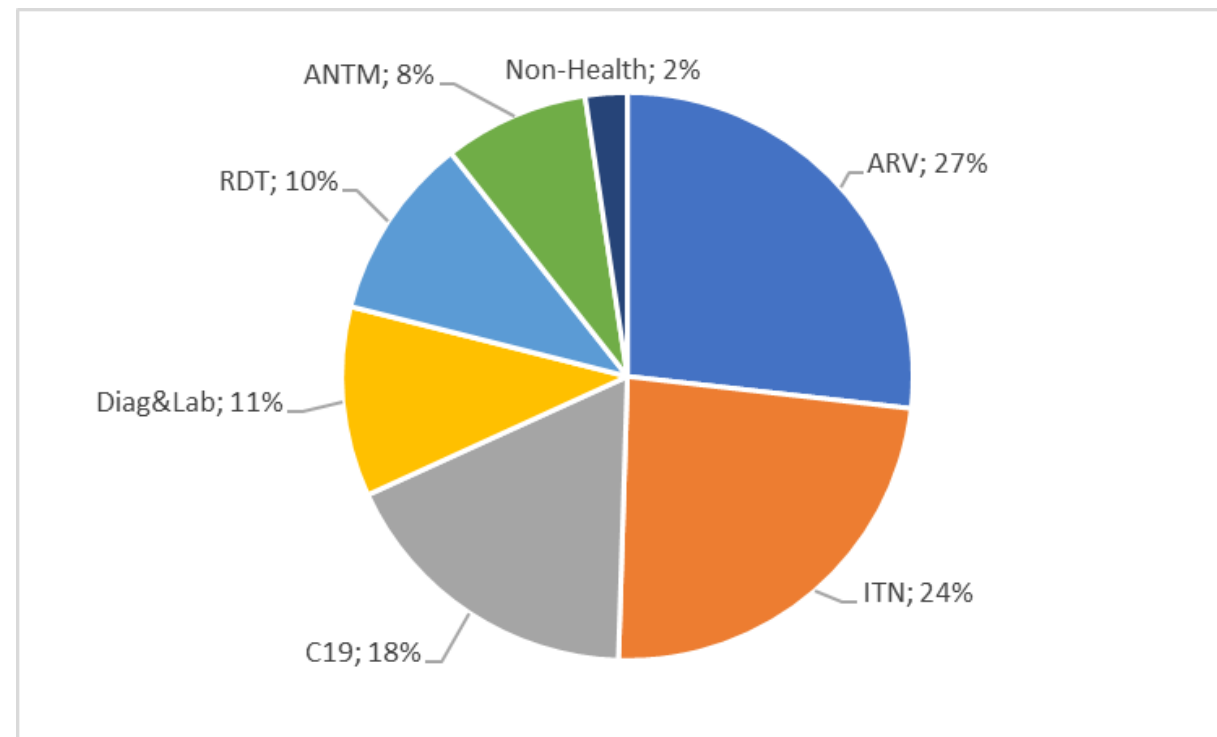




# Overview PPM: USD 1.75 bn orders placed in 2022 through PPM/Wambo

PPM operates at a significant scale – largest LMIC buyer in many HIV and malaria categories

- In 2022, PPM processed 1,611 Purchase Orders **\$1.75 bn** to more than 80 countries in all continents
- Largest category **ARVs** – enough to treat **7,3 million people on 1st line ART**
- **ITNs** – in 2022, PPM procured **119 million bed-nets** including new generation innovative nets)
- **Diagnostics** including **RDTs** are a significant spend (including HIV rapid tests)



Volume split per Product Category

# The Responsible Procurement Framework - realising our ambitions and achieving our goals.

To date, the Global Fund's Supply Operations Department has put many of these **principles into action** through the adoption of a **responsible procurement approach**, yielding significant results:

- **Artemisinin EHS Compliance:** The Global Fund mitigated EHS risks and incentivized best practices by leveraging 3 year volume allocations
- **Adoption of Standards:** Global Fund LTAs require suppliers to comply with international environment, health & safety standards. The number of insecticide-treated net manufacturers whose systems meet ISO standards for environmental management (14001:2015) and occupational health & safety (ISO 45001:2018) has increased by 19% since 2020.
- **Packaging Waste:** The Global Fund strives to reduce packaging waste across categories. For example, an estimated plastic waste reduction of 1,110 metric tons was achieved in 2020 via the elimination of the use of individual bags for ITNs.

Nevertheless, **a systematic approach** was needed to realize the Global Fund's sustainability ambitions.

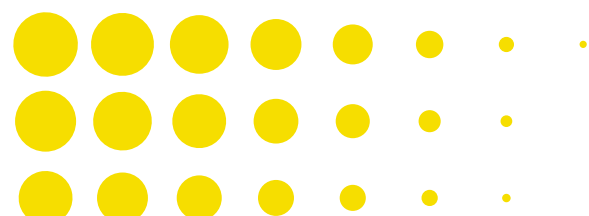
The Global Fund is building on our successes to date through the implementation of our **“Responsible Procurement Framework” (RPF)**.

The RPF is -

- Based on the Triple-Bottom-Line framework.
- Developed in consultation with the UN informal Interagency Task Team on Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector (SPHS).
- Endorsed by the Global Fund Management Executive Committee.
- A Secretariat-level operational guide for Global Fund sourcing; allowing buyers to identify, monitor, mitigate sustainability risks.

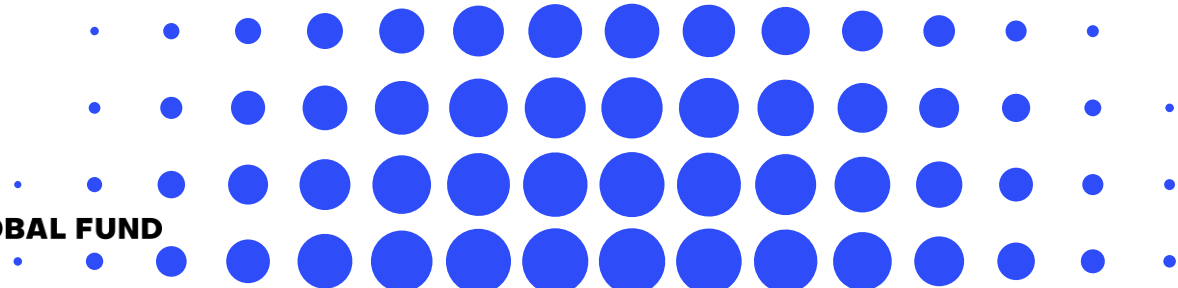
Suppliers may be expected to -

- Provide baseline sustainability & metric information.
- Strive to minimize the environmental impact of your activities\*.
- Align with internationally recognized standards (e.g. ISO) where required.
- Support the Global Fund's sustainability ambitions.



# Disease and technical updates

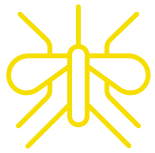
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## Diseases update

### Malaria



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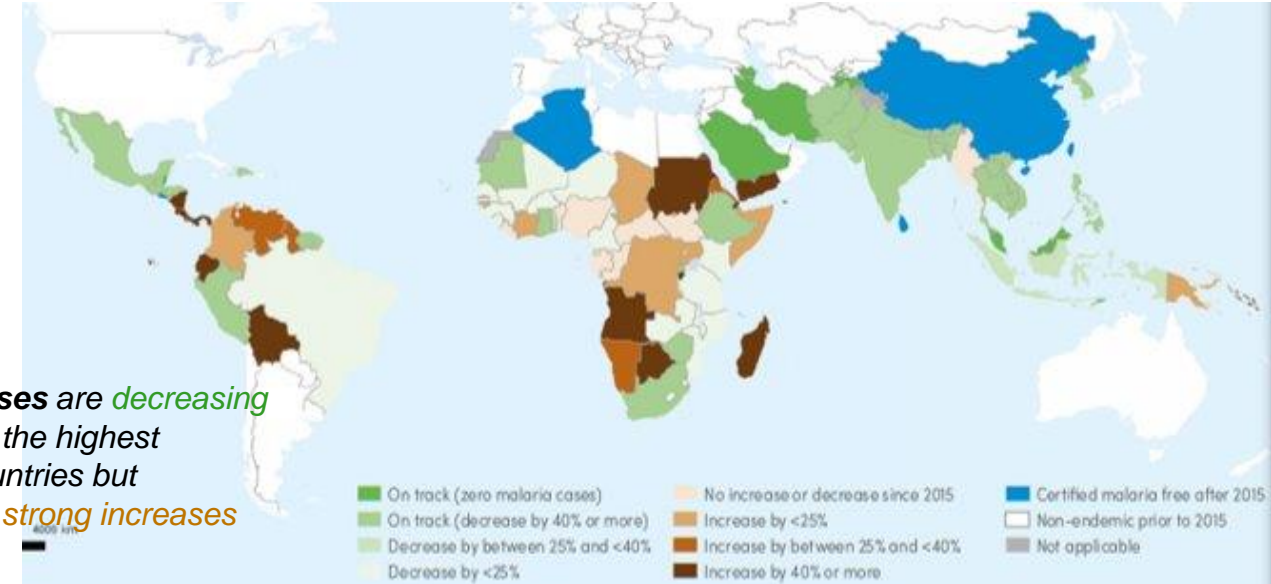
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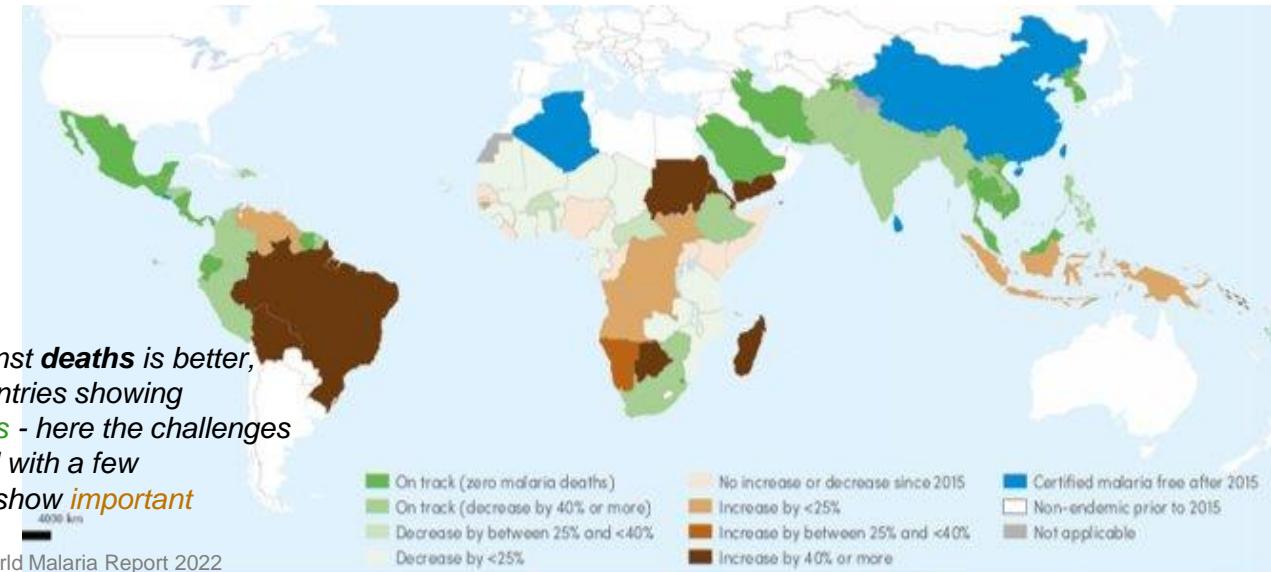
# GF Malaria strategy objectives 2023-2028

1. Ensure optimal effective vector control coverage
2. Expand equitable access to quality early diagnosis and treatment of malaria, through health facilities, at the community level and in the private sector, with accurate reporting
3. Implement malaria interventions, tailored to sub-national level, using granular data, and capacitating decision-making and action
4. Drive towards elimination and facilitate prevention of reestablishment of malaria
5. Accelerate reductions in malaria in high burden areas and achieve sub-regional elimination in (a) select area(s) of sub-Saharan Africa to demonstrate the path to eradication

Malaria **cases** are *decreasing* in some of the highest burden countries but most have *strong increases*



Progress against **deaths** is better, with more countries showing strong *declines* - here the challenges are more focal with a few key countries show *important reversals*



# Priorities for Malaria Case Management in GC7

## Malaria case management

- Improving access and quality of diagnosis and treatment across all sectors.
  - Engage private sector providers to drive parasitological testing before treatment
  - Expand community platforms where access is low.
- For diagnostics, continued focus on availability, capacity for testing, ease of use, adherence to test results and accurate reporting and recording.
  - Deployment of both microscopy and RDTs should be supported by a quality assurance programme
- Addressing *P. vivax* including G6PD testing for radical cure.
- Severe malaria and the continuum of care.

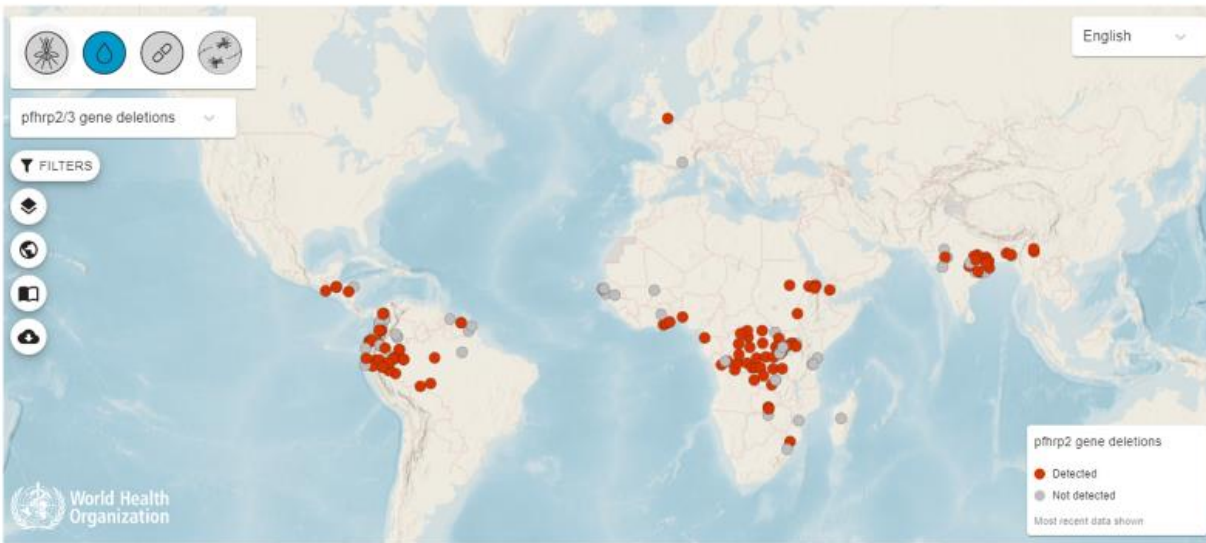
## Addressing biologic threats

- Improved surveillance and mapping of drug resistance and Pfhrp2/3 gene deletions
- Prevention and mitigation of resistance – strategies to reduce selection pressure of current ACTs including diversifying 1<sup>st</sup> line treatments
- Availability and adoption of appropriate diagnostics based on surveillance and normative guidance

# Biological Threats in Case Management: Diagnostics

## WHO Malaria Threat Maps

<https://www.who.int/malaria/maps/threats-about/en/>



Deletion of *Pfhrp2* and related *hrp2* genes allow the parasite to escape from RDTs based on HRP2 antigens – major threat to early diagnosis and effective, prompt treatment as >80% of RDTs use in Africa are hrp2-only

- Limited surveillance to detect scale and scope of *Pfhrp2/3* gene deletions to inform diagnostic selection.
- Malaria threat maps typically show percentage of *pfrp2* deleted samples amongst those tested and NOT all *P. falciparum* cases, → national surveys of symptomatic, confirmed cases needed to determine prevalence of clinically significant deletions.
- Eritrea, Djibouti and Ethiopia have confirmed with national surveys, > 5% of false negatives due to *pfrp2/3* deletions
  - *All three countries have switched/about to switch to non-HRP2 based RDTs*
- Healthy market of *Pfhrp2* based RDTs, appropriate for most settings but limited options for PLDH based RDTs with sensitivity to detect *Pf* with gene deletions.
- Normative guidance limited on reactive versus proactive response to risk of *hrp2/3* gene deletions

# Mitigating Diagnostic Biologic Threats

## Global Fund:

- GC7: Increased support for surveys and surveillance for hrp2/3 gene deletions in coordination with PMI, BMGF and other partners
- Promote data sharing, to inform appropriate introduction of health products
- Promoting diverse and stable RDT market including addressing emerging needs

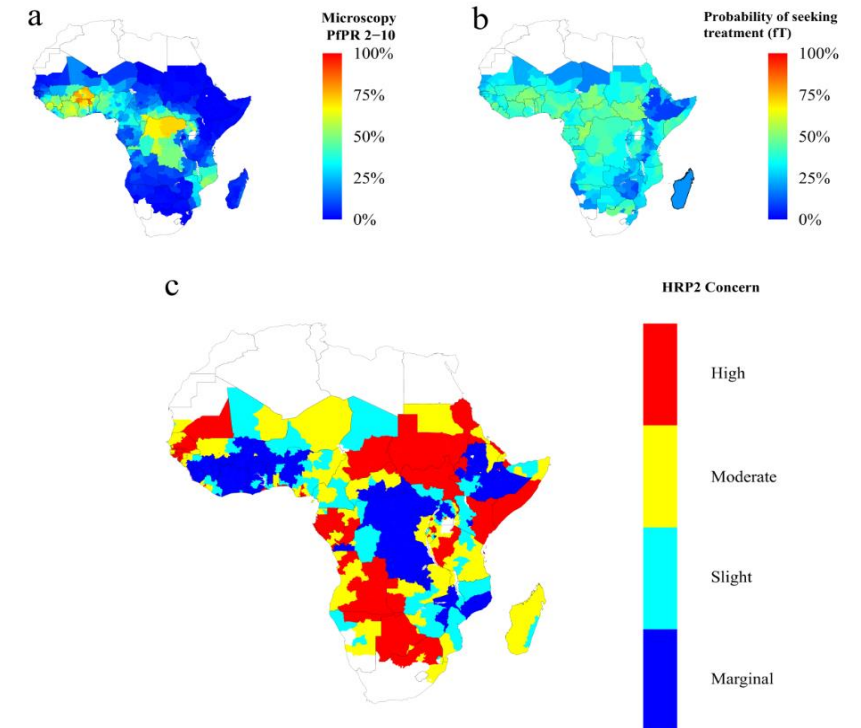
## WHO:

- Review of guidance in response to emerging hrp2/3 gene deletions, potential risk-based transition to non-exclusive HRP2 RDTs
- Identify factors that put countries in Africa at increased risk of
  - pfhrp2 deletions emerging
  - pfhrp2 deletions having clinical impact
  - pfhrp2 deletions spreading
- Supporting countries and aligning across partners for strong data sharing, to inform appropriate introduction of health products

## Other partners, e.g. UNITAID, PATH, FIND, BMGF

- Promotion with suppliers of expanded availability and access of products that respond to biologic threats

## Predicted concern impact of *pfhrp2*-deleted mutants.



Source: Watson et al eLife 6:e25008



# Malaria Portfolio: Key Messages on GC7

**Based on *preliminary analysis* of new grants to date, themes emerge throughout, particularly funding gaps**

- Unprecedented fiscal pressure faced by countries and donors— in particular, low-income countries in Africa where malaria is concentrated
- Biologic threats, climate change and population growth all leading to increased costs of commodities and service delivery
- W1 saw gaps in essential services in Y3
- Led to TRP recommendation to fully fund ‘essential’ case management across GC7 including ACTs and RDTs
  - Vector control and seasonal malaria chemoprevention remain underfunded – struggle to maintain coverage means inability to innovate around delivery models or expanded deployment.

**Insufficient program scope owing to funding challenges, prioritization decisions and/or bio-threats**

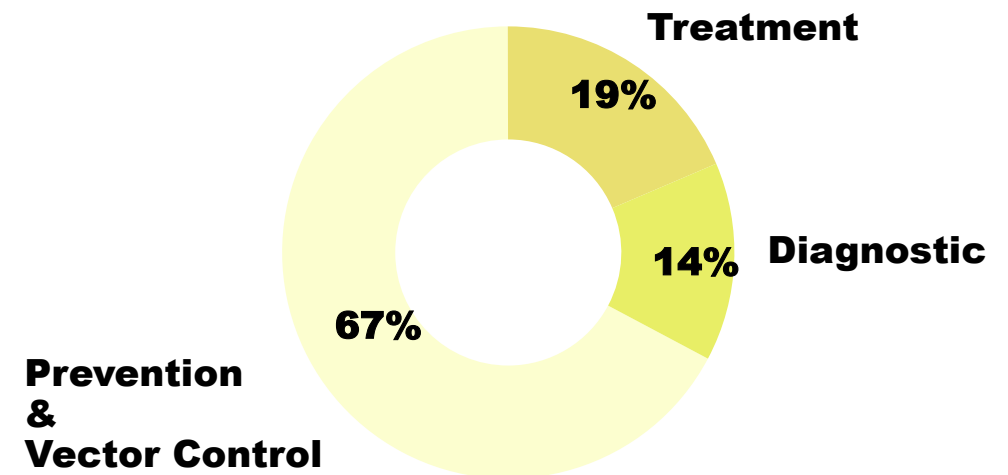
The estimated malaria **funding gap for Windows 1 and 2 is approximately US\$1 billion to *sustain* essential services**

# Malaria Portfolio: Key Messages

**Category focus expected to continue toward case management with diagnostics, specifically malaria RDTs, continuing to play a key role**

- **Effective, quality case management is a major focus of the malaria strategy, beyond commodities including training, service delivery, supervision and health systems strengthening.**
- **Treatment and Diagnostics represent ~ 33% of the overall Malaria PPM Portfolio spend.**
  - **Diagnostic portfolio represented over 14% of the GF 2022 PPM spend of \$1.75 billion**
- **The product portfolio is more mature driven by a less dynamic market however ensuring continued access to all required products and aligning with disease dynamics remains essential**

**PPM Malaria Portfolio Overview  
2022 (Spend \$)**





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# Diseases update HIV

Celine Lastrucci

WHO, Global HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programmes



# Updated WHO testing recommendations and RDTs needs New 2023 consolidate HIV Testing services guideline Hepatitis and STIs testing WHO guidance

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WHO, Global HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programmes

GF RDTs stakeholders consultation - 11 dec 2023

# WHO new 2023 recommendations on HIV self-testing

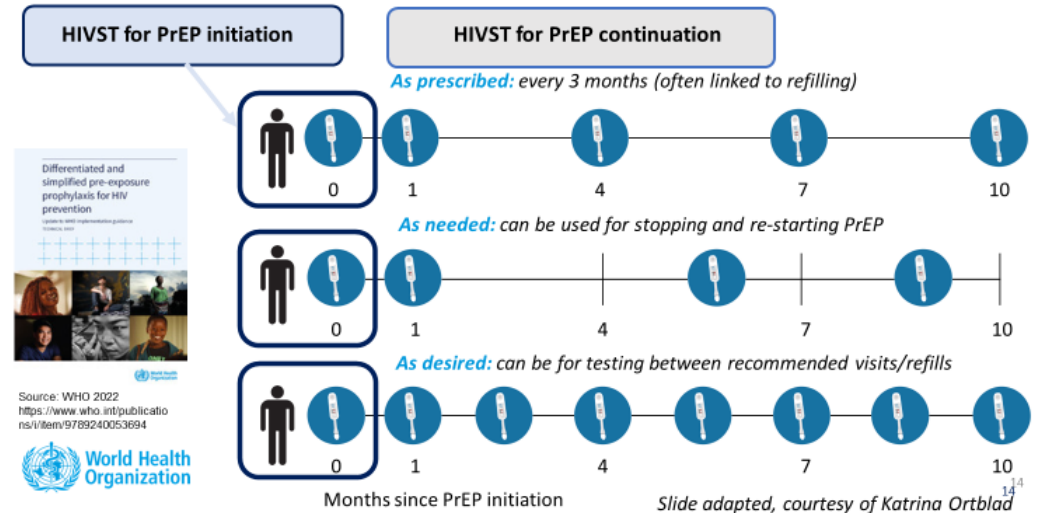
## New use Cases for HIVST

**NEW:** HIV self-testing may be used to deliver pre-exposure prophylaxis, including for initiation, re-initiation and continuation (*conditional recommendation, low-certainty evidence*)

### Remarks

- HIVST-supported PrEP delivery may be an important tool to reach underserved populations.
- HIVST is an option to support PrEP delivery; its use should be driven by client needs and preferences.
- There is a range of PrEP options available for which HIVST use could be considered, including oral PrEP (daily or on-demand) and the dapivirine vaginal ring (DVR). HIVST can also be considered as part of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) implementation. Further research on the role of HIVST in implementing long-acting injectable prevention options, such as cabotegravir (CAB-LA), is needed.

### HIV self-testing for PrEP



**NEW:** HIV self-testing may be offered as an additional option for testing at facilities (*conditional recommendation, low-certainty evidence*).

### Remarks

- HIVST does not replace provider administered testing. Individuals with a reactive self-test result should receive further testing from a trained provider using the full national testing algorithm.
- HIVST can replace risk screening tools\* to optimize testing among those presenting at health facilities.

**NEW:** Caregiver-assisted testing using HIVST: There is insufficient evidence to support caregiver-assisted testing using HIVST kits currently.

Therefore, prior to further implementation, challenges, concerns, and research gaps need to be addressed

**WHO does urge already recommended approaches to reach children**

- EID
- index/family testing
- Indicator testing (eg testing in malnutrition clinics)
- Screening tools to **screen in** for testing clinical settings

# WHO does NOT recommend using recency assays in HIV testing services

## Recency testing for surveillance

### WHO recommends use of recency assays in surveillance

- Utility of recency testing has been demonstrated in population-based surveys to measure HIV incidence
- Use of recency testing in programmatic settings should only be considered when existing HIV testing coverage of the population being studied is high, when a combination of assays including viral load can be delivered to reduce false recent results and analysis plans make appropriate statistical adjustments and infer population-specific trends in recent infection

- **There are no WHO prequalified recency assays**

- No WHO prequalified recency tests in the pipeline or planned to be in the pipeline for WHO prequalification at this time.
- No current pathway for recency testing to receive WHO prequalification as process reserved for recommended HTS interventions & diagnostic tests.

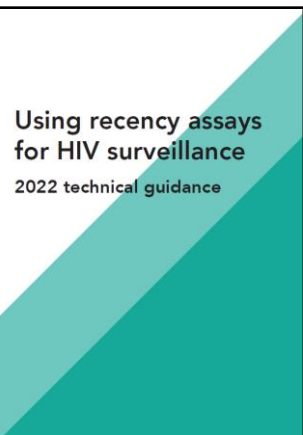
## NO benefits of recency testing in routine HTS, 2023 HTS consolidated guideline

### New WHO recommendation

**HIV recency testing is not recommended as part of routine HIV testing services** (conditional recommendation, low-certainty evidence)

#### Remarks

- This recommendation calls for excluding recency testing from routine HIV testing services. HIV testing services are defined as a package of services including brief pre-test information and post-test counselling; linkage to appropriate HIV prevention, care and treatment services and other clinical and support services; and coordination with laboratory services to support quality assurance.
- Recency assays can, however, be used for surveillance of HIV incidence. WHO has published guidance on this in Using recency assays for HIV surveillance: 2022 technical guidance (<https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1486096/retrieve>)



POLICY BRIEF

## WHO ENCOURAGES COUNTRIES TO ADAPT HIV TESTING STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING EPIDEMIC

NOVEMBER 2019



POLICY BRIEF

WHO RECOMMENDS COUNTRIES MOVE AWAY FROM THE USE OF WESTERN BLOTTING AND LINE IMMUNOASSAYS IN HIV TESTING STRATEGIES AND ALGORITHMS

NOVEMBER 2019



POLICY BRIEF

DUAL HIV/SYPHILIS RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TESTS CAN BE USED AS THE FIRST TEST IN ANTENATAL CARE

DECEMBER 2019



WHO recommends all countries currently using two consecutive reactive tests for an HIV-positive diagnosis to move toward using three consecutive reactive tests for an HIV-positive diagnosis. This is increasingly important as treatment-adjusted HIV prevalence and national HTS positivity continue to decline over time.

- Ensure that the testing strategy has a positive predictive value  $\geq 99\%$  (PPV)
  - Meaning of the persons classified as HIV+,  $\geq 99\%$  will truly be living with HIV
  - PPV depends on positivity rate among testing population
- Quality assured assays, such as WHO prequalified, should be used:
  - **$\geq 99\%$  sensitivity**: fewer than 1 '*false negative*' for 100 truly positive
  - **$\geq 98\%$  specificity**: fewer than 2 '*false positive*' for 100 truly negative
  - Either rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) or immunoassay (EIA, CLIA, ECL)

# Principles for the selection of HIV Testing Algorithms

**WHO recommends to use only quality-assured products:** HIV assays that have undergone stringent regulatory assessments (product & manufacturing)

Performance characteristics	
<b>Highest sensitivity</b> (to rule in all positives [true + false])	<b>A1</b>
<b>Highest specificity (&gt;A1)</b> (to rule out all false positives)	<b>A2 and A3</b>

**Correctness of the final HIV status is dependent on:**

- Specificity of the individual products used (for A1, A2, A3), and
- Probability that any specimen that is falsely-reactive on the first assay (A1) is not also falsely-reactive on the second assay (A2) and third assay (A3) – **this can vary by region**

It is suggested to conduct a **verification study of the new testing algorithms** in order to:

1. Identify the **combination of products which have minimum possible common cross-reactivity** to reduce the risk of false HIV-positive diagnosis. (Note: *Products from the same manufacturer should not be used as part of the testing algorithm to minimize common cross-reactivity*)
2. Identify **flexible algorithms**: replacement tests in case of a "problem" with one of the selected tests, e.g. stock out, lot recall, etc. One for A1 and one for A2/A3
3. **Not intended to reevaluate sensitivity and specificity of individual products!**



# First verification studies results

## Study outcomes in 3 countries (non exhaustive list):

	CHAD (100 samples)	Cameroon (100 samples)	Mali (200 samples)
<b>SUPPORT RECEIVED</b>			
Global fund	comodies+ runing costs + HR	comodies+ runing costs + HR	comodies+ runing costs + HR
WHO	HR (consultant)+ remote technical support	HR (consultant)+ remote technical support	HR (consultant)+ remote technical support
<b>PREPARATION PHASE</b>			
procurement time (months)	16	7	15 *
tests selection, protocol and other tools development , ERB (months)	3	4	6
<b>SAMPLES COLLECTION PHASE</b>			
sample collection duration (days)	5	7	10
sample carracterisation duration (days)	2	2	4
Nb sample collected	171	172	250
true positives	14 (8%)	15 (9%)	TBC
trues negatives	154 (90%)	147 (85%)	247
non conclusive	3 (2%)	10 (6%)	TBC
<b>VERIFICATION PHASE</b>			
tests included in the study	6	8	12
total nb of tests performed	2400	3200	4800
Verification phase duration (days)	8	8	10
inter reader variability	0	0	TBC
invalid rate	0	0	0.5-2.5%
false reactivity	1 test (1%)	4 tests (1 to 4%)	12 (0.25-1%)
share false reactivity	0	1 sample (3 tests)	4 samples (2 to 5 tests)
<b>TOTAL TIME operational phase (days)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>

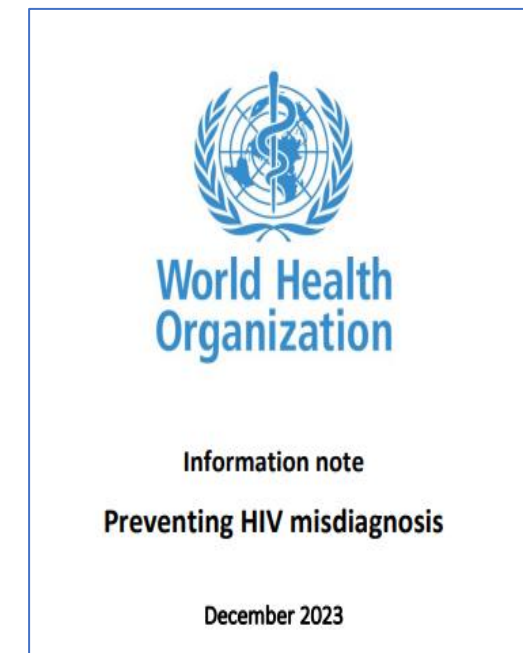
\* 2 steps order because of additional tests included 6 months after initial order

## How did the countries use the results (non exhaustive list):

	share false reactivity identified	Does country changed A1	does the country changed A2	does country change A3	HIV/syphilis dual test choice
CHAD	NO	NO (training)	YES	YES	TBC
Cameroon	YES	YES	YES	NO (decided to keep same test used as tie breaker before)	standard Q
Lesotho	NO	NO (training)	NO (training)	YES (decided to NOT keep same test used as tie breaker before)	1st response
Kenya	NO	YES	YES	YES (decided to NOT keep same test used as tie breaker before)	standard Q
DRC	YES	NO (training)	NO (training)	YES (discontinued)	Bioline
Zambia	NO	YES	NO (training)	YES (no 3rd test before)	1st response
Mali	YES	YES	No (training)	YES (no 3rd test before)	1st response
Philipine	YES	not applicable (not using RDTs before verification study)			
South Soudan	NO	decision making process on going			

# Key testing messages from new HIV WHO testing guidelines

1. Select a strategic mix of **differentiated testing approaches** to fill the testing gaps
2. **Community based testing**, by **trained providers** will increase access and coverage, including for key populations
3. **HIV self-testing** should be expanded widely to allow greater access for people not testing in facilities and to increase ease of using oral PrEP, DVR and PEP
4. **Testing quality is critical. Avoiding misdiagnoses is critical**
  - Misdiagnoses have serious implications for people, programmes and public health
    - Misdiagnoses can be avoided by:
      - Using **Quality assured** product
      - Using the **serial 3 test strategy**
      - **Re-testing** prior to ART initiation
      - Conducting **verification studies**: the right tests in the right order
      - Instituting strong **quality management systems**
5. **Voluntary partner services**, including **Social Network Testing** may be used to increase HIV diagnoses and identify additional people with HIV
6. Use **Dual HIV/syphilis tests** in ANC and for KP
7. Think about **STI** and **viral hepatitis testing** alongside HIV testing
8. **Recency testing** adds complexity and costs in HTS and is **not recommended by WHO**

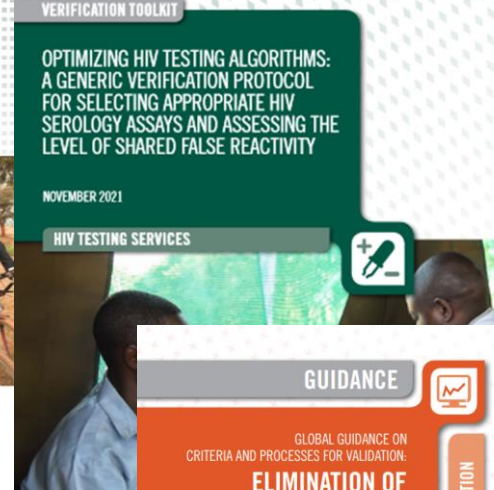
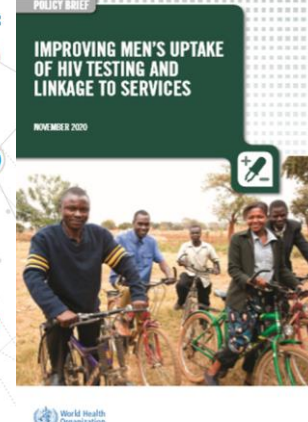
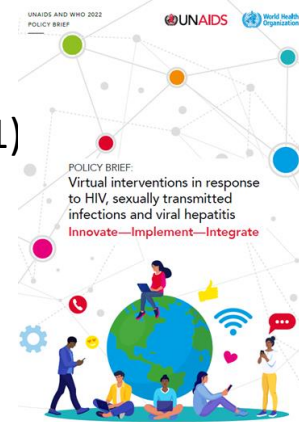


[hiv-testing-information-note.1.12.2023.pdf \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/hiv-testing-information-note-1.12.2023)

# WHO guidelines on Testing Services

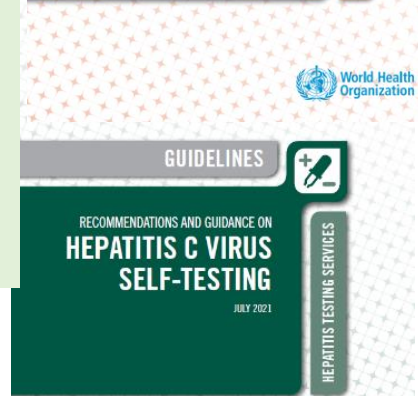
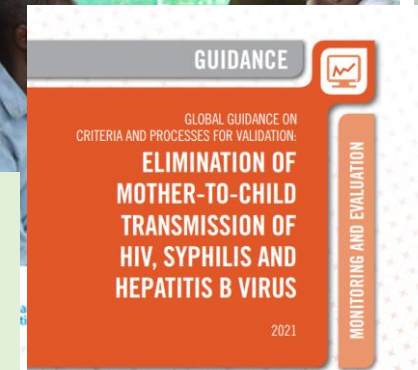
## Other testing updates

- HIV algorithm **verification toolkit** (2021)
- **Virtual intervention** (policy brief 2022)
- **Key populations** (KP guideline 2022)
  - Optimal retesting frequency
  - Dual HIV/syphilis RDT
- **Triple EMTCT** : HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B
- Use of **self-testing extended to Hepatitis C and Syphilis**
- **Trep/Non trep RDTs** to improve **active syphilis** diagnosis
- **Partners services extended to STIs and Hep-C**
- **Improving men uptake**: Reaching men by testing in the **workplace (including HIVST)**
- **Risk screening tools** to optimize testing should be considered for **screening “IN” those with symptoms & risks** that might otherwise be missed (not screening “out”).



Self-testing and self-care becoming standard of care across many different areas

- HIVST
- HCVST
- C19ST
- Syphilis ST
- ST for pregnancy,



# Key takeaways: STIs



## SCALE UP

- **Dual test is being taken up fast, market opportunity remains large**
  - Greater uptake stimulating **growing needs in syphilis testing**, including **non-treponemal RDTs** or **dual T/NT**, and RPR/VDRL
  - Pooled procurement and increased volumes in ANC can increase affordability
- **Self-collection of samples for STIs; pooled samples**

## URGENTLY NEEDED affordable & WHO PQ products

- **New WHO recommendations coming for**
  - **syphilis self-testing** (none in the market)
  - **dual T/NT RDT** (\$\$ and not PQ)
  - **Evidence-based STI partner services**: may increase volume
- **Multiplex/dual/multipanel RDTs**
  - e.g. combined HIV, HBV, Syp (T/NT) to support ETMCT
- **RDTs for Ng/Ct**
- **Target product profiles for STIs POC tests**: [Point-of-care tests for sexually transmitted infections: target product profiles \(who.int\)](#)



## Product pipeline needs support

- One new HCV WHO-PQ in November 2023
- No product with stringent regulatory approval yet for **HbeAg or HCVcAg**
- Strong interest to mobilize around **HBV rapid testing** through multiplex assays & self-testing (no PQe product available yet)
- Formal recommendations for testing of HDV (who to test and what assay to use) done in framework of HBV guidance update: **Need for an RDT for HDV-serology+++; better options for EIA and NAT needed**
- **Liver function Tests** remain important: **POC would be interesting**

## Strategic planning for viral hepatitis testing

- **For further scale up:** Countries need support in developing cost-effective and adapted national testing strategies for HCV and HBV in different epidemiological contexts
  - WHO will develop further implementation guidance in 2023 for strategic country planning; this will include best practices from different countries and using different approaches
- Leverage the work under **Global Fund**, which has extended support to include HCV and HBV testing and treatment (independent of HIV status) in framework of HIV prevention programs in key populations and in triple elimination

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For more information on HIV testing services

[WHO HIV Testing Services Dashboard](#)

[WHO HIV Testing Services Info App](#)

[WHO HTS GL](#)

# 5. Diseases update HIV



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# Global Fund Strategy 2023-2028: END AIDS sub-objectives

1. Accelerate access to and effective use of precision combination prevention, with behavioral, biomedical, and structural components tailored to the needs of populations at high risk of HIV infection, especially KVP
  - Close gaps in HIV prevention coverage
  - **Accelerate access to and use of new HIV prevention options**
  - Evolve and expand the range of platforms for access to and delivery of people-centered HIV prevention
2. Provide quality, people-centered diagnosis, treatment and care, to improve well-being for PLHIV, prevent premature mortality and eliminate HIV transmission
  - Optimize diagnostic pathways
  - Differentiate and scale up quality HIV treatment services
  - Integrate services to prevent, identify, and treat advanced HIV disease, comorbidities, and coinfections
  - Evolve care pathways to strengthen therapeutic alliances between the people in care and the health and community systems
  - **Accelerate the introduction of diagnostics, therapeutics, technologies, and service delivery innovations**
3. Advocate for and promote legislative, practice, program and policy changes to reduce HIV-related stigma, discrimination, criminalization, other barriers and inequities and uphold the rights of PLHIV and KVP



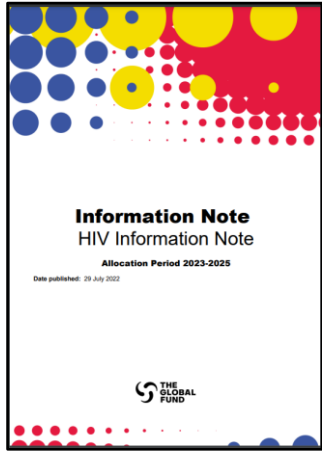
# Epidemiological Update & Consequences for HIV Testing

The proportion of people living with HIV who know their status was **86% in 2022\*** (92% in Eastern and Southern Africa).

- **HIV testing positivity is decreasing**
  - All countries to adopt a **3-test algorithm** to keep a positive predictive value above 99% (**HIV Program Essential**)
  - The need for confirmatory A2 and A3 tests is decreasing -> **Countries need smaller packs if not individual packs for A2 & 3 or the possibility to buy buffer separately**
- **New strategies are needed for hard to reach, still undiagnosed populations:** HIV testing services include **HIV self-testing**, safe ethical index testing and social network-based testing (**HIV Program essential**)
- **The relative weight of Antenatal Testing & testing for Key Populations** in the total HIV testing mix will continue to increase
  - **Testing at ANC** responds to a logic of **elimination of Vertical Transmission**
  - **Key populations** are increasingly driving the HIV Epidemic

# Key HIV Resources for Funding Requests

## Updates for the 2023-2025 Allocation Period



### [HIV Information Note](#)

The RSSH, TB and Malaria Information Notes are also available [here](#).

### [Program Essentials](#)

- **Critical interventions needed to achieve outcomes and impact**
- Program Essentials are **key evidence-based interventions and approaches** to address the ambitious goals set out in **the HIV, TB, and Malaria global strategies**.
- Elements **recommended by technical partners** (WHO, UNAIDS, Stop TB, RBM) and further described in their respective technical guidelines
- When part of national programs, **Program Essentials will support countries to achieve their national targets**. They can be funded by either The Global Fund or other sources.

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### **Additional Resources**

#### **1. Technical Briefs**

Technical Briefs will be published [here](#). These resources will include additional detail on specific topics (HIV Service Delivery in COE, Health & Longevity, HIV, Human Rights and Gender Equality).

#### **2. Global Guidelines**

Links to all key technical guidance documents are in footnotes of the HIV Information Note.

# HIV Investment priorities for GC7

## Program Essentials

- HIV Testing:
  - 3 test Algorithm
  - Self-Testing in the mix of HIV Testing Services
- **Advanced HIV Disease: CD4, CrAg and TB LAM**

## Investment Priorities:

- From PMTCT to Integrated Approach towards **Triple Elimination of HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis B**
  - More usage for Multi disease tests
- **Dual HIV/Syphilis tests also for Key Populations**
- With Hepatitis B comes the need of HBe Ag and with Syphilis TP, the need of non-TP testing

## Looking Ahead:

- Triple RDT HIV/Syph/HBs Ag
- Tenofovir Urine test

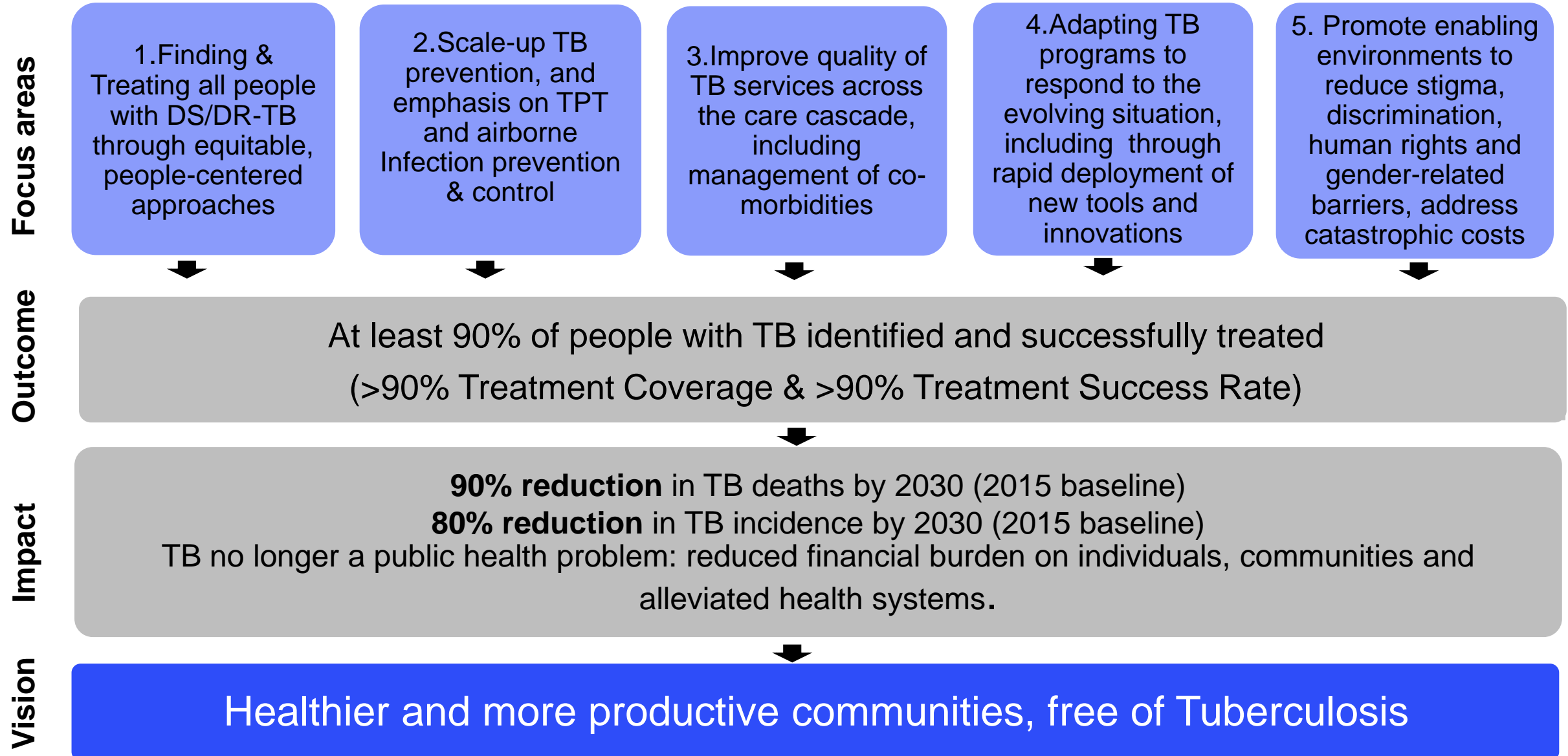
# 6. Disease update TB



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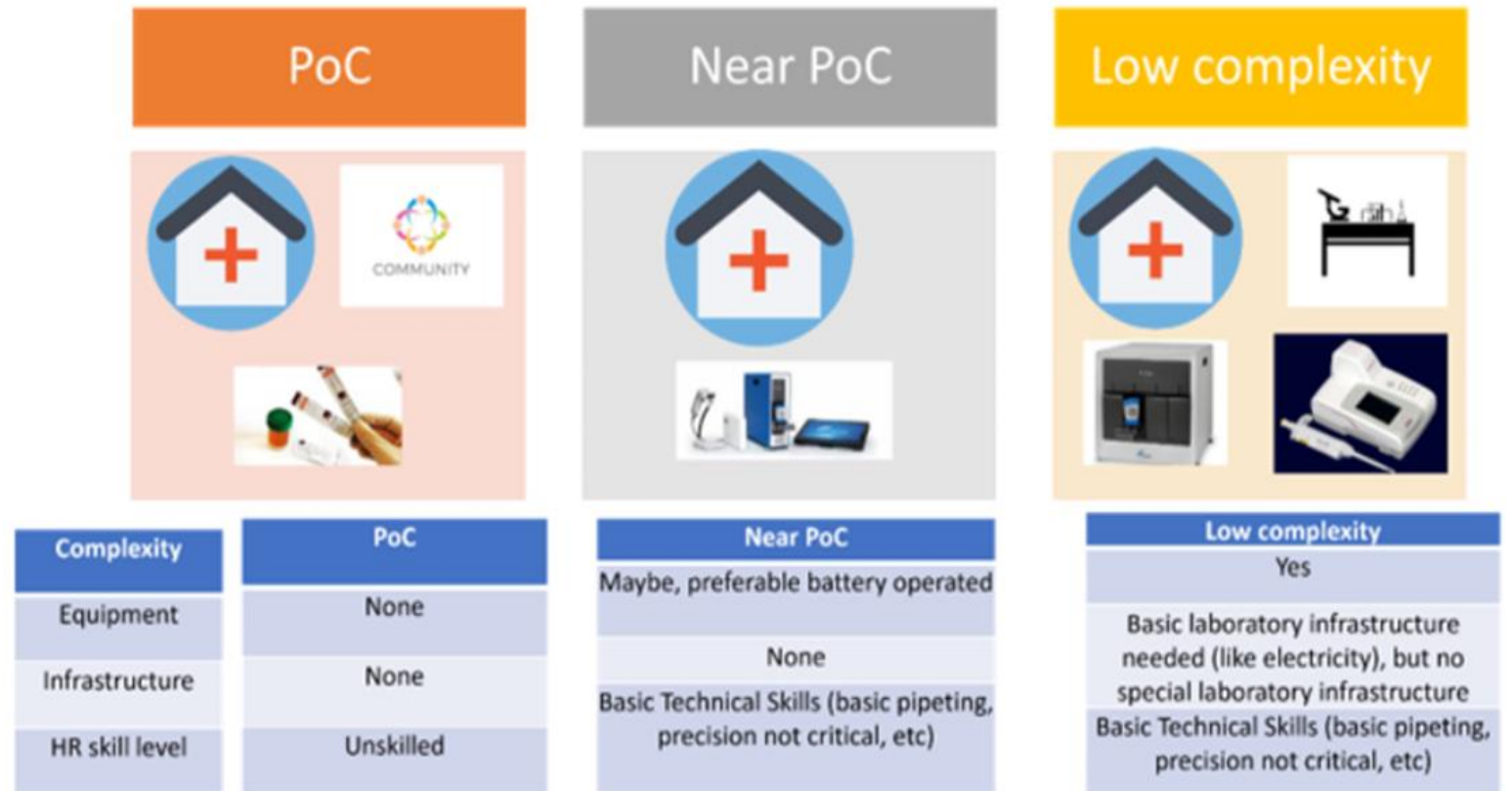
# TB priority areas of focus and expected results



# TB and Diagnostics

- **Current TB diagnostic tests are not true point of care tests**
- **The current TB diagnostic network has issues with:**
  - Monopoly market until recently (Cepheid GeneXpert)
  - Majority of tests require lab infrastructure/electricity to run and/or recharge
  - Require sample that is difficult to obtain (Sputum/stool – for children)
  - Where is it POC (urinary LAM test) it is for a sub section of the at risk population.

RDT for TB should ideally match POC requirements below.





# 7. WHO Prequalification

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# Update on Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics

11 December 2023



# Update on Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics

Presentation outline

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- 01** Introduction to the prequalification assessment of IVDs
- 02** PQ Technical specifications
- 03** Collaborative registration procedure for IVDs
- 04** Specific information for RDTs

# Update on Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics



## Introduction to the prequalification assessment of IVDs

# PQ of IVDs: aim & scope

## Prequalification of IVDs began in 2010

- The aim of PQDx is to promote and facilitate **access** to safe, appropriate and affordable IVDs of **good quality**
- Focus is placed on **IVDs for priority diseases** and their suitability for use in **resource-limited settings**
- The **scope** of IVDs eligible for PQ continues to expand
- Currently 113 IVDs are prequalified

## PQ List available at:

[Prequalified In Vitro Diagnostics | WHO - Prequalification of Medical Products \(IVDs, Medicines, Vaccines and Immunization Devices, Vector Control\)](#)

HIV

Malaria

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis B

HPV

G6PD

Cholera

Syphilis

Tuberculosis NAT

SARS-CoV-2 Ag RDTs and NAT

Glucose meters & test strips\*

HbA1c PoC\*

# PQ of IVDs: design

The PQDx programme is aligned with best international practice for IVDs

- ISO (and EN) standards
- GHTF/IMDRF guidance
- CLSI guidance
- Requirements of national regulatory authorities including: FDA, EU, TGA, HC, Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare



# What PQ does differently

Requirements are based on the same standards as GHTF/IMDRF

- PQ is aligned with internationally accepted practice

BUT assesses regulatory versions intended for the **global market**:

- Where a stringently reviewed versions exist, they are often not supplied to the global market
- RoW versions can differ from stringently assessed version
  - *site of manufacture, QC, labelling, key suppliers, composition, intended use...*

Reviews aspects of particular relevance for **resource-limited settings**

- Risk assessment, stability, flex studies, labelling, customer training & support
- Considers environmental & operational factors



# PQ assessment components

A comprehensive assessment of individual IVDs through a standardized procedure aimed at determining if the product meets WHO prequalification requirements

The prequalification assessment process includes three components:

Review of a product dossier

Performance evaluation

Manufacturing site inspection

Labelling review

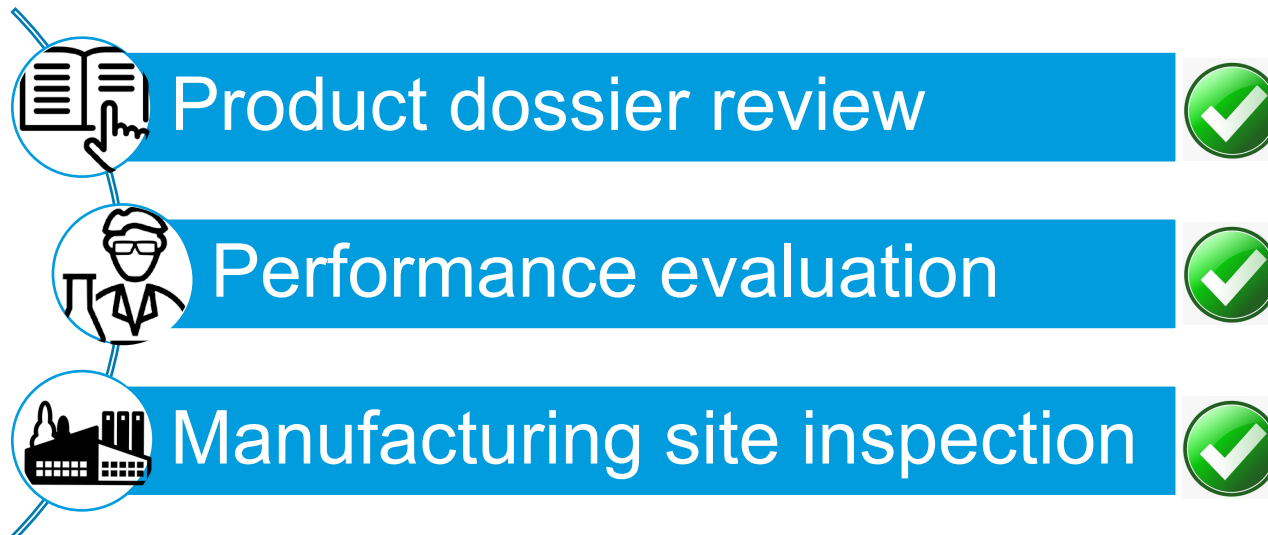
Full assessment

or

Abridged assessment

# Prequalification decision

Final prequalification outcome depends on:



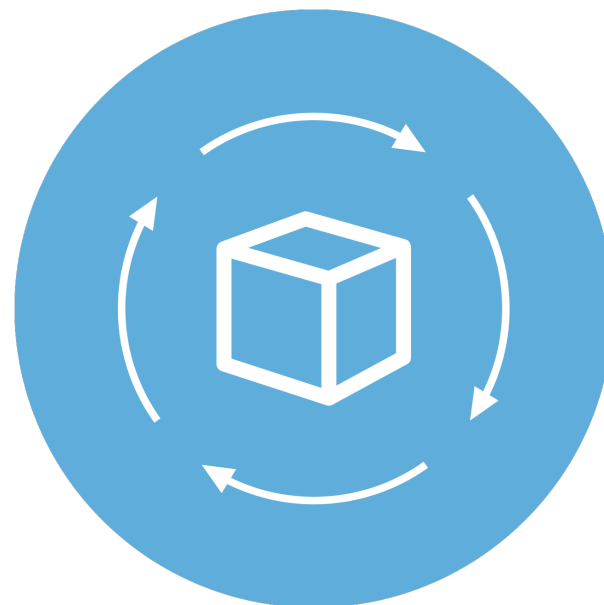
- Final labelling review is conducted & the public report prepared
- The product is added to the list of WHO prequalified IVDs
  - IVD is eligible for WHO and UN procurement **& CRP**

# Post-PQ Activities

## Ongoing requirements to maintain PQ listing

Manufacturer must comply with:

- Commitments to PQ
- Annual reporting
  - Sales data, complaints, Field Safety Correction Notices
- Change reporting
- Post market surveillance obligations
- Ongoing compliance with TSS
- Routine site inspections





# Update on Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics



**PQ Technical specifications**

# PQ-IVD Technical specifications published in 2023

## TSS-20

IVD medical devices used for the qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid

## TSS-21

SARS-CoV-2 antigen rapid diagnostic tests for professional use and self-testing

## \*TSS-18

HbA1c point of care analysers for professional use

## TSS-19

IVD medical devices for monitoring of blood glucose in capillary blood



<https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vitro-diagnostics/technical-specifications-series>  
<https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vitro-diagnostics/technical-specifications-series>

# TSS 20 and TSS 21: SARS-CoV-2

- Published as part of transition from EUL to PQ
- Emergency Use Listing (EUL) is an extraordinary process intended to provide guidance to interested UN procurement agencies and NRAs of WHO Member States on IVD **quality, safety and performance**
- End of the PHEIC (May 5, 2023) triggered:
  - No new EUL submissions accepted
  - Cancellation of ongoing assessments (unless close to completion)
  - Start of transition phase (EUL → PQ)
- Q&A document available:

▪ [https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/sites/default/files/documents/IVD Tran](https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/sites/default/files/documents/IVD%20Transition%20Phase%20Q%26A%20Document.pdf)



# TSS under development

## TSS-22 Haemoglobin point of care analysers

- Expansion of PQ: non-communicable diseases (NCD), risk class B
- Technical consultation including 18 experts
- Public comment period: planned Q1 2024

## TSS-23: RDTs to detect mycobacterial lipoarabinomannan (LAM) antigen

- Technical consultation (Jan 2024): approx. 15 experts
- Public comment period: planned Q1 2024

# TSS under revision

## TSS-3: Malaria rapid diagnostic tests, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

- Technical consultation: June 2023
- Public comment period: planned Q1 2024

### **Scope of the revision:**

- Format changes → align with IMDRF ToC chapter numbering
- Availability of WHO International Standard for Pf & Pv (analytical studies)
- Clinical evidence to support claim for the detection of parasites with HRP2/3 deletions (applicable to all IVDs that detect Pf non-HRP antigens, e.g. LDH)

# Planned new TSS and TSS revisions



- TSS-4: In vitro diagnostic medical devices used for the detection of high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) types in cervical cancer screening (mRNA, self-collection)
- TSS-6: Syphilis rapid diagnostic tests (self-testing)
- Open platform molecular tests (bridging studies)
- Sexually transmitted infections
  - TSS: *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* POC
  - TSS: *Chlamydia trachomatis* POC
- Tuberculosis
  - TSS: TB next-generation sequencing technologies for the detection of mutations associated with drug resistance in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex

# Update on Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics



**Collaborative  
registration procedure  
for IVDs**

# Collaborative Registration Procedure (CRP)

## Collaboration between NRA, Manufacturer and WHO

Aims to accelerate country registration of prequalified IVDs through information sharing between WHO PQ and National Regulatory Authorities

### PRINCIPLES

- Voluntary for Mx of prequalified IVDs
- Product sameness must be guaranteed
- Confidentiality of data shared
- Target timeline: 90 days for NRA decision

### WHO PQ REPORTS SHARED

- Dossier review & Change requests
- Site Inspection
- Performance Evaluation





# CRP Roles and Responsibilities

## The Manufacturer

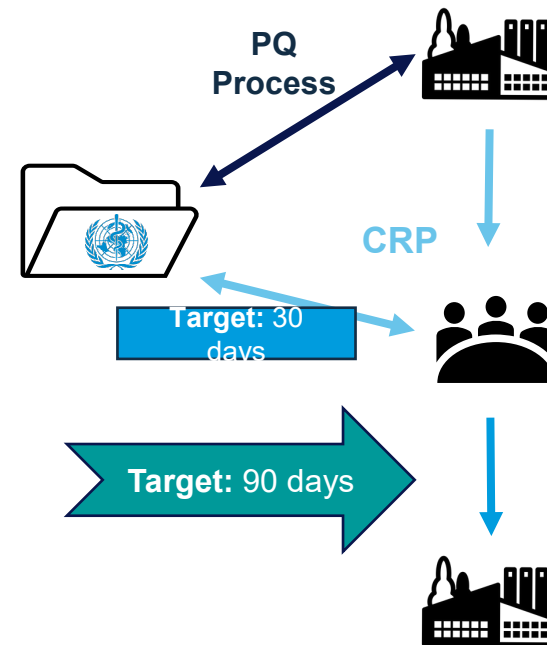
- Submit an expression of interest to the NRA
- Provide consent for WHO to share PQ reports
- Submit product dossier to NRA

## WHO

- Make reports available to NRA via secure transfer
- Provide advocacy and support to regulatory authorities

## The NRA

- Treat WHO PQ reports as confidential
- Issue a national regulatory decision within 90 days



# NRAs participating in CRP for IVDs



As of October 2023

# Update on Prequalification of in vitro diagnostics



## Specific information for RDTs



# Specific information for RDTs



- TSS updates: ensuring compliance
- Upcoming new TSS / PQDx expansion plan

## Performance evaluations:

- New panel for HIV serology assays under development
- Development of protocol for HIV urine tests and parallel revision of protocol for HIV oral fluid tests
- Revision of other HIV serology protocols (serum/plasma and capillary blood)
- New panel for « main » protocol for HIV tests on serum and plasma and HIV-syphilis dual tests
- Align analytical panels with above
- Protocol revision planned for Q1 2024, once panel fully characterized

# Specific information for RDTs cont'd



Malaria:

Collection of new specimens with *P. falciparum* hrp2/3 deletion in Africa planned for 2024

Revision of protocol in parallel with revision of TSS requirements scheduled for 2024

- Hrp2/3 deletion panels
- Addition of *P. vivax* international standard

# Performance evaluation laboratories – list

- 15 listed laboratories

<https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vitro-diagnostics/prequalified/performance-evaluation-laboratories>

## Performance Evaluation Laboratories

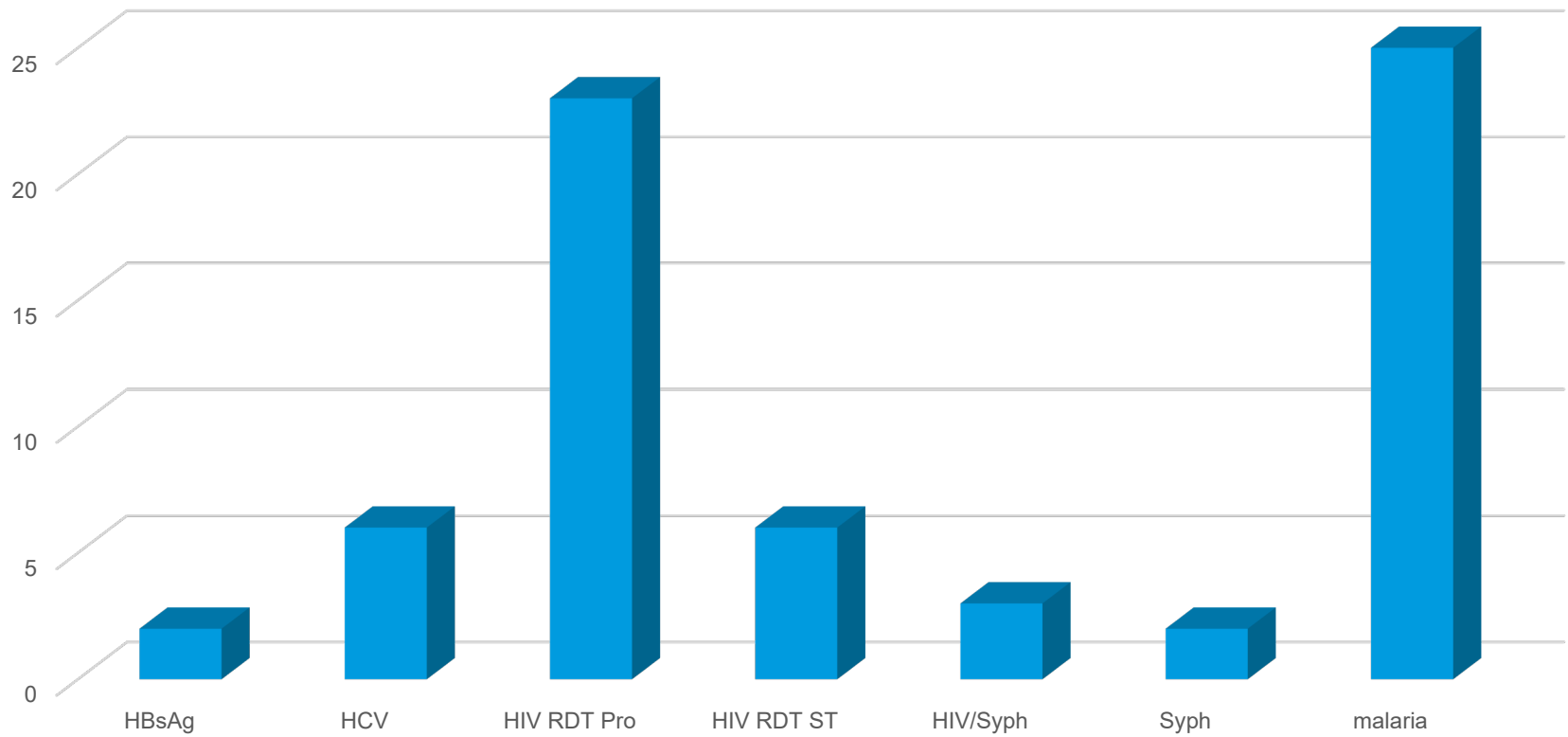
Analyte  Laboratory

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Laboratory <sup>▲</sup>	Country	Date of Listing	Laboratory Option List	Analyte (s)
<a href="#">Biotechnology and Genetica Laboratory, Instituto Nacional de Saude (INS)</a>	Mozambique	9 Jun, 2022	Option 1	HIV NAT (quantitative) HIV NAT (qualitative - EID)
<a href="#">CDC Division of Global HIV/TB International Laboratory Branch Viral Load and Early Infant Diagnosis Team</a>	United States	10 Sep, 2018	Option 1 Option 2	HIV NAT (quantitative) HIV NAT (qualitative - EID)
Central Public Health Laboratories Kampala	Uganda	8 Apr	Option 1	HIV NAT

# Prequalified RDTs

Chart Title





## ACCESS TO QUALITY ASSURED IVDs: PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023 - 7.00 TO 9.00AM

Updates on initiatives that support access to quality assured IVDs, with a focus on the African region. Followed by interactive panel discussion.

Laboratory professionals, IVD regulators and product manufacturers are welcome.

### Workshop Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Remarks (WHO)
- Stakeholder updates (PEPFAR/USAID, UNITAID, The Global Fund)
- Expert Review Panel for Diagnostics (The Global Fund)
- PQ Assessment of IVDs (WHO)
- The Collaborative Registration Procedure (NRA)
- HIV Testing Algorithms (WHO)
- Post-market Surveillance (WHO)
- Panel discussion with audience Q&A



Come early for Breakfast  
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ASLM 2023 Satellite Session



# Questions and answers



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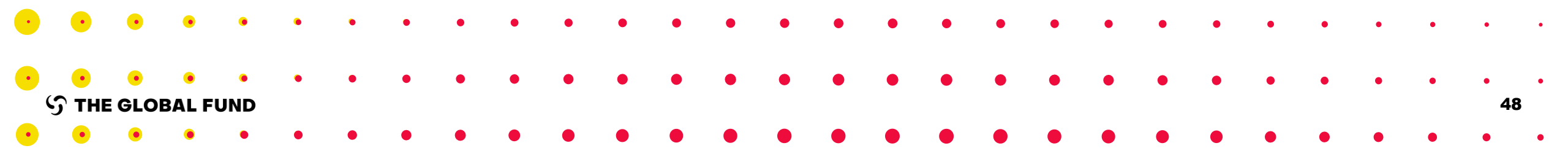
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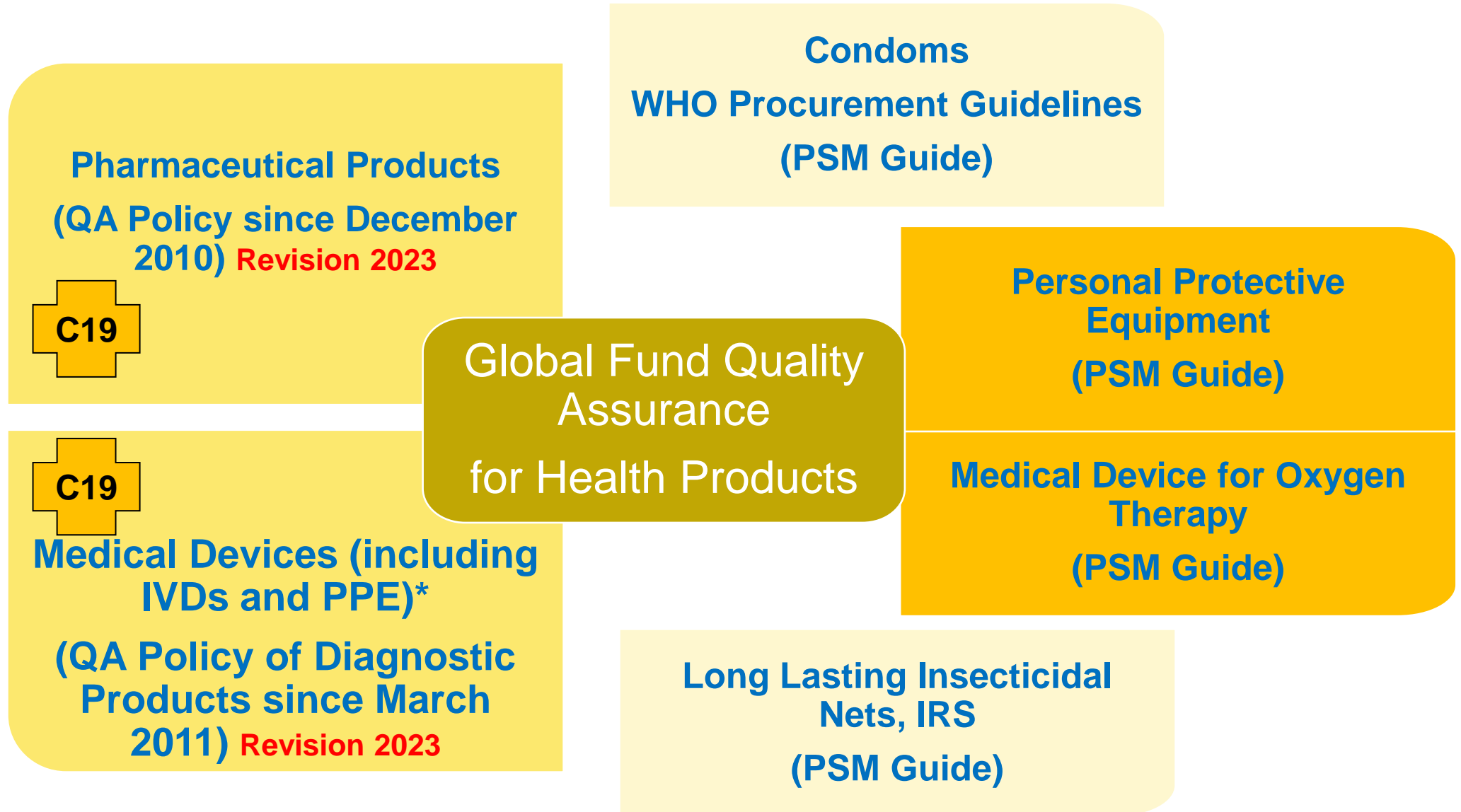


# 8. Global Fund Quality Assurance and Expert Review Panel

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# Overview of TGF QA Requirements



# **QA policies update**

## **Updates to the QA Policies approved by The Global Fund Board on 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**

**Decision point: GF/B50/DP06:**

**Amended and Restated Global Fund Quality Assurance Policy for  
Pharmaceutical Products**

**and Amended and Restated Global Fund Quality Assurance Policy for  
Medical Devices (including In-Vitro Diagnostics) and Core Personal  
Protective Equipment**

# What are the key changes ?

KEY CHANGES TO EXISTING POLICIES

**i** Approval of the amended and restated Quality Assurance Policy for Pharmaceutical Products

**ii** Approval of the amended and restated Quality Assurance Policy for Medical Devices (including In-Vitro Diagnostics) and Core Personal Protective Equipment

**iii** Delegate authority to the Secretariat to make non-material adjustments to the quality assurance policies, in consultation with the Strategy Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and to report back to the Strategy Committee and Board

**B** Expand the eligibility criteria for products to include health products that are **authorized for use by a WLA**

**C** Expand the list of products eligible for procurement in emergencies to include those **approved pursuant to the WHO Emergency Use Listing procedures** or other emergency procedure set up by an SRA / WLA

**D** Describe the **risk-based approach the Secretariat will take for handling quality-related concerns** that have been identified on specific orders

**E** **Update to ensure consistency**, support and guide implementation of the Policies.

# What are the key changes for IVDs?

		<b>NEW QA POLICY Framework</b>	
		<b>Former QA POLICY Framework</b>	
Reference	<i>QA Diagnostic Products Policy (2017)</i>	Reference	<i>QA <b>Medical Device</b> Policy (2023)</i>
<b>Product applicability</b>	For all Diagnostic Products (IVDs plus others)	<b>Product applicability</b>	For all Medical Devices (including In-Vitro Diagnostics)
<b>General quality standards (section 7)</b>	Quality Management System requirements (ISO 13485 or equivalent)	<b>General quality standards (section 7 &amp; 8)</b>	Quality Management System requirements (ISO 13485 or equivalent)
<b>Additional Quality Requirements (section 8)</b>	<p>IVDs with respect to HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and to Hepatitis B, hepatitis C and syphilis co-infections, as well as IVDs providing information that is critical for patient management of these diseases</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <p>Prequalified by the WHO Prequalification Programme Or WHO Global TB programme recommendation Or Authorized for use by Regulatory Authorities of the Founding Members of the GHTF when stringently assessed (as high risk) Or After assessment by Expert Review Panel</p>	<b>Additional Quality Requirements (section 10)</b>	<p>IVDs with respect to ...</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> <p>Prequalified by the WHO Prequalification Programme Or WHO Global TB programme recommendation/<b>Rapid Communications</b> Or Authorized for use by Regulatory Authorities of the Founding Members of the GHTF when stringently assessed (<b>Class C &amp; D</b>) Or <b>Authorized for use by WHO Listed Authority (WLA)</b> Or After assessment by Expert Review Panel <b>In case of Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEIC)</b> <b>Approved under the WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL)</b> Or <b>Under SRAWLA Emergency procedures</b></p>

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We promote best practices in the procurement of diagnostic products, including:

- Complying with World Health Organization guidance on storage and distribution
- Ensuring that products are used by appropriately trained and suitably qualified persons only
- Using best efforts to participate in suitable external quality assessment programs
- Using best efforts to organize calibration and maintenance of relevant equipment
- Using best efforts to develop systematic reporting of product defects

The cost of quality assurance and quality monitoring measures must be included in grant budgets. Those responsible for the procurement of diagnostic processes (in most cases, the Principal Recipient) should ensure they observe all applicable laws and regulations. In addition, World Health Organization guidelines or national guidelines should serve as the basis for the selection of particular products.

### Eligibility of Products

In accordance with our quality assurance policy, implementers have four options when selecting which in vitro diagnostic products to purchase. They can choose products that meet one of the four options:

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/diagnostic-products/>

### — Diagnostics eligible product lists

**List of HIV Diagnostic Test Kits and Equipments Classified According to the Quality Assurance Policy**

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**List of Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits for Malaria Classified According to the Quality Assurance Policy**

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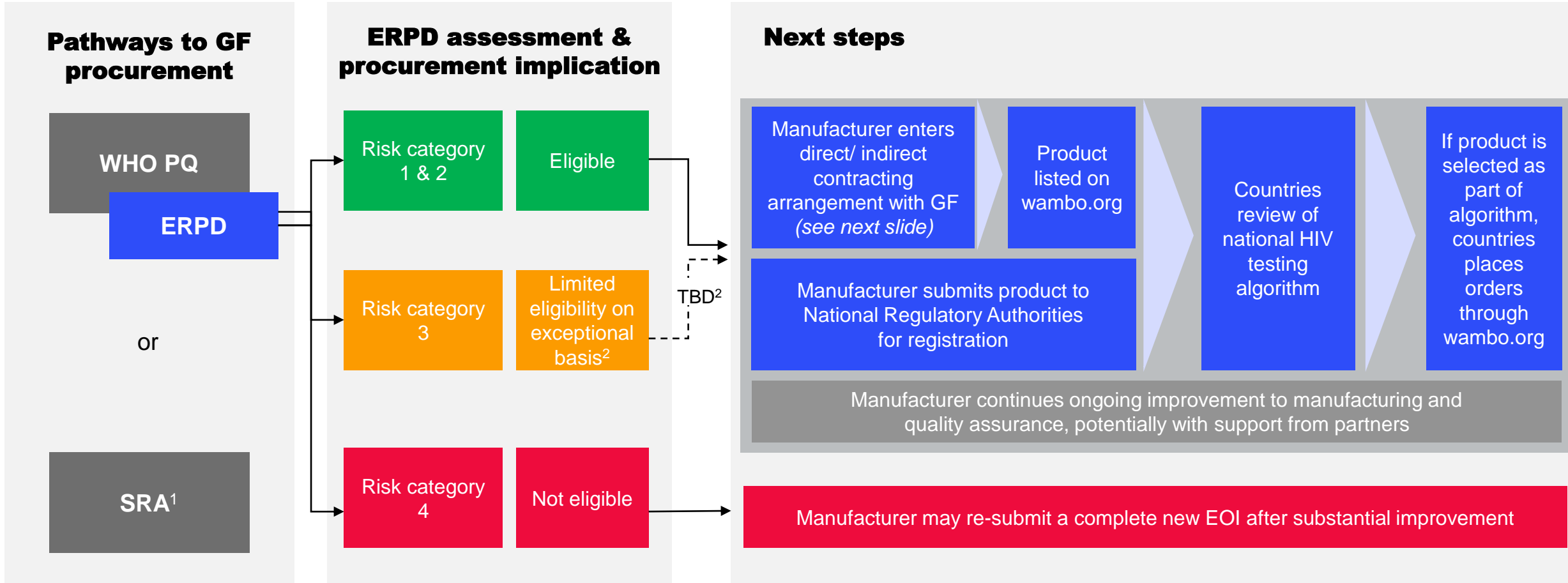
**List of SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Test Kits and Equipments Eligible for Procurement: COVID-19**

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**List of TB Diagnostic Tests Classified According to the Quality Assurance Policy**

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# Indicative next steps before following ERPD, before a test can be procured using Global Fund funds



1 SRA is not possible for HIV RDTs for self testing (see QA Policy)

2 Procurement permitted if no alternatives that can meet programmatic and/or operational requirements



# ERPD is hosted by WHO, initiated by the Global Fund



## Global Fund's role includes:

- prepares and circulates the invitations for EoI in close collaboration with UNITAID and partners,
- manages the receipt of product questionnaires as sent by manufacturers,
- forwards complete questionnaires and associated documents to WHO for review,
- notifies manufacturers of the outcome of the ERPD's review of their respective submissions,
- maintains on the website an up-to-date list of diagnostics submitted and/or eligible for procurement as per QA policy, based on ERPD advice



## WHO role's role includes:

- arranges the timely review of the product questionnaires,
- assess data provided in the submissions, draft the corresponding quality risk assessment reports, and allocate each product questionnaire to the appropriate risk category; the data for each product will be reviewed at least by two assessors,
- reports the conclusion on the acceptability or non-acceptability for procurement of each product,
- provides advice on measures to mitigate identified risks

# Global Fund, Unitaid and PEPFAR, supported by WHO, are piloting the use of the Expert Review Panel to accelerate approval of HIV rapid tests manufactured in Africa

## What do we hope to achieve?

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1. To accelerate equitable access to **quality assured HIV rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) manufactured in Africa**
2. To incentivize manufacturers to conduct sustainable, **end-to-end manufacturing of HIV RDTs in Africa within the next 10 years**, as a step in the pathway to securing an uninterrupted supply of RDTs in Africa

## What is the Expert Review Panel for Diagnostics (ERPD)?

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1. **Group of independent experts, convened by WHO**, that reviews the potential risks and benefits associated with the use of diagnostic products that may have a high public health impact but have not yet undergone a stringent regulatory assessment
2. Favorable ERPD risk rating **can result in time-limited addition to the list of eligible products for procurement** by countries using grant funds
3. ERPD assessment **does not replace WHO PQ / Stringent Regulatory Assessment (SRA)** but provides an interim solution for a time-limited period in anticipation of the completion of a stringent review process

# Manufacturers must meet the following criteria and submit the following documents in order to be eligible for ERPDP review

## Criteria

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1. **Regulatory status:** Product is under review by WHO PQ or SRA, or manufacturer submits a Letter of Commitment to apply to WHO PQ or SRA
2. **Quality Management System (QMS) status:** Product is manufactured at a site compliant with Iso 13485:2016 or equivalent management system
3. **Intent to expand manufacturing steps:** Manufacturer provides a signed Letter of Intent indicating its intent to expand the manufacturing steps for the product in African sites to end-to-end manufacturing within the next 10 years.
4. **Manufacturing in the African Union:** Product is at least partially manufactured in one of the 55 Member States of the African Union (AU)

Unique to this GF/ERPDP/  
Adhoc 24/08-2023  
ERPDP call

## Documentation

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1. **Cover letter**
2. **Letter for regulatory status**, either from WHO Prequalification of In-Vitro Diagnostics Program, or a SRA or – in the absence of such a confirmation letter – a Letter of Commitment from the manufacturer
3. **Quality Management System (QMS) status** documents
4. **“Letter of Intent”** to expand manufacturing steps conducted in Africa
5. Completed **product questionnaire**, which can be found on the Global Fund website:  
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/expert-review-panel/>

See call for EOI for details

# More available on ERP on Global Fund website

## Expert Review Panel

[Home](#) > [Sourcing & Management of Health Products](#) > [Quality Assurance](#) > Expert Review Panel

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

- Updates
- Market Shaping Strategy
- Procurement Tools
- + Health Product Procurement
- Information for Suppliers
- Price & Quality Reporting

### - Quality Assurance

- Medicines
- Diagnostic Products
- Other Products

### Expert Review Panel

Information Notice

VIEW RELATED RESOURCES



The Expert Review Panel is a group of independent experts who review the potential risks and benefits associated with the use of finished pharmaceutical or diagnostic products and make recommendations to the Global Fund on their use. The Quality and Safety of Medicines department of the World Health Organization hosts the panel.

Two panels compose the Expert Review Panel:

- Expert Review Panel for Pharmaceutical Products: See our [Medicines](#) page for more information on the work of this panel. The panel's terms of reference are available below for download.
- Expert Review Panel for Diagnostics: See [Diagnostics Products](#) for more information on the work of this panel. The panel's terms of reference are available for download.

## Opportunities for Evaluation

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- + Opportunities for Evaluation of Diagnostic Products

Each individual invitation details the specific documents to include in a submission. This list of documents includes, but is not limited to:

For Evaluation of Medicines:

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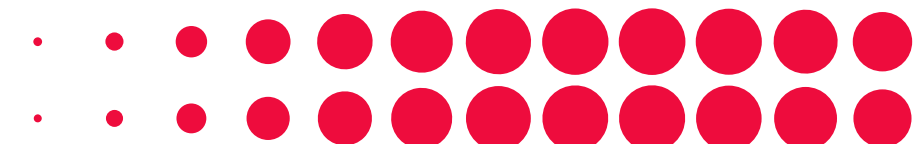
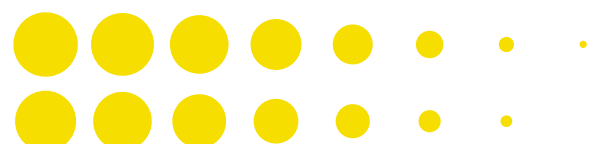
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**Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests for infections of Pf only, Pf/Pv or Pan (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-23/05-2023)**

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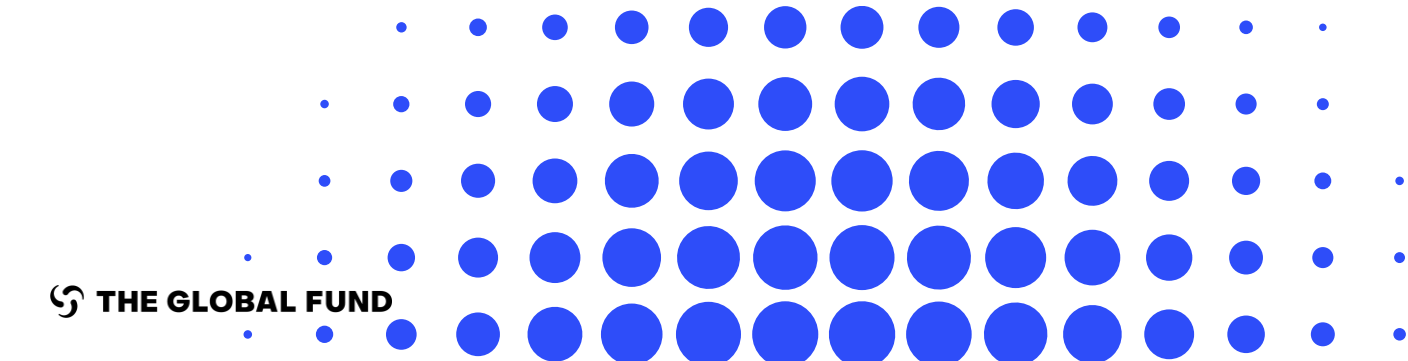
**Diagnostic tests for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and combined HIV, Hepatitis B and C (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-22/10-2022)**

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# Innovation & Partners RDT Strategies

- 9. FIND Innovation pipeline
  - 10. PMI sourcing strategy
  - 11. PEPFAR sourcing strategy
  - 12. UNICEF 2023-2028 Procurement Strategy
- Q&A / Discussion 2



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DIAGNOSTIC INNOVATION  
PIPELINE AT POC

◆ Jérémie Piton, PhD  
11 December 2023, Cape Town

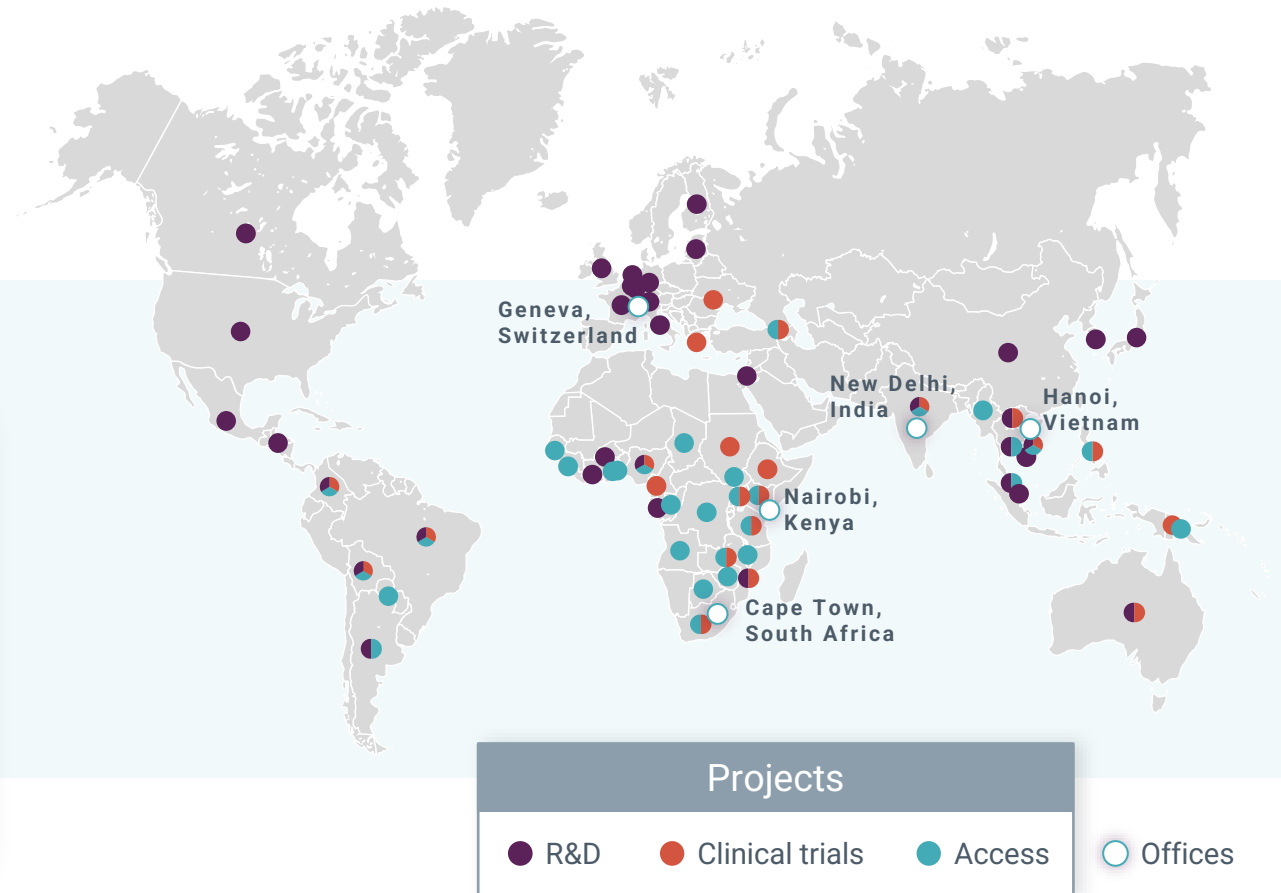


FIND ACCELERATES

# EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RELIABLE DIAGNOSIS AROUND THE WORLD

In partnership with WHO, other global health agencies and the G20/G7, we are driving progress towards **universal health coverage** and **global health security**

- ◆ Established in 2003 as a product development & delivery partnership
- ◆ Co-convener of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator Diagnostic Pillar
- ◆ WHO Collaborating Centre for Laboratory Strengthening & Diagnostic Technology Evaluation
- ◆ WHO SAGE-IVD member



# FIND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES TO TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS AND MAXIMIZE IMPACT



## Responding to countries' priorities

- Support packages tailored to country / regional needs for sustainable uptake and impact
- Strong partnership with MoH to influence policy on critical regional global health priorities

Collaboration with:  
Brazil, Indonesia,  
India, Kenya and  
South Africa

### Multiplex point-of-care molecular test launch



*Identifying multiple pathogens from a single test enables health systems to be structured around patients, not diseases*

### Primary care and patient-centered diagnostics



*Accessible diagnosis and health management where patients seek care is critical to Universal Health Coverage*

### Regional diagnostic manufacturing



*Manufacturing RDTs closer to those who need them ensures sustained, secure and affordable supply*

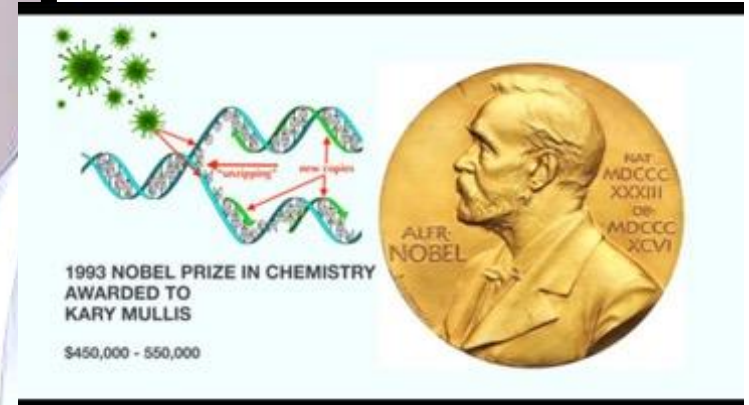
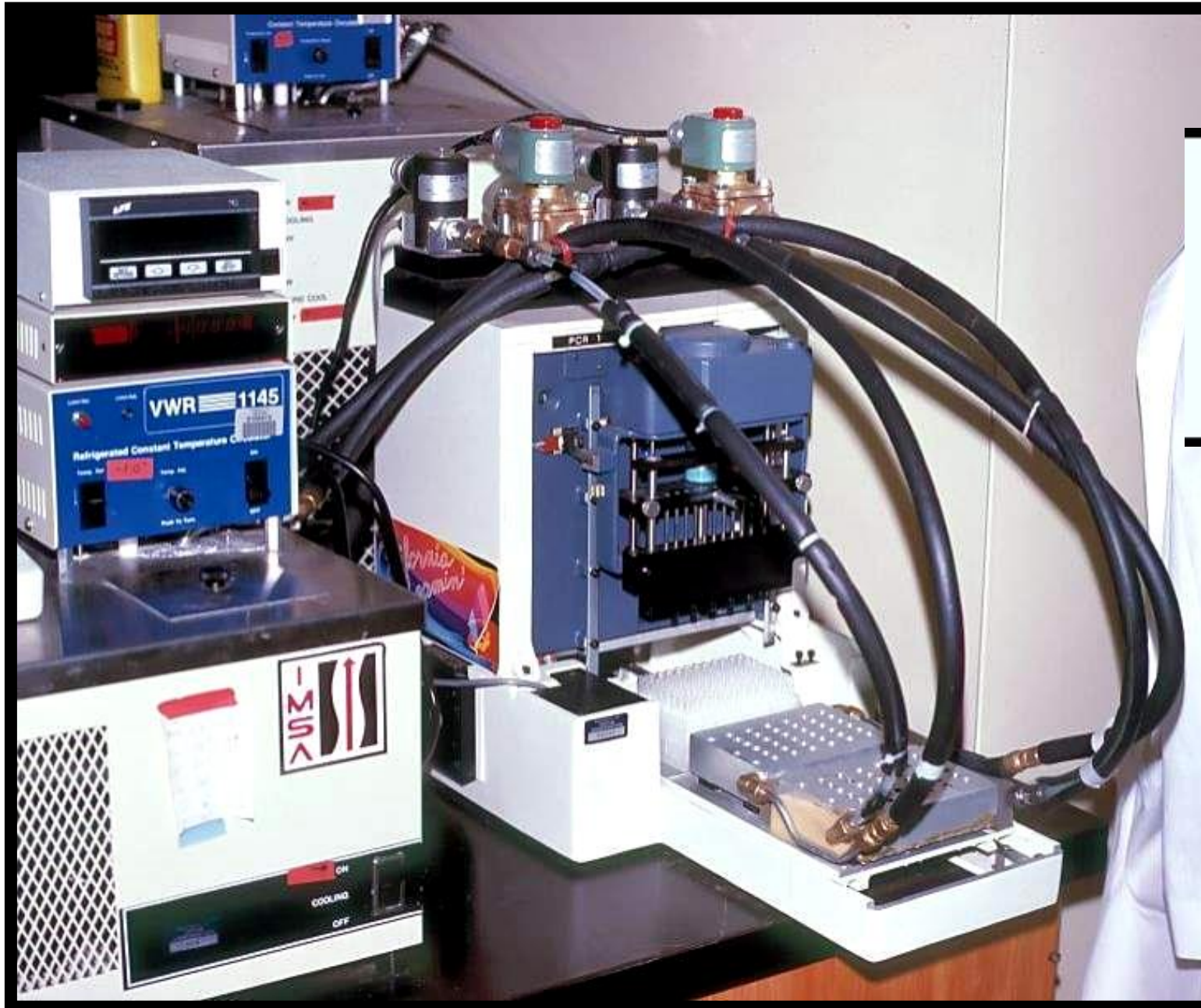
### Disease surveillance



*Reliable, connected and optimized networks provide essential early warning systems and track disease elimination*

**Equitable access to reliable diagnosis around the world**





## Kary Mullis' first thermocycler





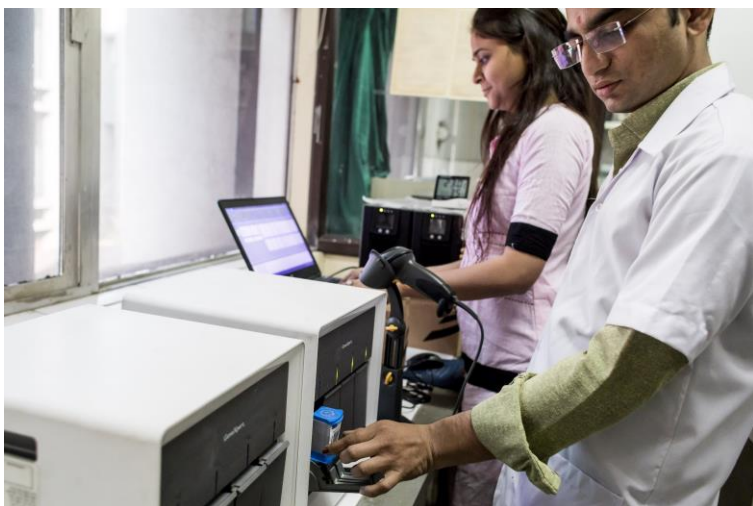
TB Lab tech in Kenya, photo from 2016



Ebola Xpert training in DRC, photo from 2015



Malaria LAMP testing in Peru, photo from 2015



TB lab tech in India, photo from 2017



HAT LAMP testing, photo from 2012

DISRUPTING THE TRADITIONAL TRADE-OFF  
**BETWEEN PERFORMANCE AND ACCESSIBILITY**



Community



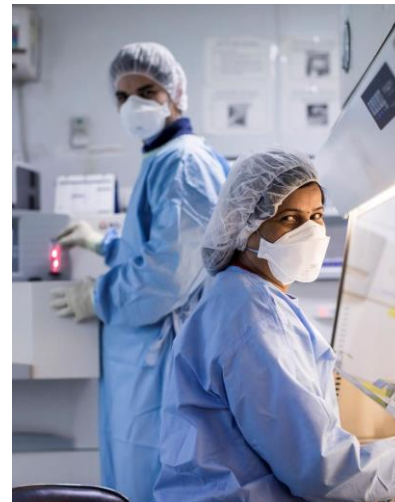
Primary care



Hospital/laboratory

Improved access

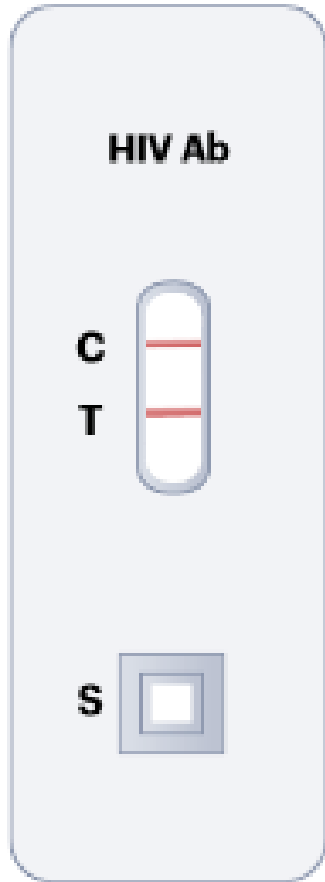
Improved performance



Today, new innovations mean high-quality testing is getting closer and closer to the point-of-care where people can most readily access it

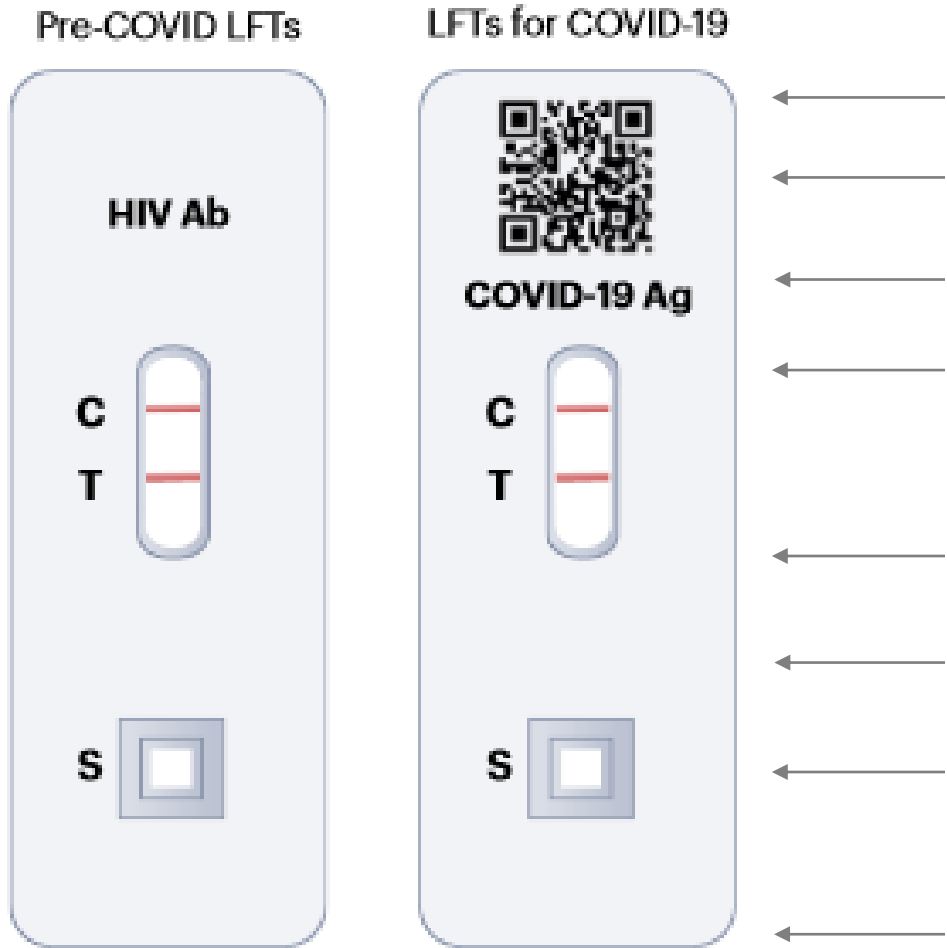
# KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LFA TO MAKE A TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT

Pre-COVID LFTs



- ← **Use cases** : clinical diagnostic, self-testing
- ← **Data Capture** : Visual reading and manual reporting
- ← **Targets** : Antigens, Antibodies,
- ← **Materials**: Gold particle, Latex nanobeads,
- ← **Sample type** Blood, swab, urine
- ← **Price**: Low price

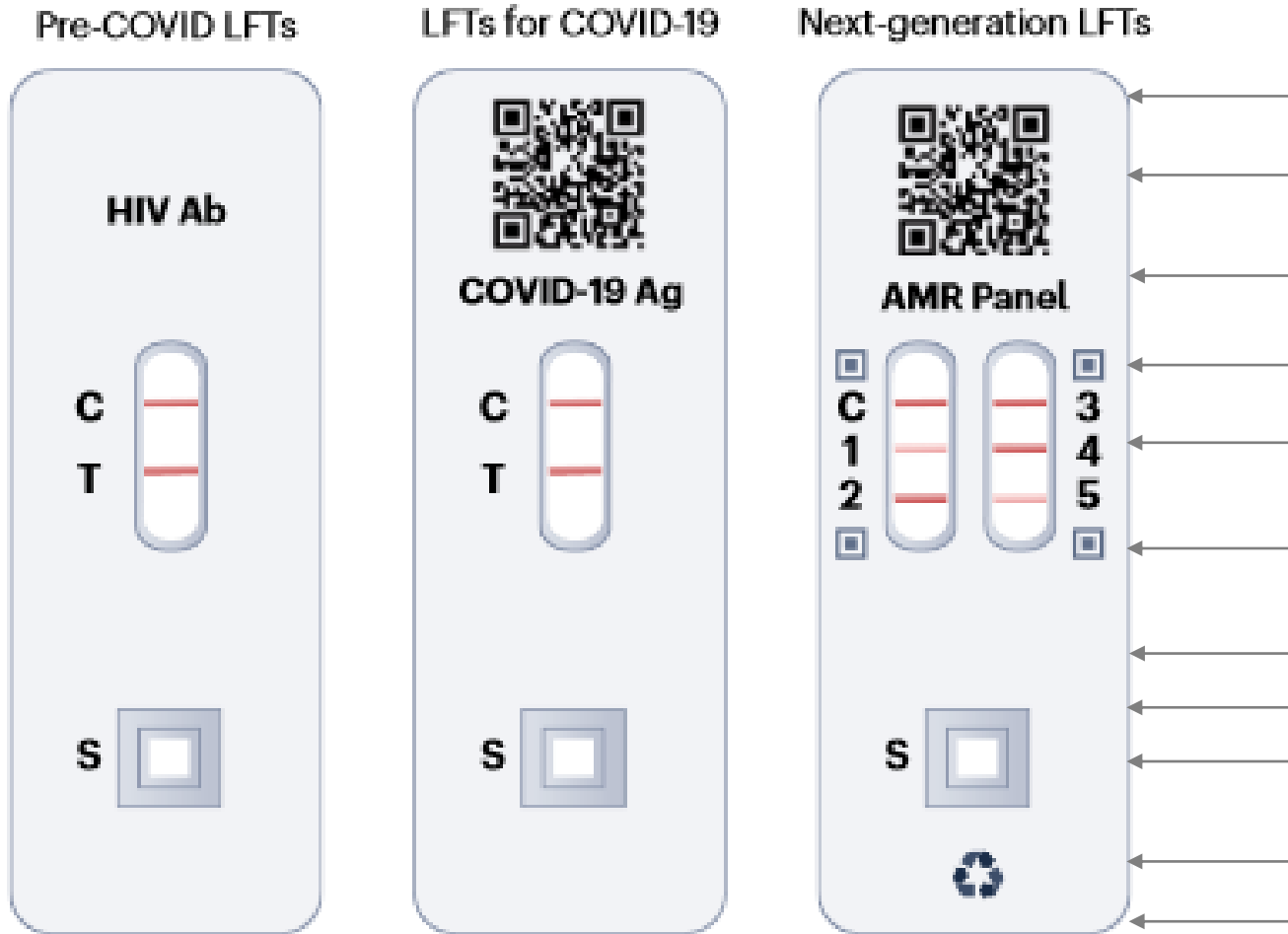
# KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LFA TO MAKE A TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT



- ← **Use cases** : clinical diagnostic + self testing, **mass testing**,
- ← **Data Capture** : **manual and Digital**,
- ← **Disease** : **COVID-19**
- ← **Targets** : Antigens, Antibodies
- ← **Increased Performance** : Gold particles, Latex nanobeads, **Quantum dots**,
- ← **Manufacturing**: **Regional manufacturing**,
- ← **Sampling methods**: **Non invasive, self sampling**
- ← **Price**: Lower price
- ← **Readers**: **branded readers**

Lateral flow test engineering and lessons learned from COVID-19. Budd *et al.*, **2023** *Nature reviews Bioengineering*

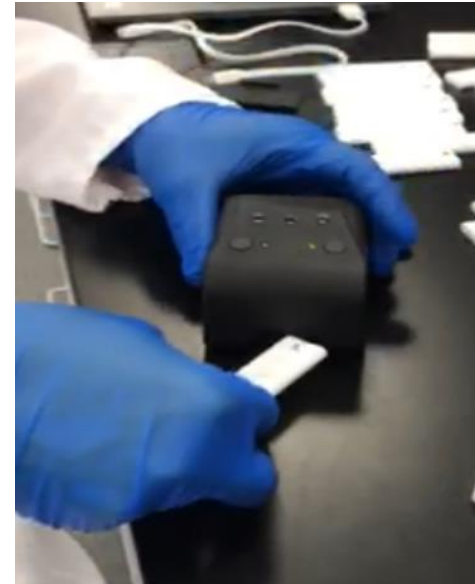
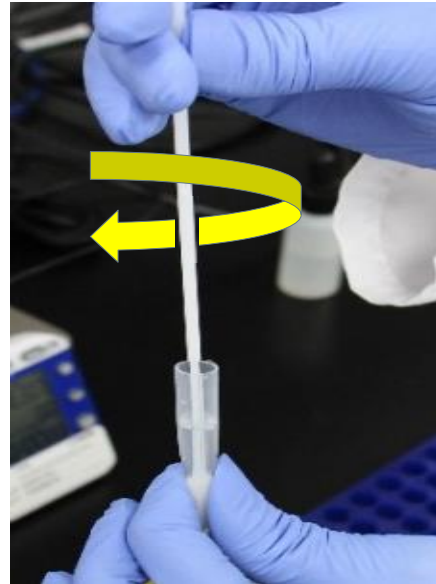
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- Use cases :** self testing, clinical diagnostic, **surveillance**
- Data Capture :** **Digital, automatic connection to healthcare systems, Post market Surveillance**
- Challenging Disease :** **TB, NG/CT, Schistosomiasis, AMR, Vaccine preventable disease (YF, Mening, Cholera, Measles)**
- Targets :** Antigens, Antibodies, **Molecular**
- Multiplex :** **Multi-pathogen, Multi-markers, Resistance, Pan-virus, disease X**
- Increased Performance :** Gold particle, Latex nanobeads, Quantum dots, **Fluorescence, Nanodiamonds, enzymatic nanoparticles**
- Manufacturing:** **Innovation, Regional manufacturing,**
- Stability :** **Increase stability at higher temperature**
- Sampling methods:** Non invasive, self sampling
- Eco-friendliness:** **Packaging, less plastic**
- Price:** Lower price
- Readers:** **Universal** readers,
- Sample prep:** **Sample prep, urine concentrator**

# FLUORESCENT NG ASSAY DEVELOPED BY FIND AND DCN AND EVALUATE IN SOUTH AFRICA CLINICS



TPP	Minimal requirement	Optimal requirement
<b>Sensitivity</b>	>80%	>90%
<b>Specificity</b>	>95%	>98%

## Symptomatic men

### Performance

<b>Sensitivity</b>	96% (91% – 98%)
<b>Specificity</b>	97% (90% – 99%)

## Symptomatic women

### Performance

<b>Sensitivity</b>	92% (78% – 97%)
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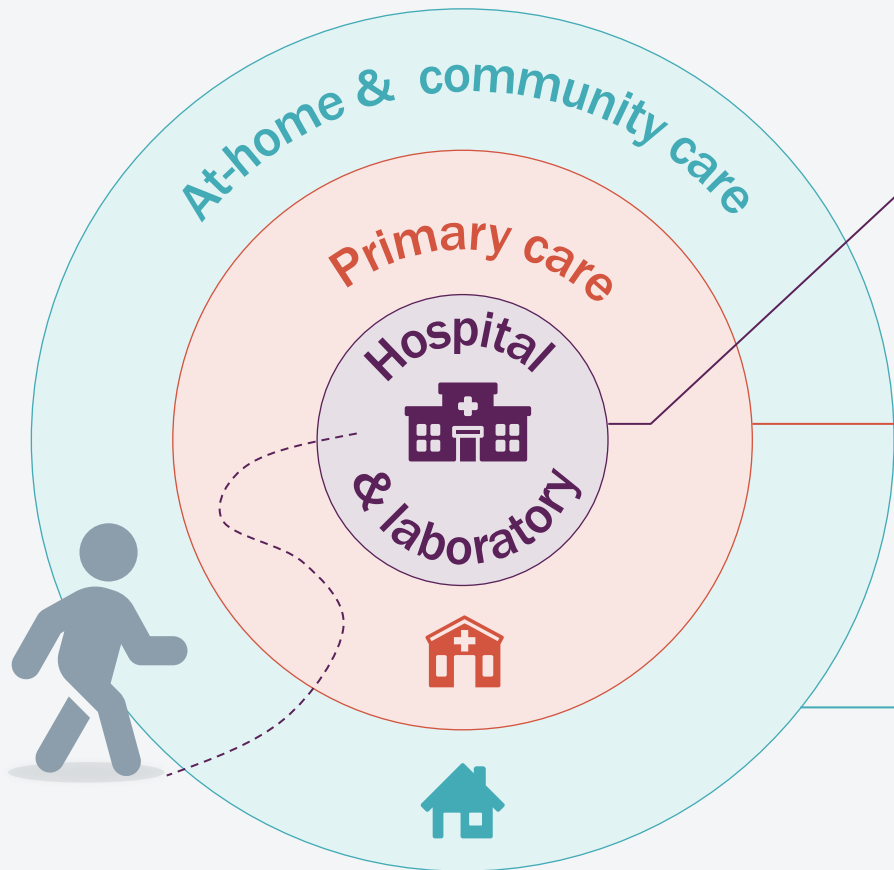
CT/NG

MOLECULAR TEST ON LFA FORMAT



[https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh\\_docs/reviews/K200748.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh_docs/reviews/K200748.pdf)

# MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS AT THE POINT OF CARE COULD FILL CRITICAL GAPS ACROSS DIFFERENT HEALTHCARE SETTINGS



## Technologies suitable to testing infrastructures

### Near POC

- Basic lab equipment requirements
- Benchtop/desktop units, mains power
- Semi-automated testing processes

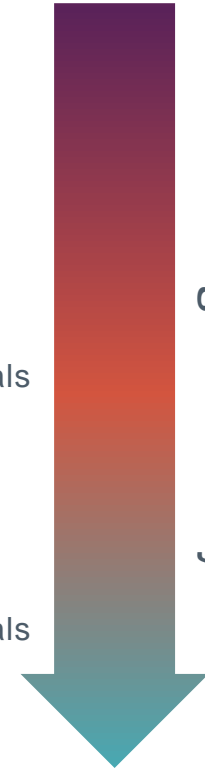
### True POC

- No laboratory equipment requirements
- Portable, battery-operated devices
- Kits including disposable sample materials
- Fully automated testing process

### Instrument free POC

- No instrument or power requirements
- Kits including disposable sample materials
- Fully automated testing processes

Increasing accessibility



PRE-PANDEMIC  
 LIMITED TOOLS, MAINLY IN HOSPITALS



THE DELUGE

THE COMING EXPLOSION IN NEW POC DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGIES

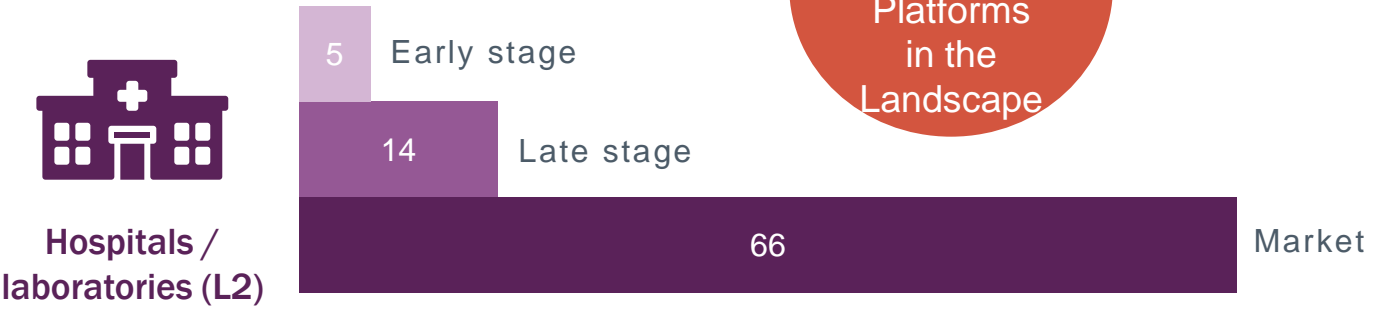


Connected diagnostics and interoperable systems for data management, data aggregation and data sharing for surveillance

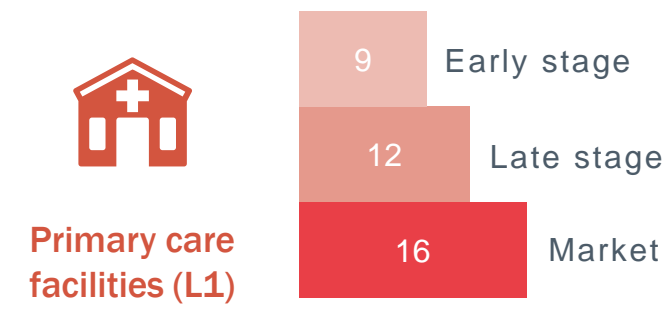
# THE POC MOLECULAR DX DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN LMICS

**160**  
Total Platforms in the Landscape

**Near POC pipeline:**  
80 novel platforms  
Competitive characteristics compared to Cepheid  
Strong multi-pathogen, potential for syndromic testing



**True POC pipeline:**  
>30 platforms  
Mostly based on isothermal amplification; costs now below US\$5  
Growing market penetration



**45%**  
Platforms based on isothermal amplification

**Instrument free POC pipeline:**  
>10 platforms in development; 3 on the market  
Test costs still high  
Commercialization mostly limited to the US



Disclaimer: Landscape and development stage assessment conducted based on the COVID-19 test offering for each platform. Data last updated on Q4-2022

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SDB M10



BIONEER IRON Q PCR



CEPHEID GENE XPRT



MOLBIO TRUENAT

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PLUSLIFE DOCK



THERMO FISHER ACCULA



LUMIRA DX



CUE HEALTH

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SENSE VEROS (Sherlock Bio)

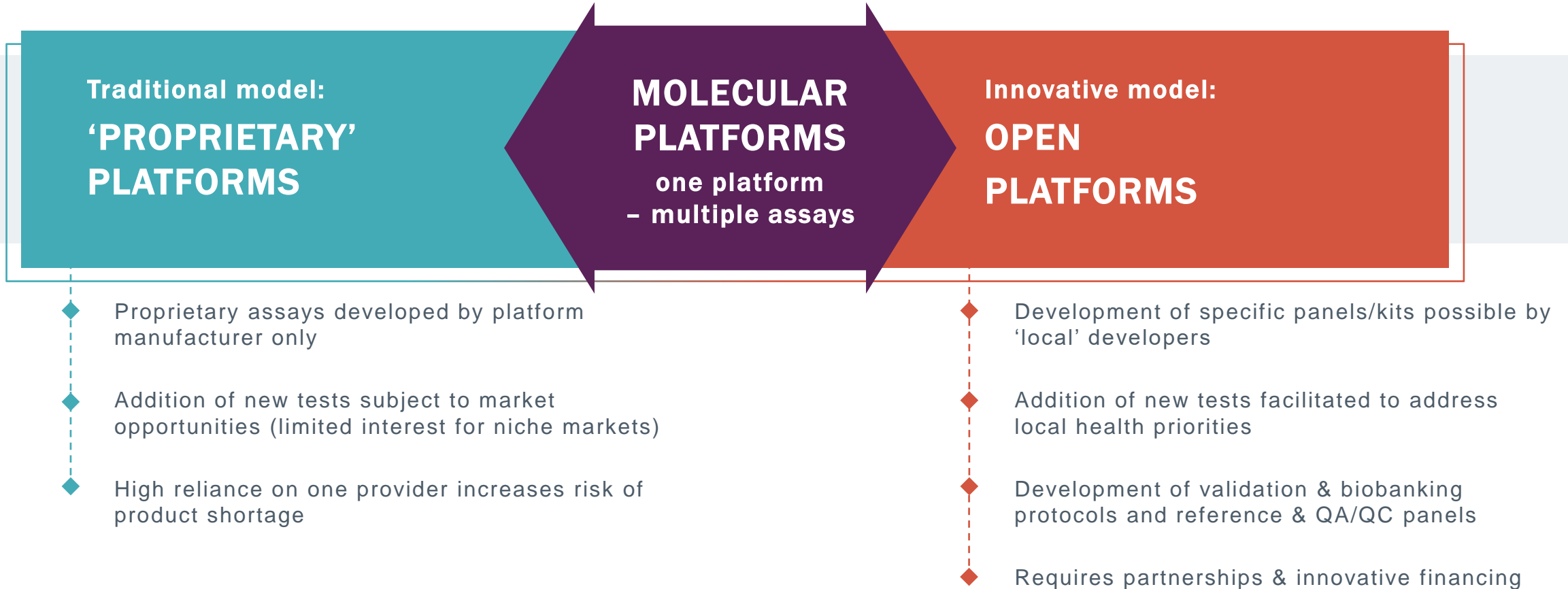


LUCIRA COVID19



SELF-DIAGNOSTICS

# OPEN-SOURCE PLATFORMS CAN FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TESTS TAILORED TO LOCAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

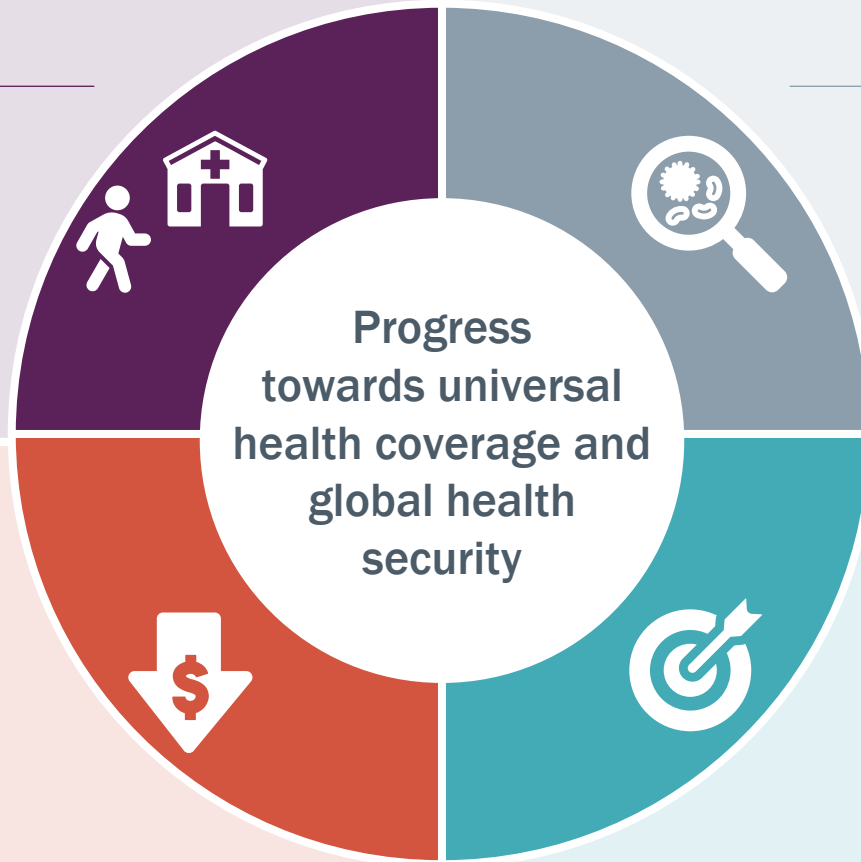


CONCLUSION : KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS  
TO CLOSE THE GAP AT POC (MOLPOC AND LFA)



**POINT-OF-CARE (POC)**

Usable where people live and seek care  
(incl. communities and primary care settings)



**MULTI-PATHOGEN**

Able to identify multiple diseases in one sample  
(incl. outbreak-prone pathogens)

**AFFORDABLE**

Pricing structures adapted to LMICs

**ACCURATE**

Robust and highly sensitive results





**FIND** ➡➡

Thank you !

**TOGETHER,**  
we can ensure that  
everyone who needs  
a test can get one



# Invitation

## Regionalizing Diagnostics Value Chains: The path to expanded, equitable access

Official Satellite at the ASLM conference co-hosted by Unitaid, FIND, ASLM, and partners, followed by a cocktail. Please [RSVP here](#) to attend.

**Date** 12 December 2023  
**Time** 17:30 – 19:00  
**Venue** Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), South Africa



# MEETING REPORT AVAILABLE

**BUILDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY:  
Accelerating Regional Manufacturing  
For Diagnostics**

A FIND & Unitaid Consultation with Diagnostics Manufacturers  
13 – 14 April, 2023

**Background**

The global health community is in agreement about the urgent need to establish resilient health systems worldwide, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted the inequitable access to health technologies due to their manufacturing being concentrated in a small number of regions. While these centralized manufacturing facilities have achieved important economies of scale, the lack of complementary regional facilities has meant that many countries have been entirely dependent on a limited set of global suppliers and manufacturers for their diagnostics capabilities. Not only has this resulted in a lack of resilience in many health systems, but it has also meant that the health needs unique to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are frequently underserved.

Together, FIND and Unitaid are committed to supporting efforts to create an ecosystem that enables a decentralized manufacturing model for diagnostics that meets the needs of LMICs in a sustainable way. This will help increase access to testing in LMICs, which is essential given its vital role in helping to meet global healthcare goals.

**Meeting objectives**

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, FIND and Unitaid convened a meeting with 22 diagnostics manufacturers from 13 countries, representing diverse geographical regions in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe. These manufacturers varied in their maturity, product offering, size and approach to LMIC markets. The primary objective of the meeting was to foster cross-regional collaboration, knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and manufacturing partnerships for diagnostic technologies related to LMIC health priorities. The long-term vision is to ensure all regions are adequately prepared for potential epidemic and pandemic diseases while simultaneously establishing a sustainable and resilient ecosystem in LMICs for the regional manufacturing of rapid diagnostics.

The outcomes of this two-day convening of diagnostics manufacturers successfully brought together various stakeholders to discuss strategies for strengthening regional research and development (R&D) and manufacturing networks for health technologies. Across six priority areas, recommendations were made by manufacturers, as outlined in this document, providing concrete actions that should be considered for establishing an enabling ecosystem that supports the sustainable regional production of diagnostics in LMICs.

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**MEETING REPORT**

**STRENGTHENING  
COOPERATION TO ENABLE  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
AND MANUFACTURING OF  
EFFECTIVE, QUALITY AND  
AFFORDABLE DIAGNOSTIC  
COUNTERMEASURES**

(A G20 side event hosted by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, FIND and Unitaid, with support from Market Access Africa (MAA), on 16 April 2023 at the Novotel Candolim Hotel, Goa, India)

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# FIND & Unitaid will open a call to accelerate & strengthen regional IVD supply in LMICS

- Register to be notified when EOI is open for submissions



## Potential future funding and matchmaking opportunities for

**Regional supply strengthening projects** to meet unaddressed regional priority public health IVD needs

**Matchmaking/partnership requests** to strengthen the regional IVD supply base

**Professional services** covering specialized expertise and services that may be essential to regional IVD supplier(s)



# U.S. President's Malaria Initiative Malaria RDT Procurements

Lisa Hare & Christie Hershey  
Malaria Supply Chain Branch  
USAID/U.S. President's Malaria Initiative  
December 2023

Global Fund RDT Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

PMI

U.S. PRESIDENT'S  
MALARIA INITIATIVE

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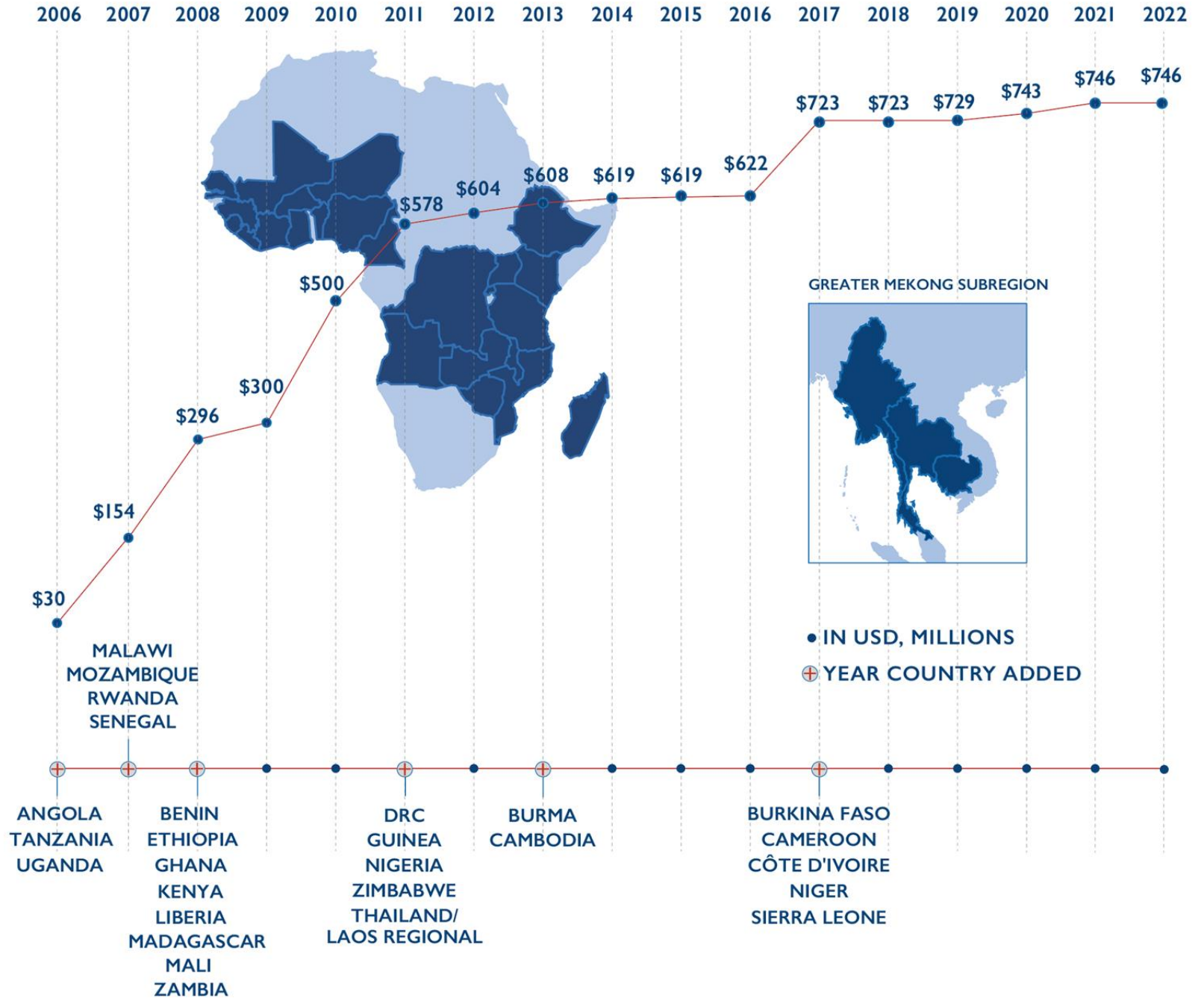
# OUTLINE

1. U.S. President's Malaria Initiative
2. Historical Malaria RDT Procurements
3. Malaria RDT Sourcing Process
4. HRP2 Deletions
5. Contacts



# PMI COUNTRIES & FUNDING

PMI HAS INVESTED APPROXIMATELY **\$9 BILLION** IN HELPING PARTNER COUNTRIES FIGHT MALARIA AND STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS





# PMI'S HISTORICAL MALARIA RDT PROCUREMENTS

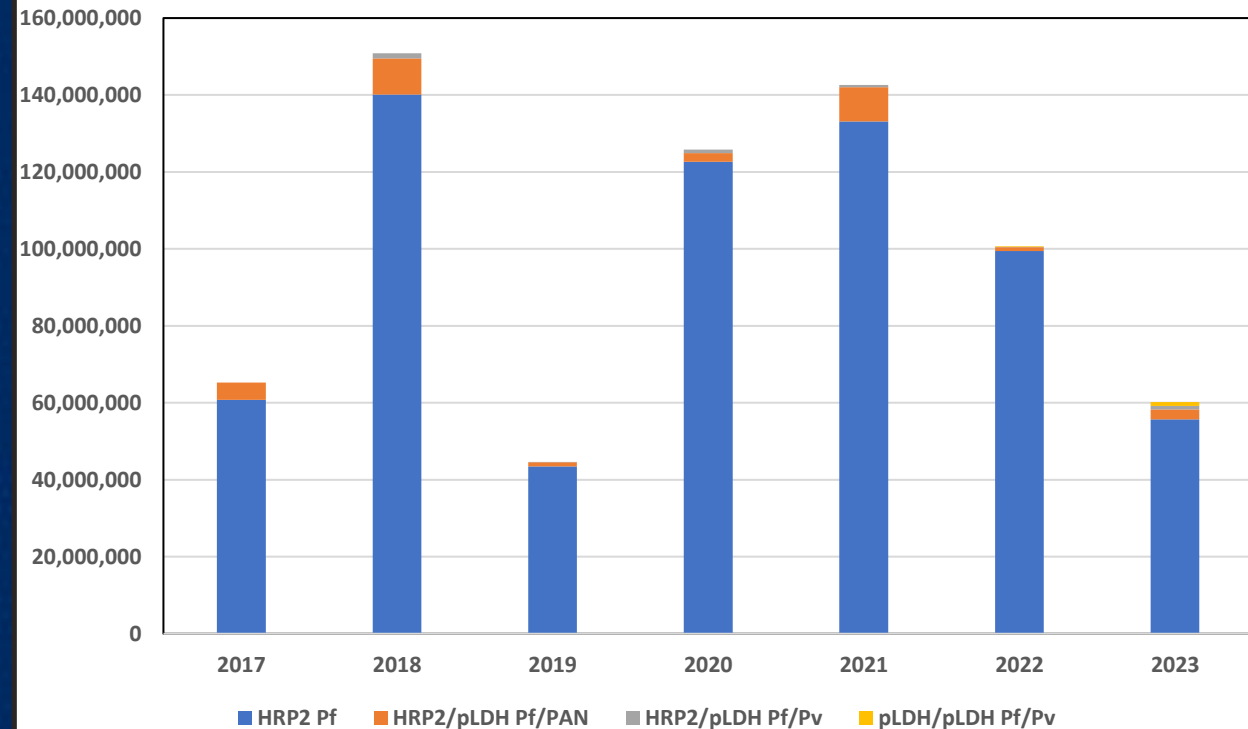
Procure ~ 99 million malaria RDTs per year

1. 95% HRP2 Pf
2. 1% HRP2/pLDH Pf/Pv
3. 4% HRP2/pLDH Pf/Pan (no longer procuring)

First pLDH/pLDH Pf/Pv tests procured in 2022/2023

Mostly 25 packs, but a recent increase in 10 packs for HRP2 Pf and HRP2/pLDH Pf/Pv

PMI RDT Procurements 2017-2023



## PMI's Malaria RDT Sourcing Process

- PMI's malaria RDT sourcing events are conducted by our procurement service agent, currently the Global Health Supply Chain-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project led by Chemonics
- Best Value Criteria in Allocations for FY2024:
  - Total Landed Cost
  - Supplier Performance
  - Innovation (non-HRP2 based tests)
  - African/Regional manufacturing
  - Registration Coverage

## PMI'S PERSPECTIVE ON HRP2 GENE DELETIONS

- Targeted support for surveillance, testing through therapeutic efficacy studies
- Support partner countries to review data and update policies
- Procurement of pLDH RDTs in areas with >5% prevalence of deletions in those patients presenting with symptomatic malaria
- Consider non-HRP2 based tests to be a necessary tool for malaria control

# RDT TASK FORCE

- Review evidence and work on alignment across procurers
- Concerns about increase in *hrp2* gene deletions but limited data to guide decisions
- Potential development of a risk based approach to prioritize surveillance and guide procurement of pLDH tests
- Potential shift to proactively diversify RDTs by procuring pLDH tests before demonstrating the 5 percent threshold
  - Promote innovation and investment in non-HRP2 tests
  - Increase demand and potentially lower cost
  - Requires approaches to limit impact on individual country malaria budgets
  - Given combined HRP2/pLDH tests there may no longer be the need to tradeoff detection due to sensitivity issues vs. deletions

# CONTACTS FOR PMI RDT PROCUREMENTS

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# PEPFAR/USAID RTK Procurement Overview

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# Overview

- Diversifying RTKs market (African manufacturing)
- Procurement history of RTKs
- PEPFAR funding dynamics
- Order processing and flow
- Key takeaways

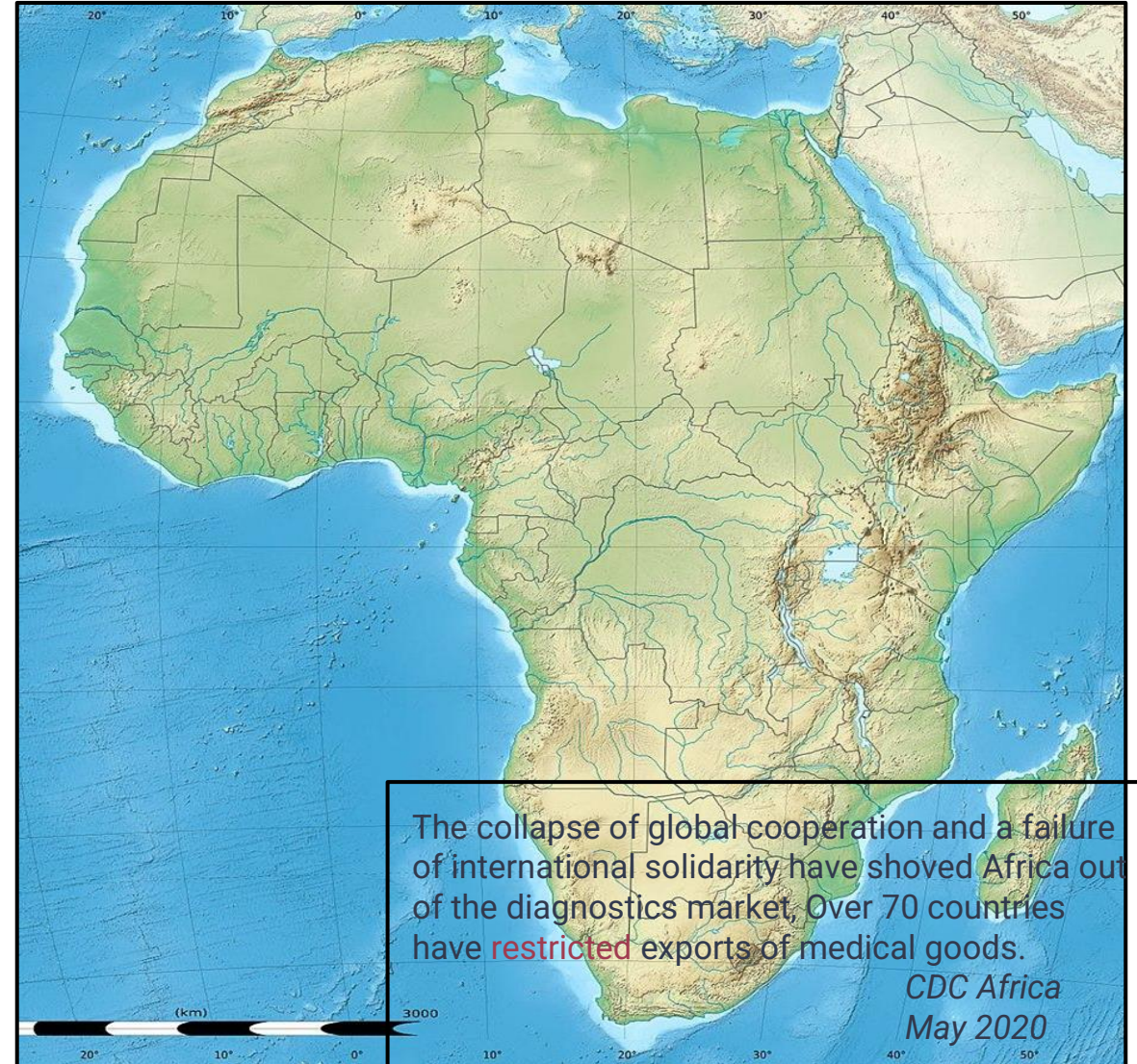


# Why is African Based Manufacturing Important?

During the COVID surge in 2020, African countries had very limited access to RTKs, drugs, and medical supplies, as countries limited exportation and products were hoarded by manufacturing countries

## Supporting African Based Manufacturing of RTKs:

- Aligns with USAID's broader strategy to support economic development
- Improves the continent's self-reliance and expands economic opportunity
- Enhances platform for pandemic preparedness and response
- Supports supply chain diversification
- Supports strengthening and development of regional regulatory bodies
- Increases resiliency and growth throughout the region



# PEPFAR has announced procurement targets to support African Based Manufacturing of RTKs

- PEPFAR aims to procure 15 million HIV tests produced by African manufacturers in 2025 at an estimated cost of \$20 million
- PEPFAR will make key adjustments to its procurement policies to better support emerging African manufacturers to scale-up over time
- PEPFAR will explore additional regulatory pathways to ensure proper approvals for quality-assured HIV products for purchasing, and over time, will contribute to strengthening of regional regulatory mechanisms on the continent

## ★★★ PEPFAR sets bold manufacturing targets for Africa

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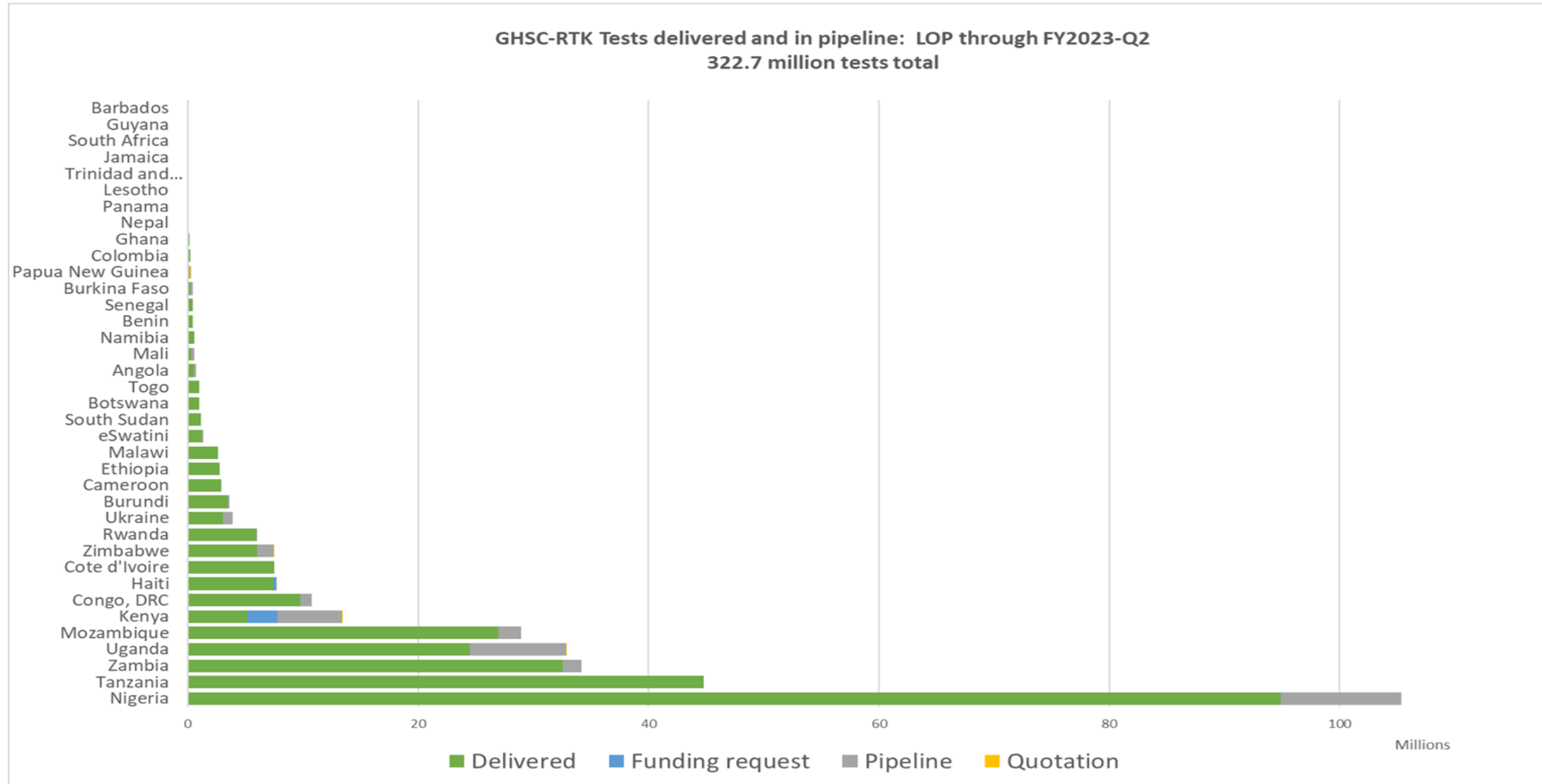
At the U.S.-African Leaders Summit on December 13, Ambassador Dr. John Nkengasong announced the start of a new United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief effort to accelerate regional manufacturing of critical health commodities on the continent. Building on existing capabilities and an analysis of future expansion potential, PEPFAR aims to procure 15 million HIV tests produced by African manufacturers in 2025 at an estimated cost of \$20 million, alongside those purchased by other donors and partners. For antiretroviral treatments, by 2030, PEPFAR aims to work alongside other partners and buyers to shift at least two million clients on first-line ARV treatments to use African-made products.

The United States government purchases more than \$1 billion of health commodities (diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, equipment) per year, the majority of which are consumed by people in Africa, but only a small fraction of which are produced in Africa. The PEPFAR program alone, currently spends roughly \$750 million on HIV-related commodities such as HIV tests and anti-retroviral treatment every year but procures less than 1 percent of the value of these commodities from Africa due to the limited number of high-volume HIV product manufacturers on the continent today. Today, PEPFAR is seizing an opportunity to shape a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable future market for these products.

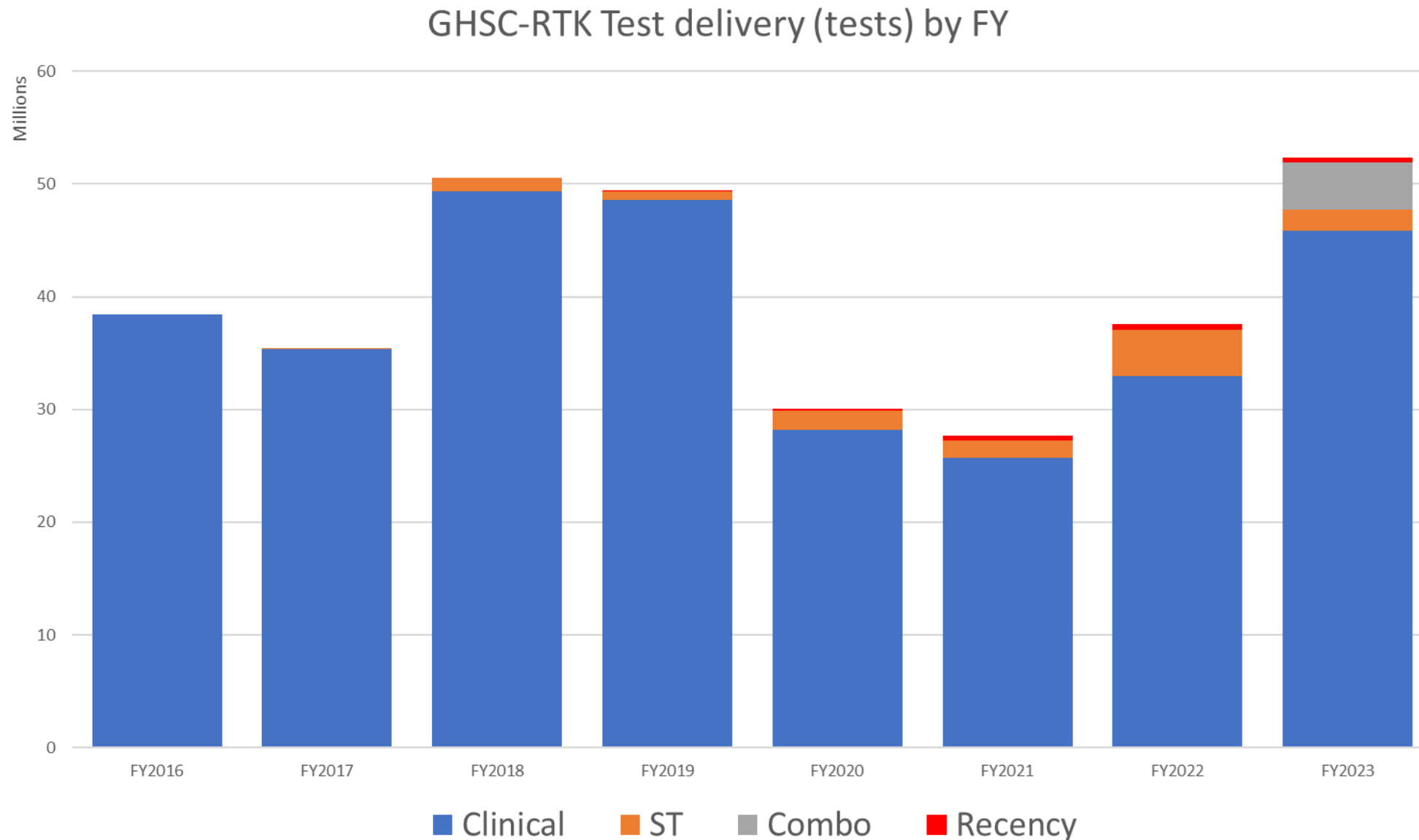
**PEPFAR's five-year strategy highlights** regional HIV commodity production as a critical priority for sustaining the HIV/AIDS response. A strong regional manufacturing capability on the continent of Africa will have tremendous health, economic development and national security benefits. It will lead to a more diversified, resilient, and efficient supply chain that is more responsive to local needs. It can create

<https://www.state.gov/pepfar-sets-bold-manufacturing-targets-for-africa/>

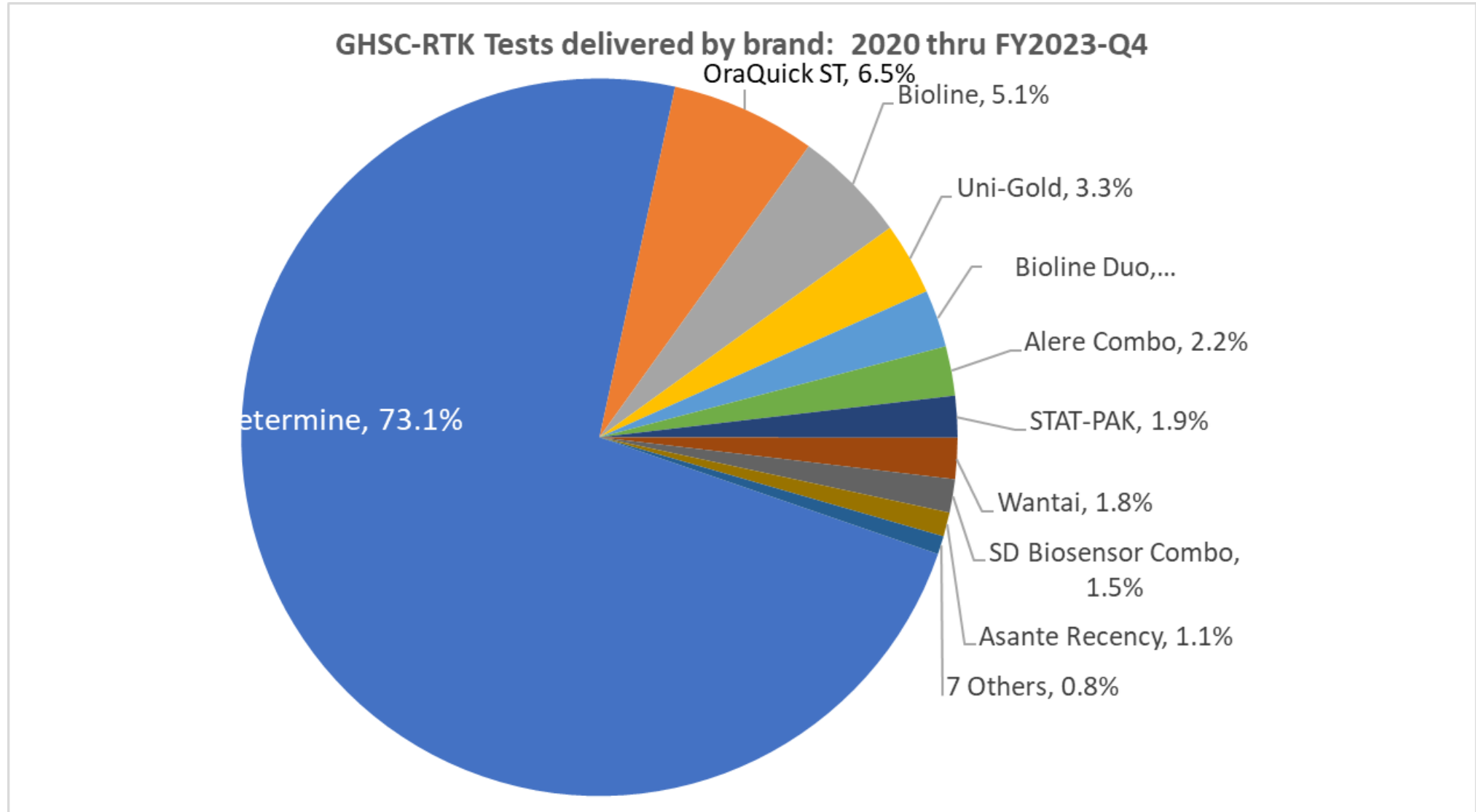
# PEPFAR GHSC-RTK has delivered over 320 million RTKs since 2016 with Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda and Mozambique as largest recipients



# PEPFAR GHSC-RTK has procured and delivered over 50 million total tests in FY23



# PEPFAR GHSC-RTK Brands (2022-2023)



# PEPFAR GHSC-RTK Procured Country of Manufacture (2022-2023)

Country of Manufacture Four quarters	Amount	%
Japan	\$ 28,021,088	63.7%
United States	\$ 6,655,524	15.1%
Thailand	\$ 5,388,668	12.2%
Ireland	\$ 1,772,992	4.0%
Korea	\$ 1,527,499	3.5%
China	\$ 410,105	0.9%
India	\$ 171,534	0.4%
Canada	\$ 46,670	0.1%

# PEPFAR funding dynamics - 101

- PEPFAR strategic priorities determined
- Funding levels determined at the country level (COP process)
- Treatment targets established - associated testing requirements/needs, all while balancing programmatic implementation
- Volumes and timing of deliveries established (SPT)
  - Brands established by national testing algorithms
  - Donor and local funding levels established and validated
- Overall COP budgets approved (FAST - FY Oct-Sept)
- Congressional approvals and funding released
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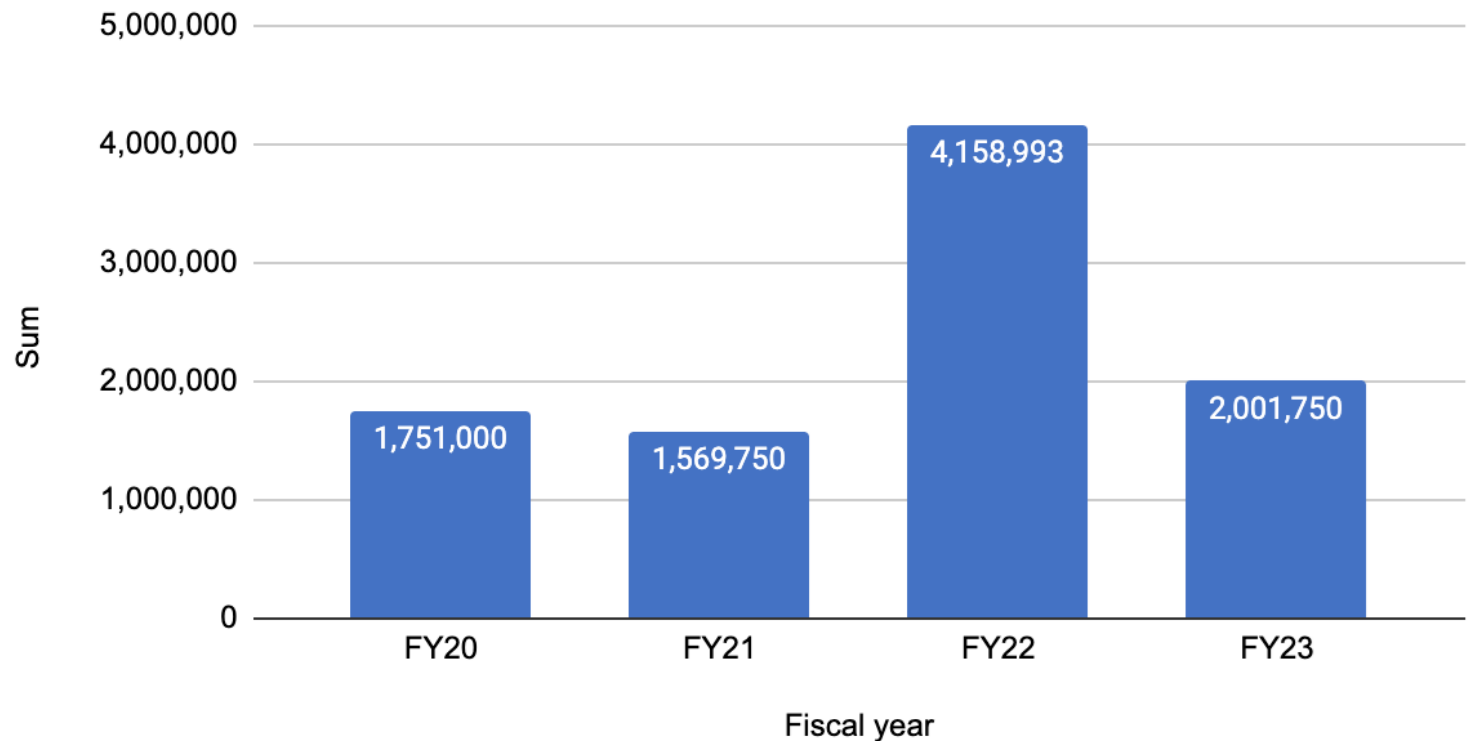


# HIV self test kit procurement surged during COVID

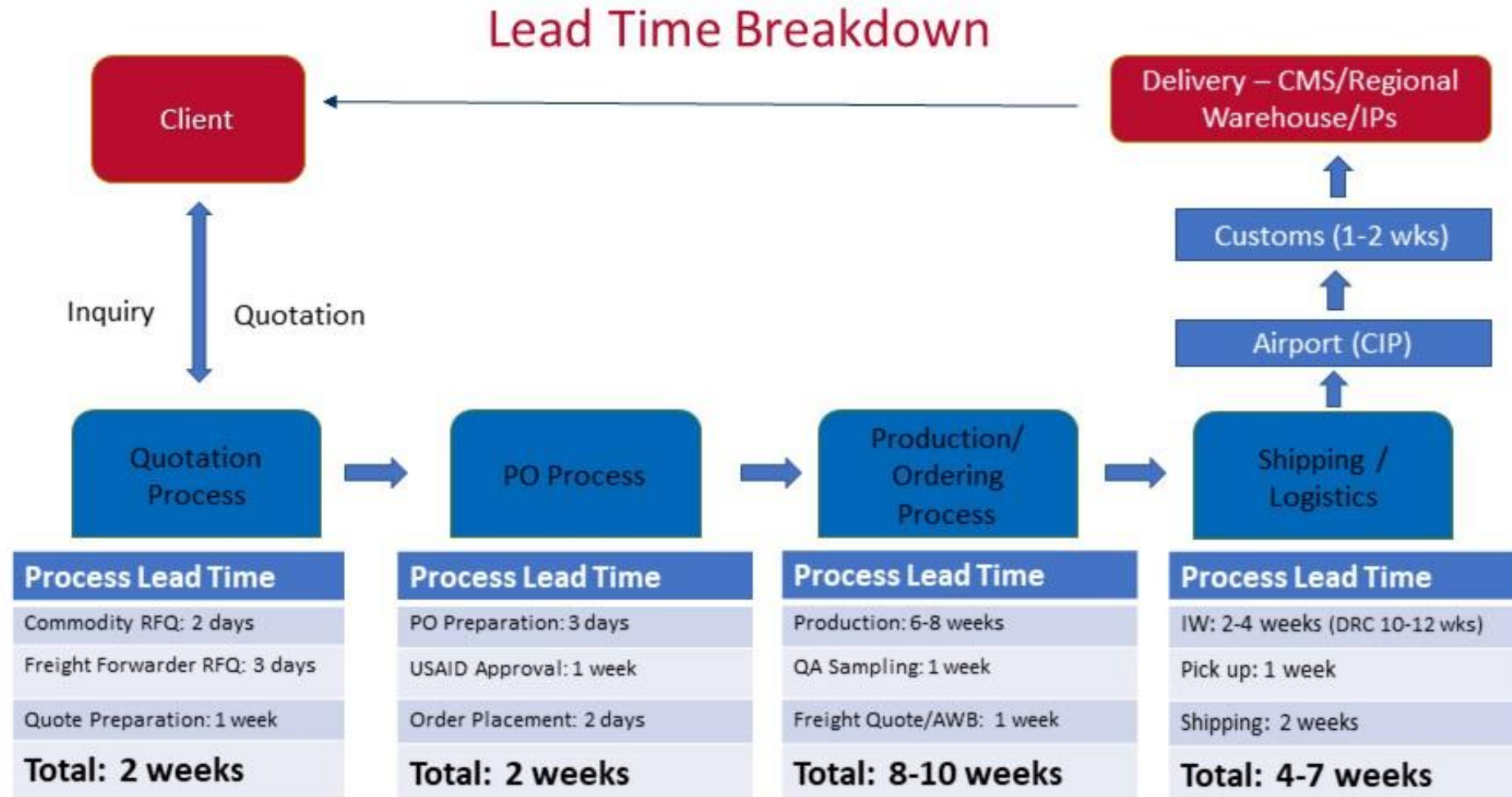
- Smaller market segment in comparison to clinical use products (donor procured)
- Private sector market segment could be considerable
- Private sector strategies required

HIVST procured per year

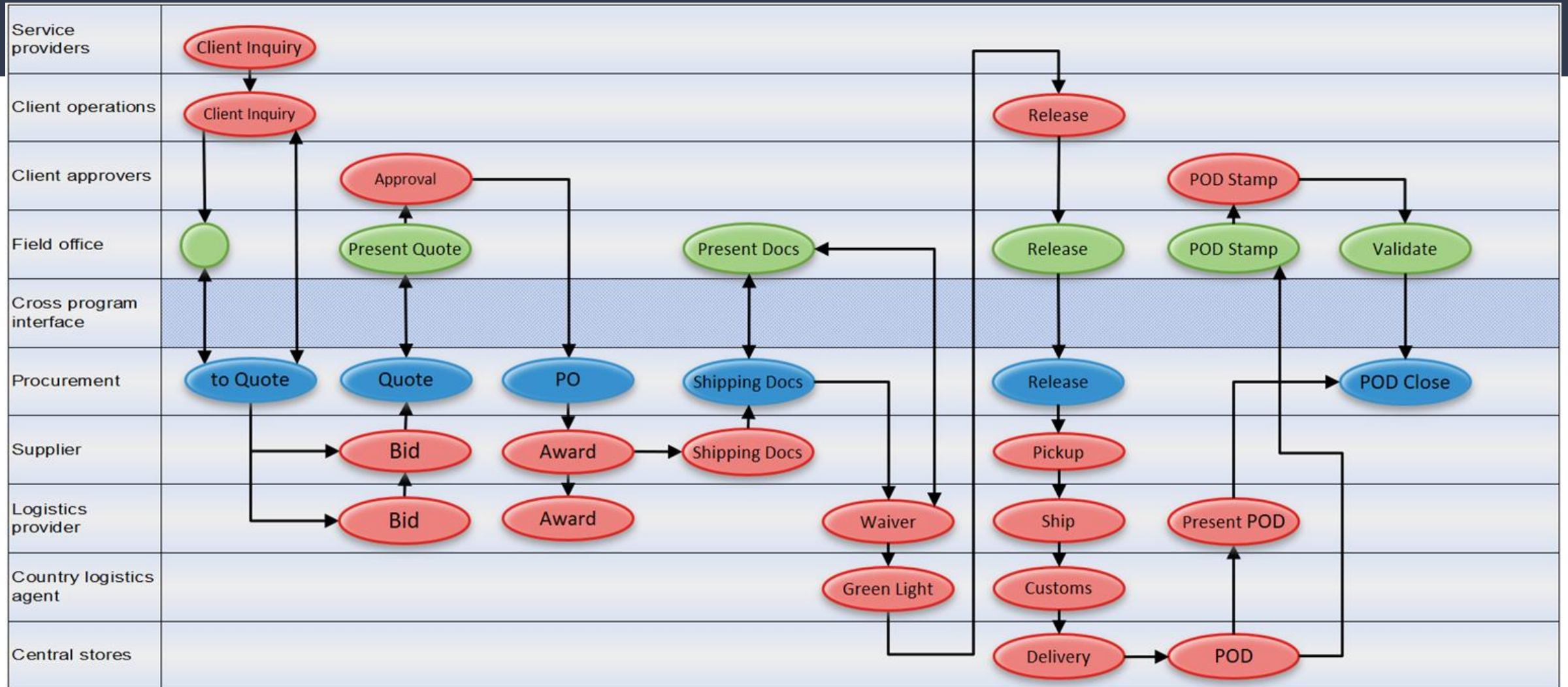
*FY23 data includes both procured and pipeline order*



# RMI - Order processing and flow



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# Key takeaways

- PEPFAR has established targets for local/regional manufacturing
- Budget allocations are established annually at each country level
- RMI is PEPFAR's centralized procurement mechanism
- Brands of products are determined by national algorithms
- Self test market is limited in the donor space - significant opportunity in the private sector space

Questions?

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# UNICEF 2023 – 2028 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR RAPID DIAGNOSTICS FOR HIGH - RISK DISEASES

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# UNICEF 2023 – 2028 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR RAPID DIAGNOSTICS FOR HIGH-RISK DISEASES

## ■ Goal

- Every child including adolescents survives and thrives with access to quality health care
- Every child including adolescents lives in a safe, sustainable climate and environment
  - ✓ Clean air
  - ✓ Safe water
  - ✓ Healthy food

## ■ Strategy Specific Objectives

- Secure access to quality assured rapid diagnostics for high-risk diseases (malaria, HIV, Syphilis, viral hepatitis and cholera)
- Reduce negative environmental impacts of RDTs procured and delivered by UNICEF
- Secure sustainable and equitable prices
- Secure access to new and innovative RDTs
- Shape a diverse and resilient supplier base for supply security

# UNICEF 2023 – 2028 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR RAPID DIAGNOSTICS FOR HIGH- RISK DISEASES

## ■ Approach

- Collaborate with partners, governments, civil societies, regulators and manufactures to ensure
  - ✓ quality primary health care
  - ✓ Sustainability agenda
- Sustainable procurement
  - ✓ Technical
  - ✓ Commercial

# Securing access to quality assured rapid diagnostics for high-risk diseases

- Quality and Regulatory requirements
  - Test Devices
    - ✓ QMS requirement: ISO 13485 certified
    - ✓ Regulatory compliance: WHO pre-qualified
  - Kits accessories (alcohol swabs, lancets and specimen transfer devices)
    - ✓ QMS requirement: ISO 13485
    - ✓ Regulatory Compliance: GHTF founding members



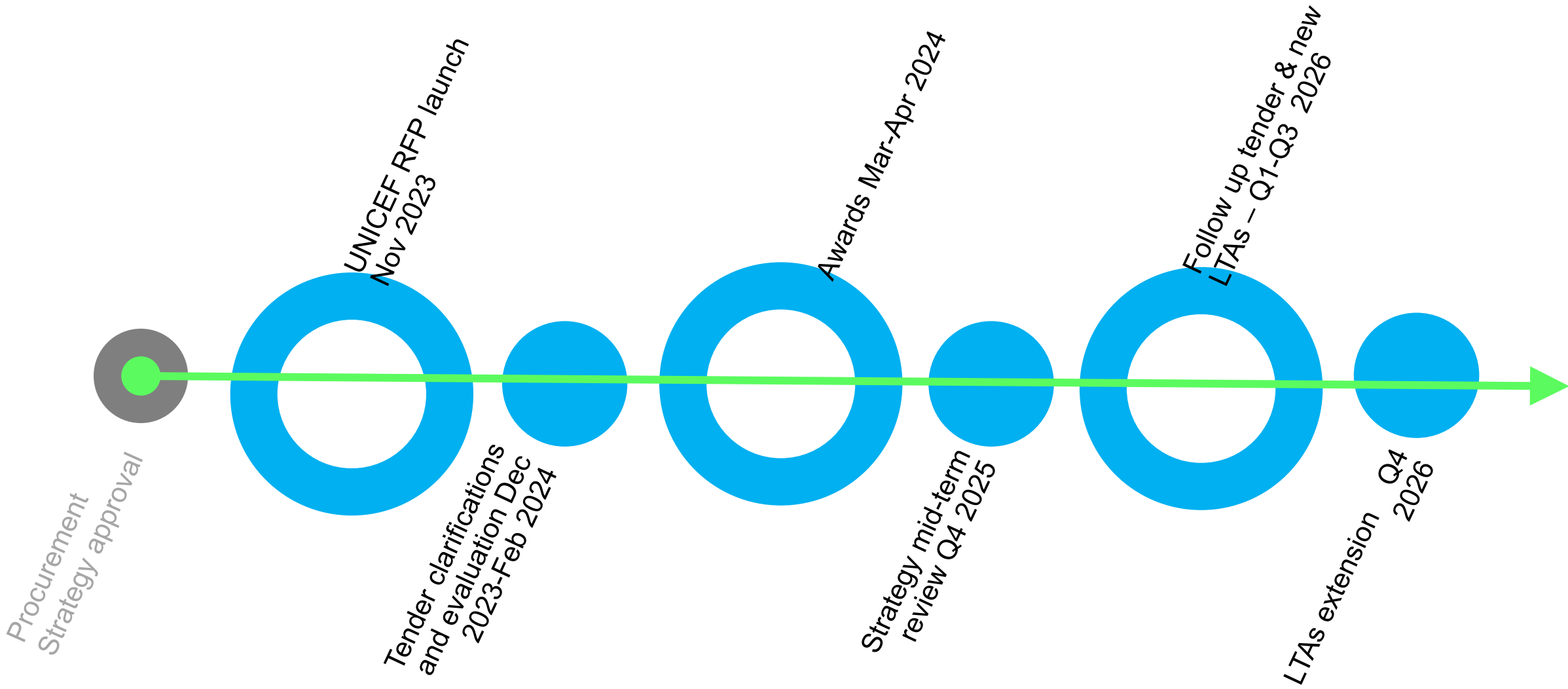
# Procurement Strategy Pillars

- Reduce negative environmental impacts of RDTs procured and delivered by UNICEF
  - Local production and procurement agenda
  - Product packaging considerations
  - Freight considerations: Air vs Road vs Sea
- Shape a diverse and resilient supplier base for supply security
  - New products and suppliers
  - Local manufacturing (Africa)

# Technical and Commercial Evaluation Criteria

- Technical Evaluation Criteria (documentary evidence)
  - WHO PQ public report
  - Valid ISO 13485 (test device and accessories)
  - Valid regulatory documents
  - Certificate of sterility, COA
  - Labelling and packaging requirements
  - Shelf life
  
- All submitted documents will be verified through relevant authorities
  
- Commercial weighted evaluation criteria
  - Price and volume 65 %
  - Sustainability criteria 35%

# UNICEF RDT tender timeline

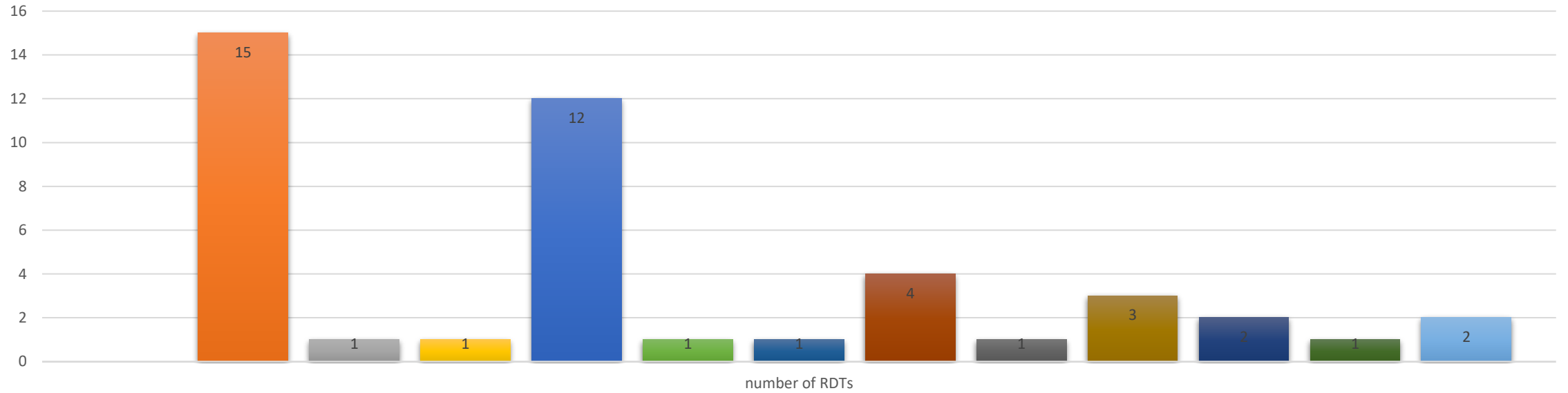


# CLIMATE CHANGE GLOBAL WARMING & PRODUCT ADAPTATION

**Temperature tolerance of existing RDTs**

**> 40 C degree environments**

## RDTs temperature tolerances $\leq 30$ vs $\leq 40$



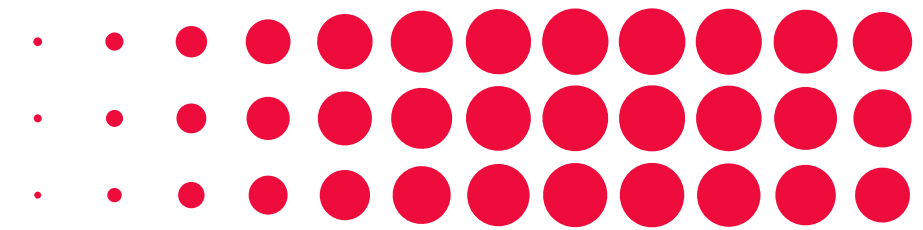
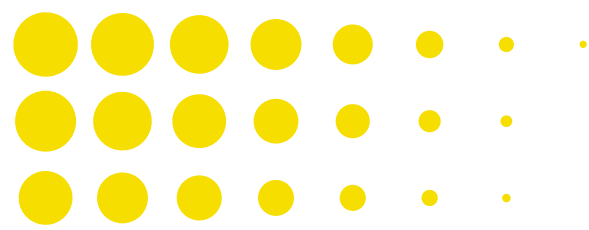
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Q & A

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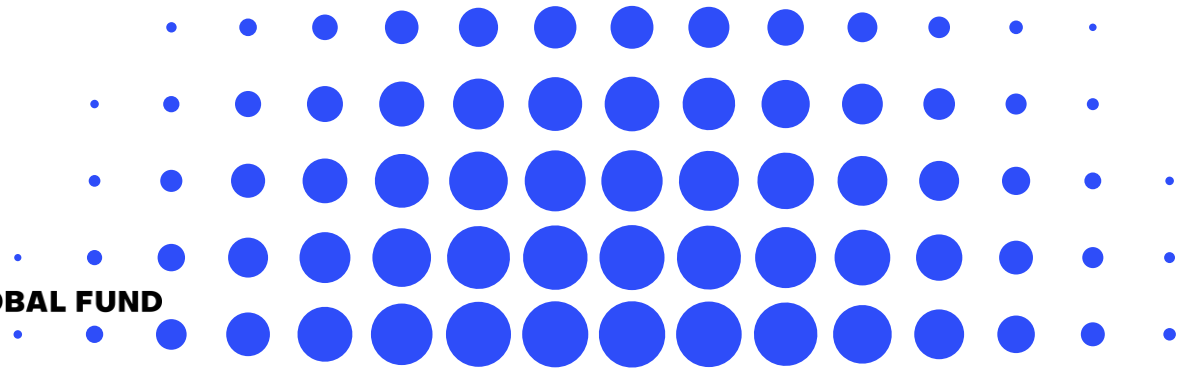


# Global Fund RDT Procurement Strategy 2024-2026 & tender timeline

13. GF RDT Sourcing Strategy 2024-2026

14. Request for Proposals (Approach and timeline)

Q&A / Discussion 3



# RDT PPM Procurement Highlights 2020-2023

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# AII-RDT/ Global Fund RDT scope

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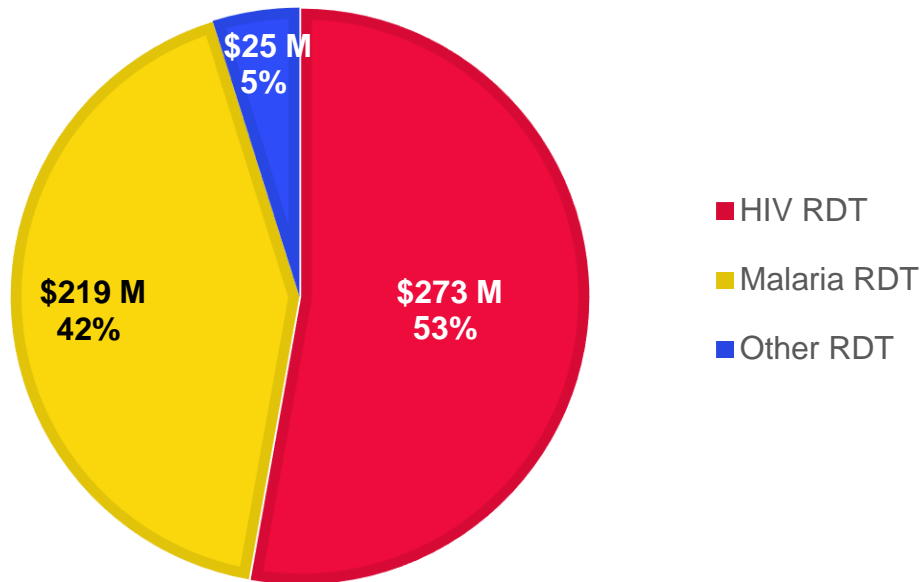
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# AI-RDT/ 1.1 Bn tests procured since 2020

Big gap in price between the different RDT types

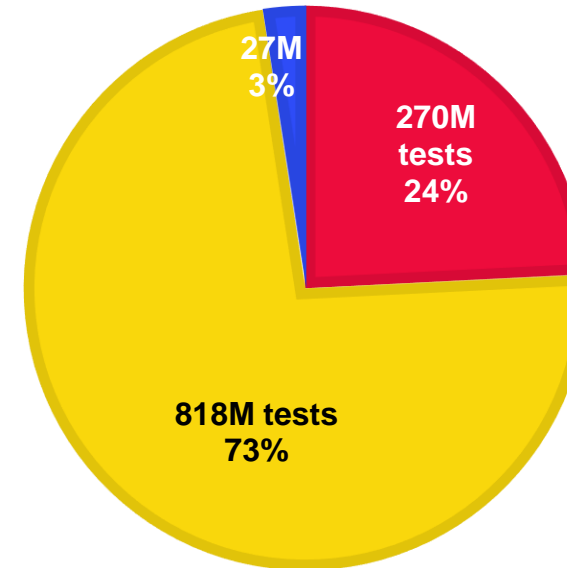
## VALUE

US\$518M worth of RDTs procured...



## VOLUME

...for 1.1Bn tests

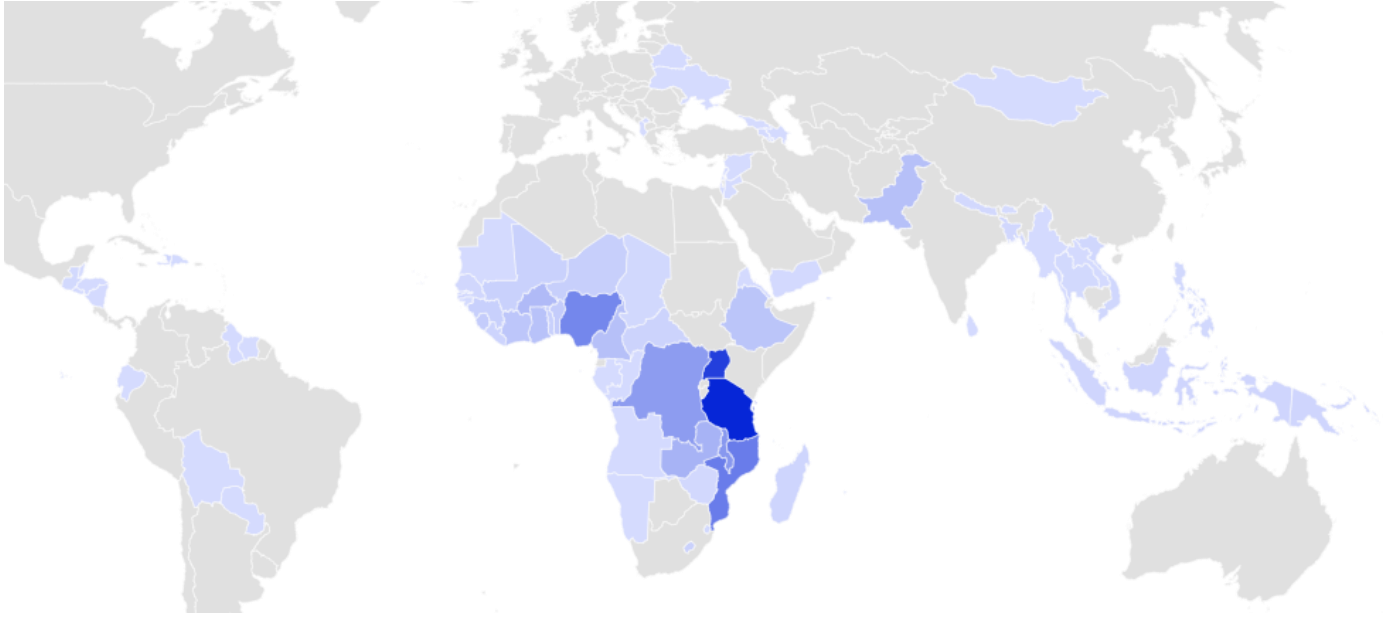


- From 2020 to Sep 2023 Global Fund procured **818 million Malaria RDT**, worth **US\$ 219M**
- **270 million HIV RDT** worth **US\$ 273M** procured during same period
- Despite high **HIV RDT** volumes, spend remains high comparing to Malaria RDT

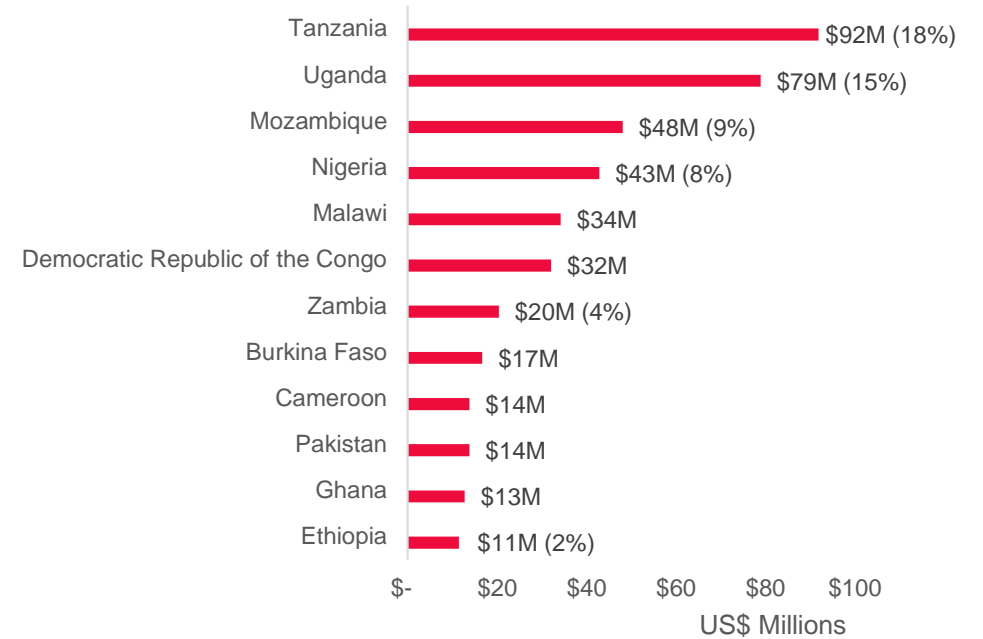
# AII-RDT/ \$518M procured since 2020

Demand across 78 countries with lion's share in few countries

PPM supplied RDTs to 78 countries\* across all continents from 2020 to Sep 2023, ...



... and 12 countries accounted for 80%

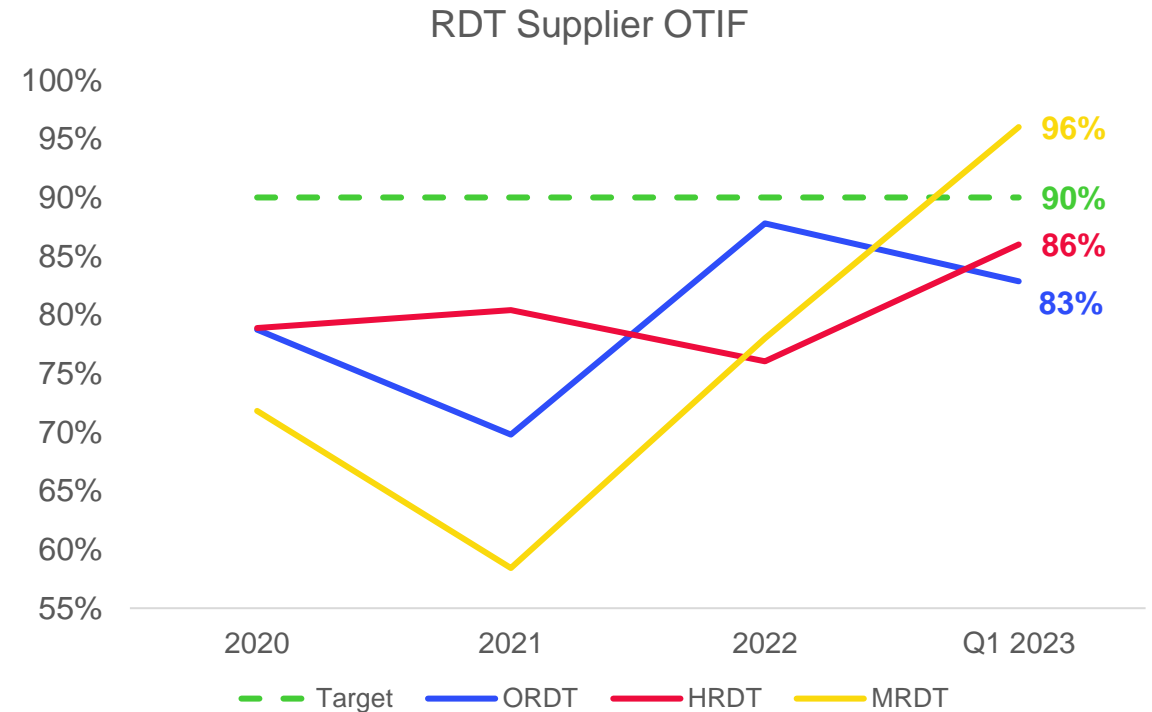


\* Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of the Congo, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

# AII-RDT/ Strengthening supplier performance

**While supplier OTIF\* performance was adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, our efforts and commitment to improve performance has yielded significant results**

- **COVID-19** had a **significant negative impact** on the availability of all RDTs, especially the Malaria RDTs due to supply chain challenges and **deprioritization** in favor of more **profitable tests**.
- **Supplier Performance** has significantly increased for the **Malaria RDT**, above the target since Q3 2022, due to several measures taken by the Global Fund including:
  - Intensified communications with suppliers
  - Supply base diversification
  - More frequent updates regarding forecasts
  - Performance improvement plans for low performance
- **Improved performance** for **HIV** and **Other RDT** categories remain **below target**, mainly due to limited supplier diversification

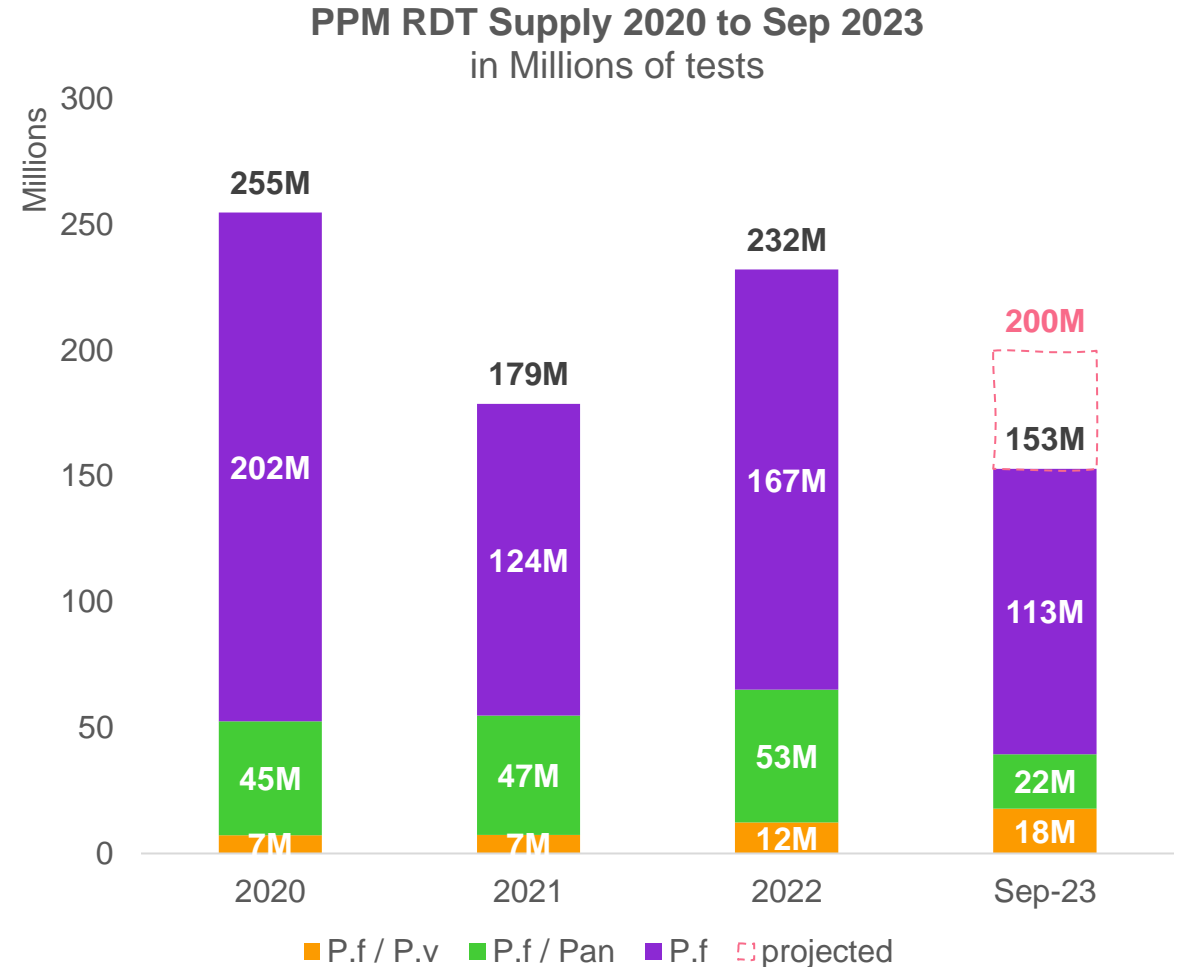


\* Supplier OTIF is a key performance indicator (KPI) comparing supplier purchase orders delivered "On Time in Full" (OTIF) against total number of Supplier Purchase Orders. The KPI measures when Supplier has fulfilled their obligations to the PSA regarding the Committed Delivery Date.

# Malaria RDT/ Demand remains high

## Covid-19 impacted Malaria programs, as evidenced by the demand dip in 2021

- Global Fund **demand is cyclical** by nature of the funding Grant Cycles, yet
  - Higher demand in **2020** was a mitigation measure against future **anticipated supply constraints**
  - Lower volumes in **2021** owing to the **pandemic**
  - Steady **demand recovery** in **2022**
  - 2023 total** volume is expected to be around **200M tests**
- PPM volume procured indicates
  - The share of **P.f only** tests is **reducing** from almost **80%** in 2020 to **74%** of in 2023
  - P.f/P.v** demand **grew** from 7.2M tests in 2020 to **17.8M** as of Sep 2023
  - P.f/Pan** decreased in 2023
  - Demand for **pLDH** based tests remains low

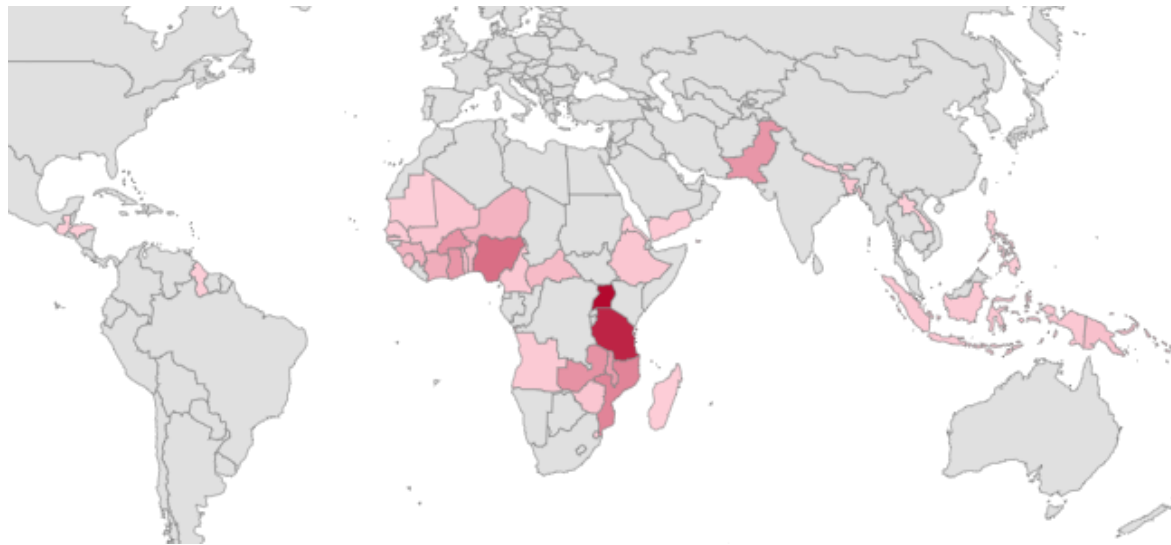


# Malaria RDT/ Tests procured in 45 countries

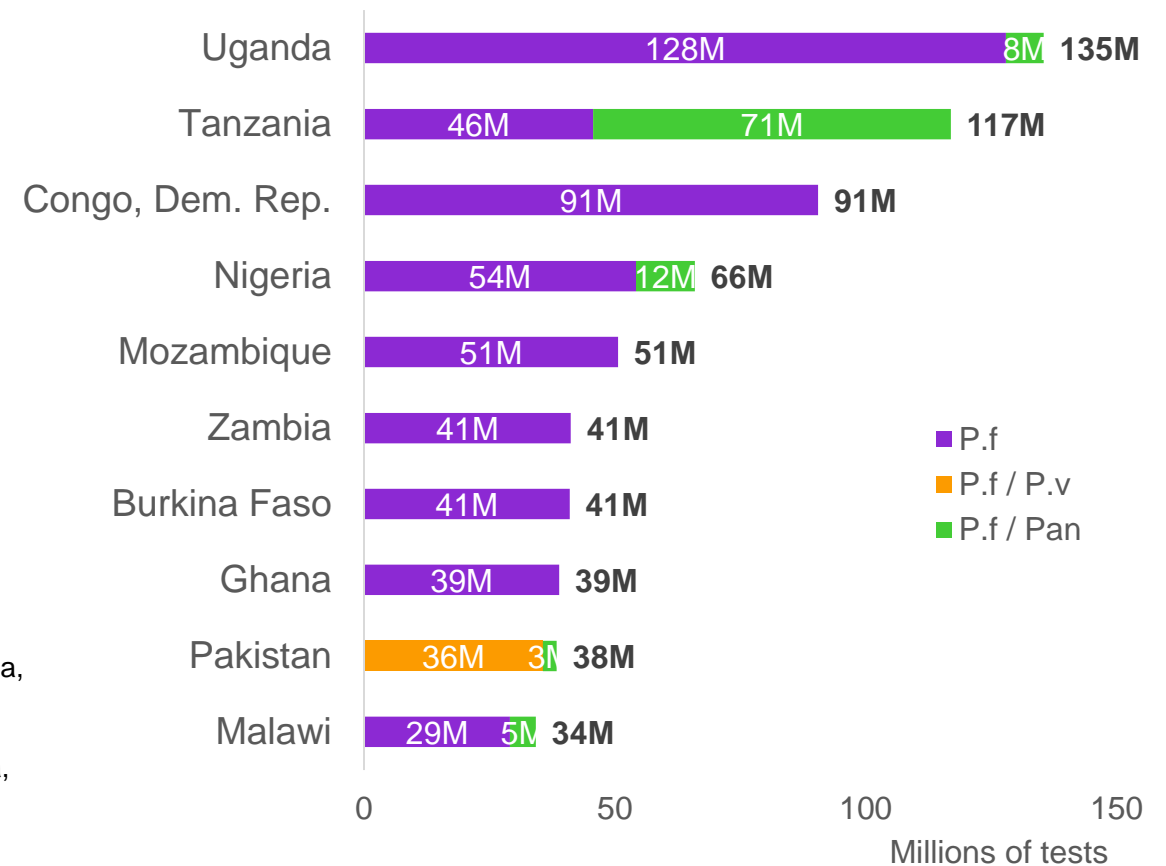
**Nigeria, DR Congo, Uganda, Mozambique and Tanzania, who gather over half of malaria cases worldwide, also represented over 50% of global MRDT demand**

PPM served 818M tests to 45 countries\*,...

... and 10 countries accounted for 80% of the volumes



\* 45 countries (from 2020 to Sep 2023): Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, East Timor, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Laos, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of the Congo, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe



# Malaria RDT/ Market dynamics

## Supplier base for malaria tests have notably increased

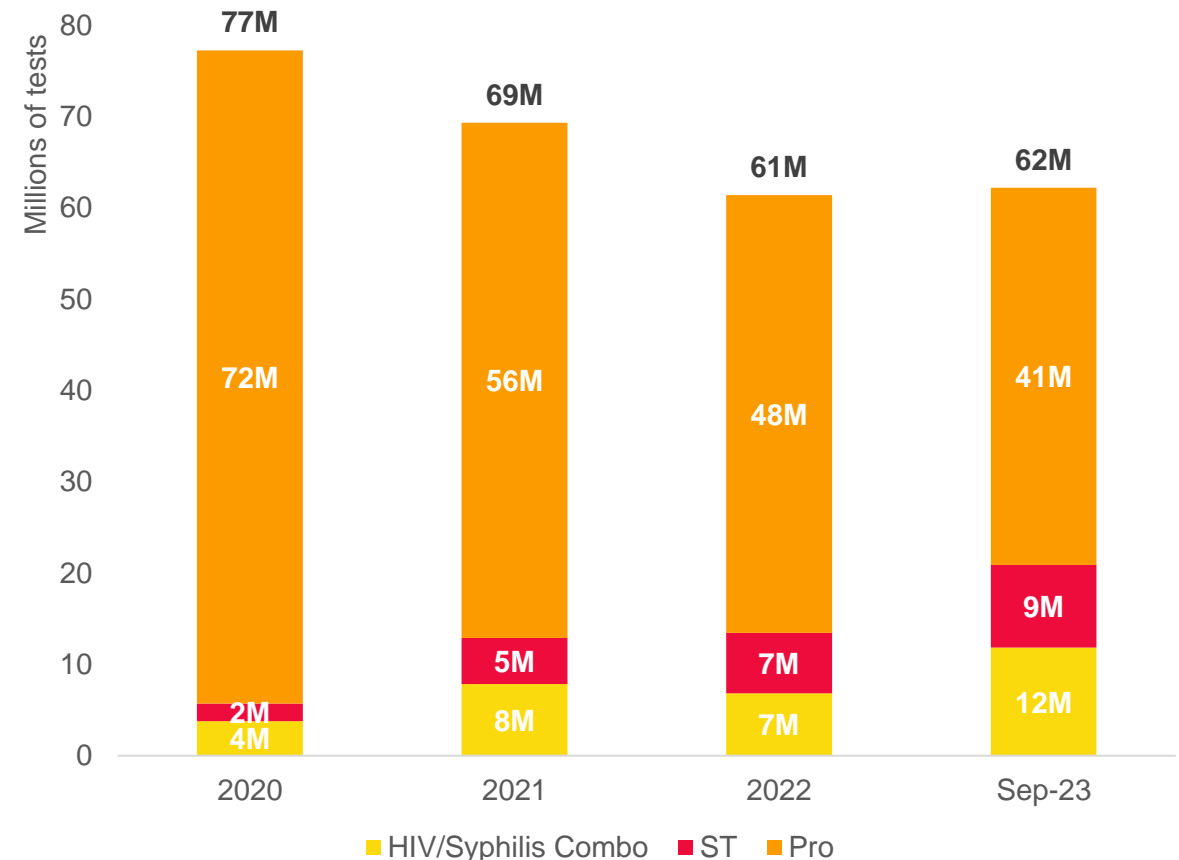
- Malaria rapid tests remain the **main malaria diagnostic tool**. Other technologies will likely address specific use cases with unique value.
- The Malaria rapid tests market consistently shows **high demand**. Demand continues to concentrate on the HRP II type of tests.
- Over the last 3 years, the pool of **WHO approved malaria rapid tests suppliers has expanded** contributing to healthy market and supply security. However, the pool of suppliers with pLDH based tests is limited.
- There is an emerging risk of increasing **HRPII gene deletion**. However, certainty of gene deletion scale and location is yet to be determined. This may lead to increased demand for the pLDH tests in the coming years.
- The production capacity of WHO-prequalified malaria RDT suppliers has increased exponentially during the pandemic. However, larger **suppliers tend to prioritise manufacturing of other types of tests** over malaria rapid tests.
- Malaria rapid test **prices have increased** but remain **stable** for the last couple years.

# HIV RDT/ 270M tests procured since 2020

**Combo and Self-Test share increased steadily to one third of total demand by Sep 2023**

- **270 Million HRDT tests**, worth **US\$ 273M** in total, was procured through PPM from 2020 to Sep 2023
- Demand share of **HRDT Professional** tests remains **predominant** but steadily **reducing** from over 90% in 2020 to about two thirds by Sep 2023
- **HIV Syphilis combo** test demand **grew 313%** from 3.8M tests in 2020 to **11.8M** as of Sep 2023
- **Self-Test** demand **grew 473%** from 1.9M tests in 2020 to **9.0M** as of Sep 2023

PPM HRDT Supply 2020 to Sep 2023  
in Millions of tests



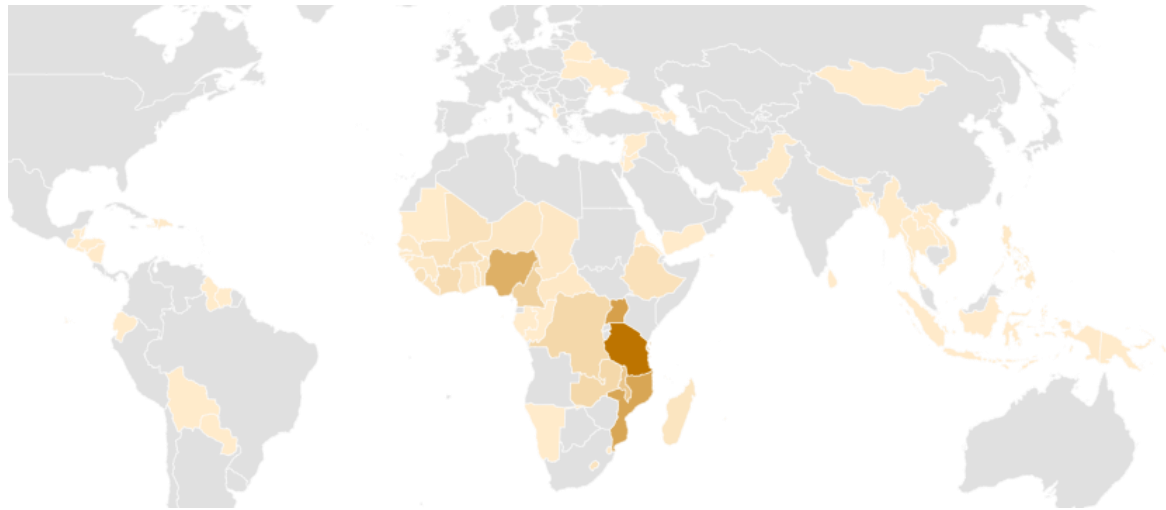


# HIV RDT/ Tests procured in 75 countries

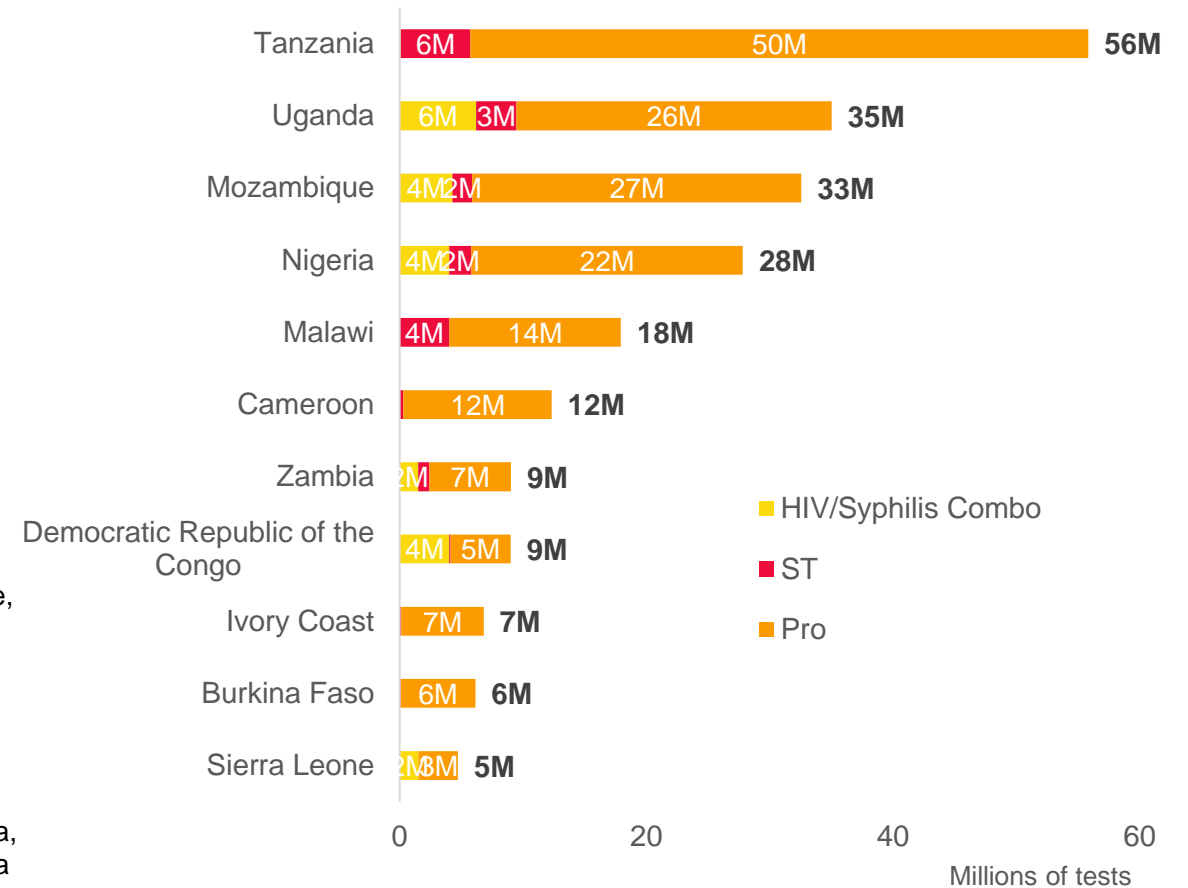
**Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, and Nigeria each had over 20M+ tests procured and together represented over half of PPM worldwide demand**

PPM served 270M tests to 75 countries\*,...

... and 11 countries accounted for 80% of volumes



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# HIV RDT/ Market dynamics – HIV Professional

Cost remains high compared to similar tests

- **Demand** for HIV tests have **diversified** as combo tests and self-tests integrated into the HIV programs. Overall, demand for HIV professional tests **remain high (above 60% of all HIV RDT)**.
- HIV professional rapid tests **cost** remains **high** compared to other similar tests, despite high volumes due to **concentrated demand** around a preferred set of products related to **product selection practices**.
- As a result, HIV professional market limited ability to ensure **supply security** and healthy **competition**.
- **Combo tests demand is growing**. Over 40 countries are in process of adopting the dual test.
- **Increase in dual test** share is also **related to decreasing prices**.
- Expected demand from countries for a **triple combination tests** HIV, HBs Ag, Syphilis.

# HIV RDT/ Market dynamics – HIV Self-Test

More options available but demand remain concentrated

- **Demand** for HIV self-tests **significantly increased** and more countries planning to order self-tests. However, forecast volumes are largely **stalling** due to high cost and lack of diversity between oral and blood-based test.
- Increased number of **WHO PQ-ed** ST with **lower-cost**. Yet, weighted average **price** for HIVST remains **substantially higher** than professional test and more affordable tests are needed to reach ST full potential.
- Despite increased interest and procurement in **blood-based** test **supply security** is still at risk in short term due to **concentrated demand on oral-based**.
- Currently **one WHO PQ** HIV ST manufacturer in **Africa**.

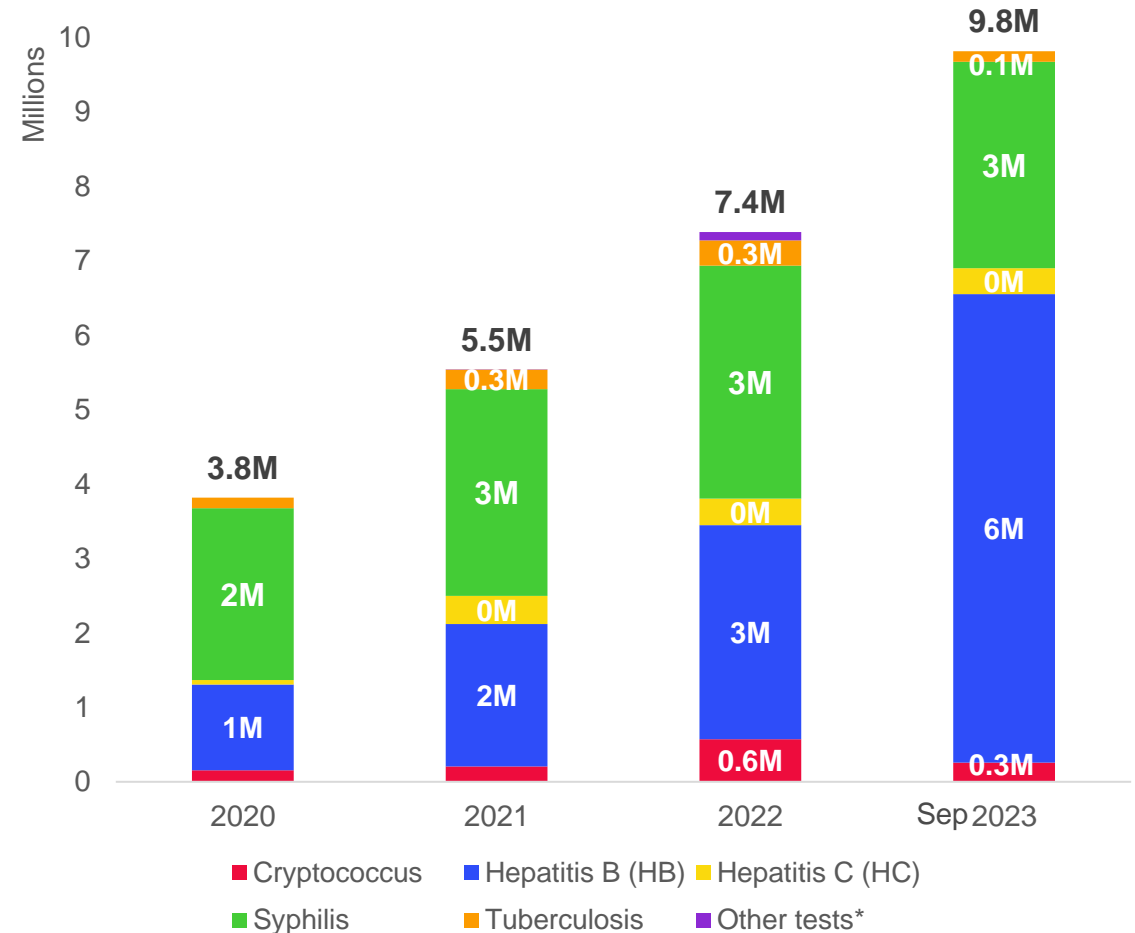
# Other RDT/ US\$ 25M procured since 2020

Syphilis and Hepatitis B (HB) together represent about 90% of total demand of tests

ORDT volume procured through PPM from 2020 to Sep 2023 offer following observations

- **Sustained strong demand growth** from 1M test in 2020 to 6M in Sep 2023 of **Hepatitis B (HB)** tests with total 12 Million tests worth US\$ 11M
- **Stable demand** of ~3M **Syphilis** test per year with total 11 Million tests worth US\$ 7M, and of ~300k **Hepatitis C (HC)** tests with total 1.1 Million tests worth US\$ 1.1M
- **Tuberculosis** cyclical demand over the period with total 882k tests worth US\$ 3.2M
- Over **100K CD4 tests** procured in 2022 and 2023
- **Six countries** (Malawi, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda, Burkina Faso and Haiti) represent **80% of total 27M ORDT** tests procured

PPM ORDT Supply 2020 to Sep 2023  
in Millions of test



■ Cryptococcus ■ Hepatitis B (HB) ■ Hepatitis C (HC)  
 ■ Syphilis ■ Tuberculosis ■ Other tests\*

\* Other tests: CD4, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Cryptosporidiosis, Pregnancy (hCG)

# RDT Procurement Strategy 2024 – 2026

## Scope & Forecast

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# Malaria RDT/ GC7 Volume Forecast

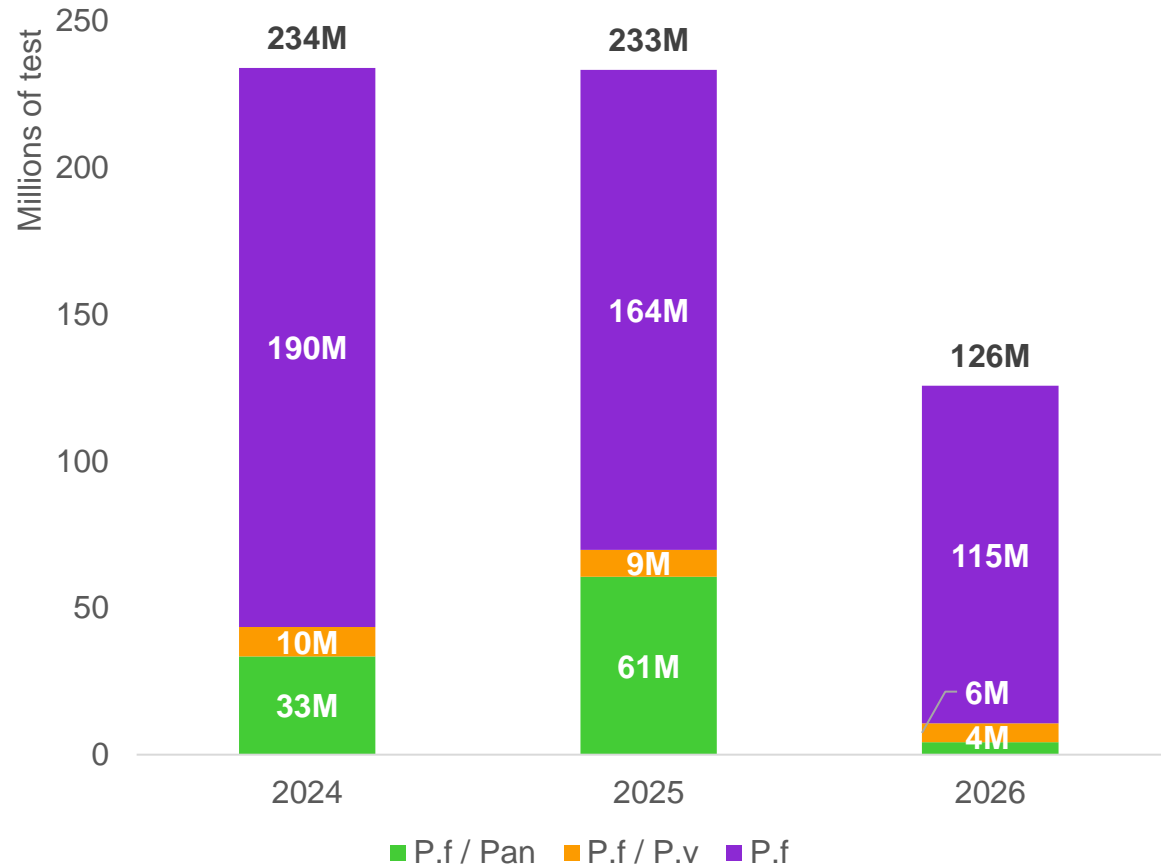
## Volume forecast for Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) for 2024 – 2026 period

### CONTEXT

- Preliminary forecast based on Health Product Management Tools submitted as part of the **GC7 Funding Request**
- **3-year forecast** totals close to **600 millions** of Malaria RDT tests.
- Overall forecast of GC7 **similar to GC6** volumes
- Volumes **driven by** demand for MRDT **P.f only**
- **2026** demand **likely to increase** due to potential savings at the end of the cycle

### PRELIMINARY FORECAST

PPM MRDT demand forecast 2024 to 2026  
in Millions of test



# HIV RDT/ GC7 Volume Forecast

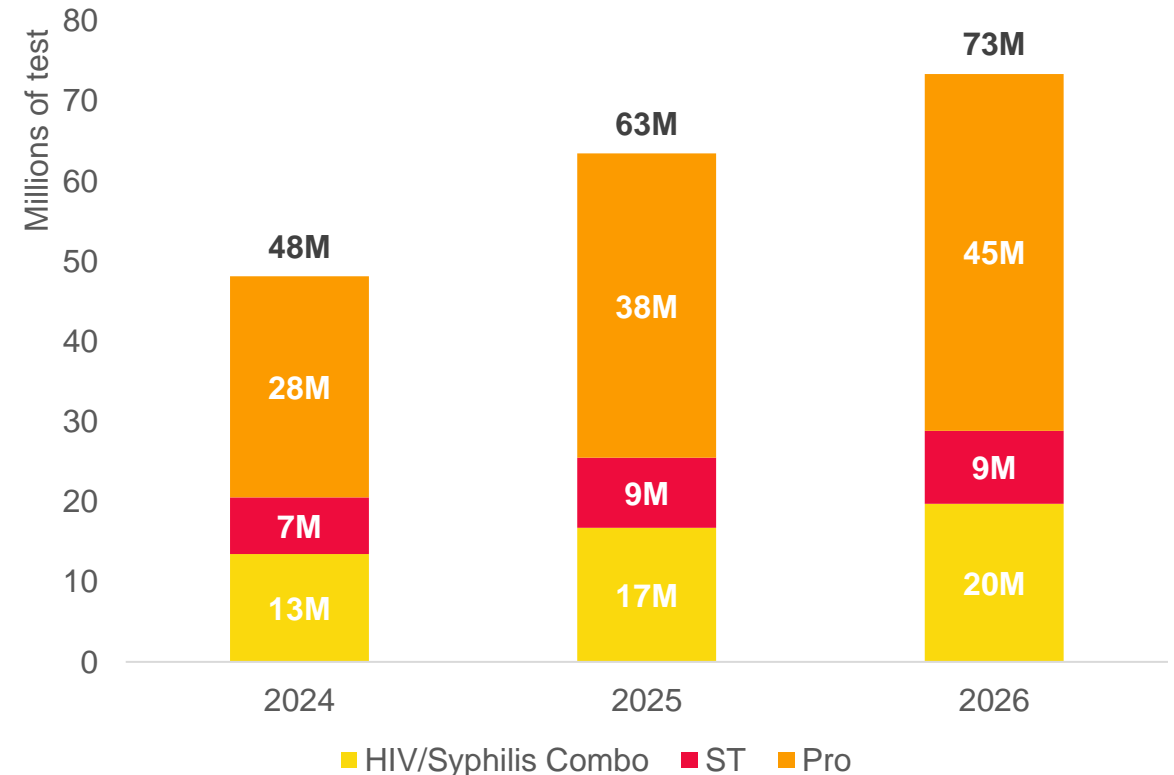
Volume forecast for Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) for 2024 – 2026 period

## CONTEXT

- Preliminary forecast numbers are based on Health Product Management Tools submitted as part of the GC7 Funding Request
- The overall number of planned RDTs is relatively stable for GC7 (as a comparison to GC6)
- Total 3 years forecast amounts 184 millions of test
- Volumes are driven by demand for Professional test
- Stable demand of Self-Test across the years

## PRELIMINARY FORECAST

PPM HRDT demand forecast 2024 to 2026  
in Millions of test





# Other RDT Volume Forecast

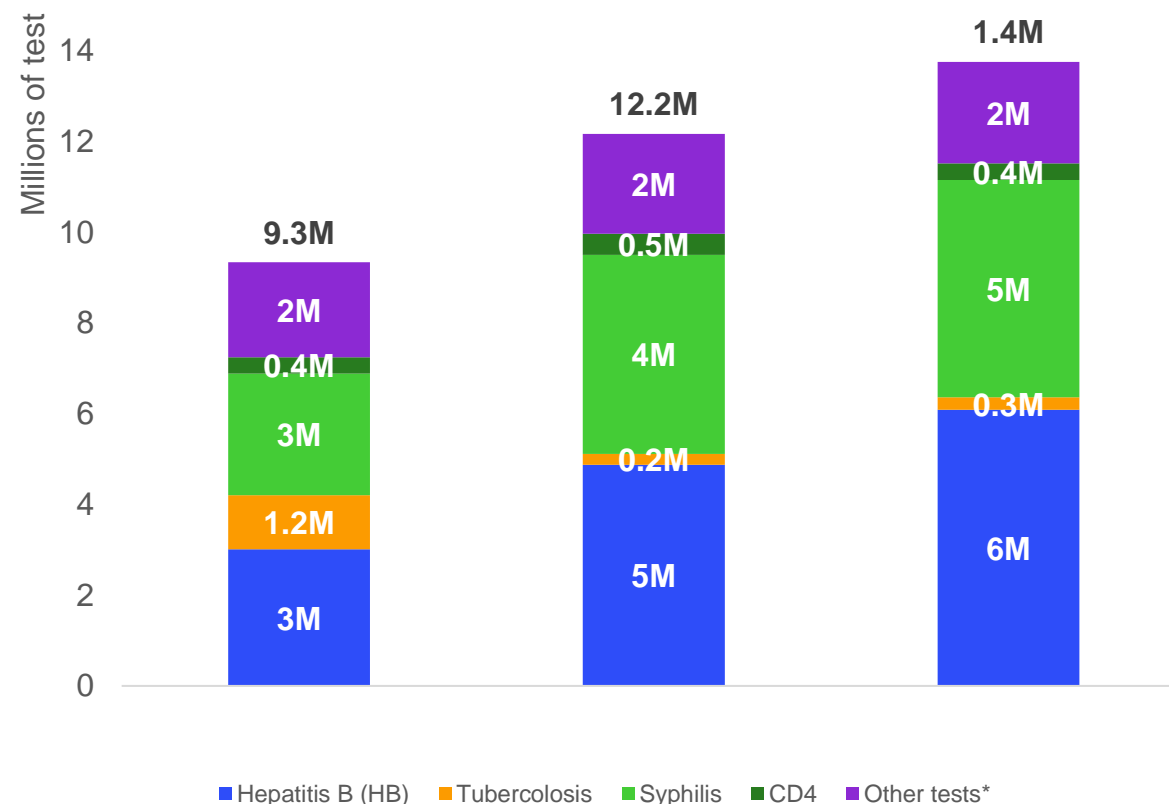
Volume forecast for Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) for 2024 – 2026 period

## CONTEXT

- Preliminary forecast numbers are based on Health Product Management Tools submitted as part of the GC7 Funding Request
- Total 3 years forecast amounts **35 millions of tests**
- Increase in **Syphilis demand** from 3M test in 2024 to 5M in 2026
- Increased demand of CD4 tests compared with previous cycle: addition of ‘new’ countries ordering large volumes
- *Cryptococcus* tests accounts for: 250k tests year 1; 300k tests year 2 and 200k tests year 3 (included in “Other tests” category)

## PRELIMINARY FORECAST

PPM ORDT demand forecast 2024 to 2026  
in Millions of test



\* Other tests: Cryptococcus, Hepatitis C (HC), Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Cryptosporidiosis, Pregnancy (hCG)

# RDT Procurement Strategy 2024 – 2026

## Strategy & Objectives

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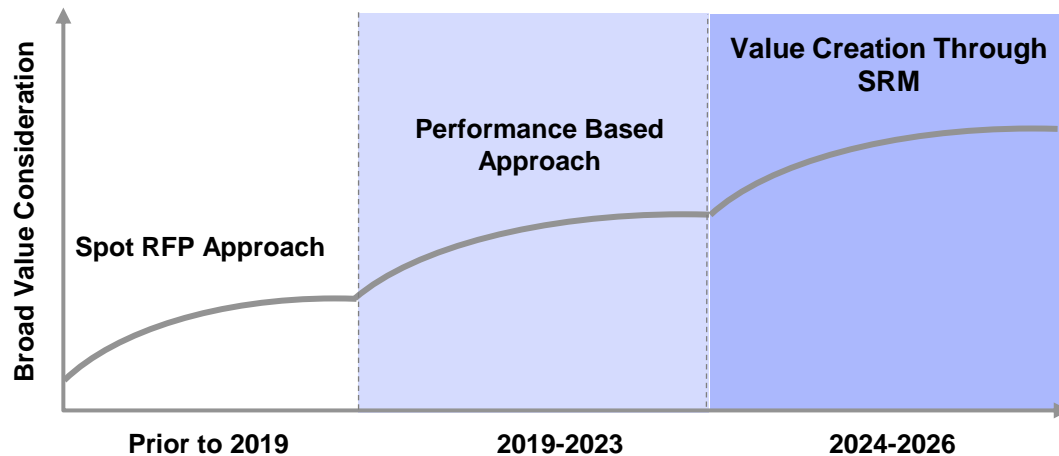
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# RDT Strategy Evolution

The RDT Procurement Strategy has evolved in cycles, building on learnings as well as disease specific dynamics

## RDT Procurement Strategy cycles



### Spot RFP Approach (Prior to 2019)

- Purchase Order agreement implemented
- Spot tenders pricing approach
- Performance management matrix set up

### Performance Based Approach (2019 - 2023)

- Long-Term Framework Agreement implemented
- Rigorous supplier performance implemented
- Market Shaping intervention including MRDT interchangeability
- Strengthened QA policy with WHO PQ requirements

### Value Creation through SRM (2024 - 2026)

- Key principles of supplier relationship management (SRM) applied
- Performance management matrix enhanced to enable decision-making
- More direct engagement with suppliers

# The **5** Strategic Objectives for 2024 - 2026

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| <b>1. Ensure Equitable Access to RDTs: Affordability and Availability</b>            | Maintain competitive & sustainable pricing through diversified supply base and value delivery  |
| <b>2. Secure RDTs supply chain including by incentivising Regional Manufacturing</b> | Improve supply chain for responsive and agile RDTs delivery  |
| <b>3. Supply Quality-Assured RDTs</b>  | Ensure access to quality-assured health products through strict Quality Assurance (QA)   |
| <b>4. Encourage environmentally sustainable RDTs</b>                                 | Drive sustainable procurement and supply chains in line with NextGen Market Shaping ambitions  |
| <b>5. Accelerate the introduction of the innovative RDTs at scale</b>                | Enable product introduction and innovation to ensure optimal care for people we serve, cost reduction and reduced environmental impact |
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# Objective 1 Ensure Equitable Access to RDTs: Affordability and Availability

Maintain competitive & sustainable pricing through a diversified supply base



**Affordability:** Competitive and Sustainable pricing

- GF will **continue to support and maintain competitive and sustainable markets**
- **Cost will remain a key element** of the sourcing strategy to ensure an optimal use of resources
- Continue to broaden the **definition of “Value” beyond pricing** and looking for opportunities to add value beyond product costs
- **Increasing supplier accountability** including Most Favoured Nations implementation

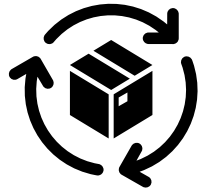


**Availability:** Diversified Supply Based

- **Continue with multi-year agreements** aligned with strategic objectives
- Ensure the inclusion of **new market entrants** supplying **existing** and **innovative** RDTs.

# Objective 2 Secure RDTs supply chain including by incentivising Regional Manufacturing

Promote regional manufacturing and improve supply chain for responsive and agile RDTs delivery



- A. Incorporate previous tender cycles & Covid-19 pandemic **learnings**, and with a stronger focus on supplier accountability & supply chain robustness
- Strategy will **continue to ensure the reliable supply** of all required RDTs through **resilient and diversified supply base**
  - **Deepen partnership with suppliers** to proactively understand and mitigate supply challenges, including challenges related to upstream supply security, to maintain high delivery performance
  - **Improving overall lead times** through robust forecast periodically communicated with suppliers
- B. Promote **local and regional manufacturing**
- Encourage **regional RDT manufacturing closer to end users** to improve access and diversify the supply base
  - Continue to **promote geographic diversification & promote local manufacturing and capability building**
  - **Consider regional manufacturing as evaluation criteria in RDT tender**



## Objective 3 Supply Quality-Assured RDTs

Ensure equitable access to Quality-Assured health products through strict Quality Assurance (QA)



- **Product Quality is essential** to ensure that quality assured RDTs are sourced and delivered to the people we serve
- Global Fund Quality Assurance (**QA**) **eligibility requirements** will continue to ensure that health products are available **at internationally recognized quality standards**
- **Framework Agreement** proposed under RDT Procurement cycle 2024 – 2026 will continue to include a strong **QA section at its core**
- **Quality Assurance** will also continue to be an **integral part of our supplier review process** and focus on quality updates and topics impacting supply



# Objective 4 Encourage environmentally sustainable RDTs

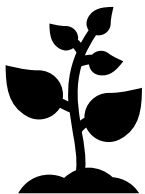
Drive sustainable procurement and supply chains in line with NextGen Market Shaping ambitions



- Supply Operations is piloting a **Responsible Procurement Framework** which **embeds sustainability principles** and practices into our sourcing activities

- This Framework was developed in response to the challenges of **Climate Change** and supports the implementation of the Global Fund Supplier **Code Of Conduct**

- Through the RDT Procurement cycle 2024-2026, **suppliers will be encourage** to
  - **Continuously strengthen** sustainability credentials and practices throughout their manufacturing and supply chains, and **share** baseline information to **measure our impact**
  - Minimize **environmental impact of distribution, delivery, and at end-user level** through enhanced planning, adapting transport routes, reduce packaging etc.
  - Implement projects to address **environmental impact of manufacturing RDTs**
  - Leverage innovations to further **reduce packaging and shipping costs**





# Objective 5 Accelerate the introduction of the innovative RDTs at scale

Enable equitable access to innovations to ensure optimal care for people we serve, cost reduction and reduced environmental impact



- **Continue to stimulate innovation** through agreed supplier-driven projects
- Leverage procurement process to **support a robust pipeline of new products** intended to improve efficacy, reduce cost, & better meet the needs of end users in line with disease guidelines, latest WHO recommendations
- **Align with partners** regarding new innovative tests needed in the market **and harness their support** to facilitate new product introduction at scale
- Leverage innovations to **improve packaging, shipping costs, and product design and reduce plastic waste.**



# Request for Proposals (RFP)

## Approach & Timeline

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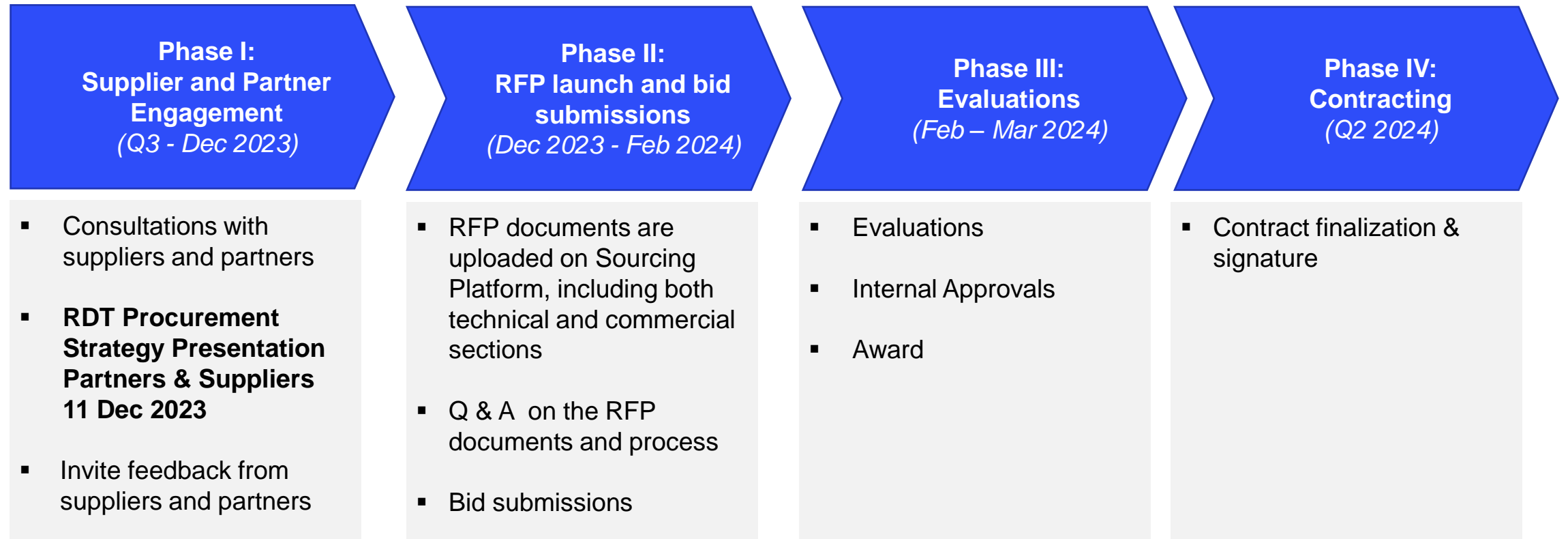
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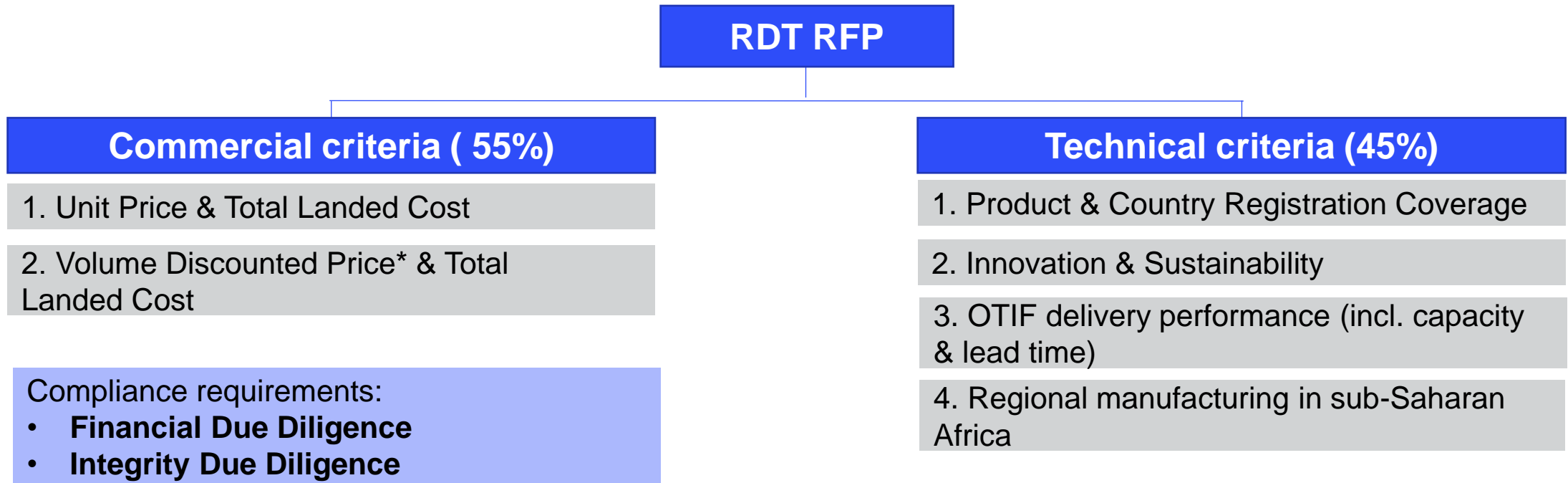
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# RFP process and timelines *(indicative)*



# Tender evaluation structure



- **The full scope of evaluation criteria** will be **reapplied at annual performance reviews** for subsequent allocation periods
- There will be a **process** to consider **new entrants and/or new products** that become **eligible** for procurement **after tender closure (subject to review)**

\* *Volume Discounted Price to apply depending on product category*

# Legal Matters: Certificate of Conformance

## **RFP Bidders will be required to submit a signed certificate by an authorized officer, to acknowledge and agree (among other things):**

- Bidder will comply with Global Fund's Code of Conduct for Suppliers.
- Bidder's RFP submission implies Bidder's unconditional acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Strategic Partnership Agreement.
- Any reservations on the Partnership Agreement must be notified to the Global Fund as part of the RFP submission.
- Only limited, non-material amendments to the draft Strategic Partnership Agreement submitted as part of the Bidder's proposal may be considered by the Global Fund.
- The reservations or amendment requests will be considered in the overall evaluation of the Organization's proposal.
- Modifications to the following provisions of the Partnership Agreement will not be accepted:
  1. Record-Keeping and Audits,
  2. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution,
  3. No Waiver of Privileges and Immunities,
  4. Compliance with the Global Fund's Quality Assurance Policy, Code of Conducts and Sanctions Panel Procedures,
  5. Principles set forth in Most Favored Nation clause.

# Integrity Due Diligence

The Global Funds Ethics policies in relation to suppliers

## RFP Schedules

- All suppliers must complete the IDD questionnaire to its full extent
- Information on ownership and control is required for sanctions checks
- Conflict of interest disclosures required to develop mitigations
- Policies and case histories required to assess the ability to fulfill obligations under the Code of Conduct and other policies
- Limited fulfilment of expectations will inform risk management decisions

## Code of Conduct

- Prohibits both direct and indirect:
  - Corruption
  - Fraud
  - Coercion
  - Collusion
  - Anti-competitive practices
- Full and open disclosures of Col, including potential and perceived
- Safeguarding (with obligatory reporting):
  - Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment
  - Child protection

## Other documents

- Policy to Combat Fraud and Corruption
- Policy on Conflict of Interest
- Contractual terms with respect to ethical issues
- Sanctions Panel Procedures

# Sourcing Platform used for all RFP communications

## Welcome page & notifications

Good afternoon, [Redacted]

### Things to Finish

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**ACTION REQUIRED**

You Are Invited to Request for Proposal TGF-D-00011(RFP Test)

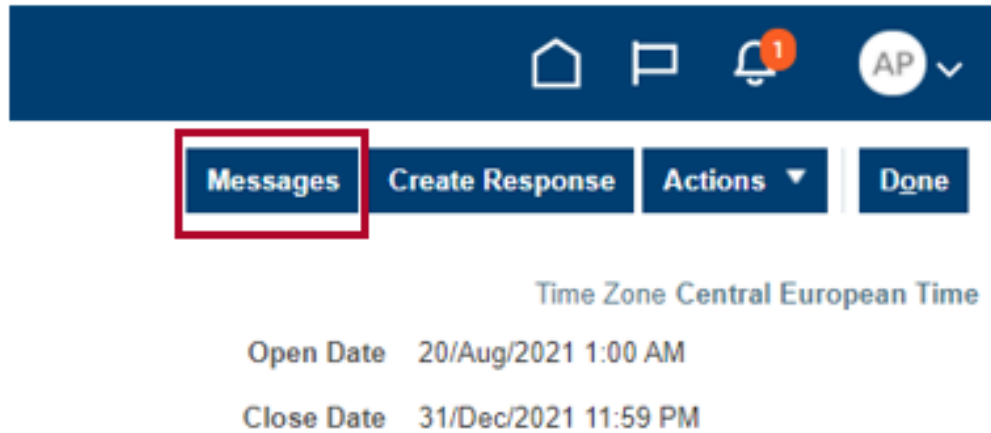
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Actions

- Accept Invitation
- Decline Invitation

# Communications & Support on Platform Access

- All communications with regards to this RFP, including clarification questions, shall be in writing and sent through the TGF Sourcing Platform using the online discussion (see below).
- Any communication from an RFP Participant to the Global Fund related to this RFP which is **not** through the designated channel (<https://fa-enmo-saasfaprod1.fa.ocs.oraclecloud.com/>), is not permitted and will not be answered.
- Should the Global Fund deem it necessary to revise the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so as an amendment to the RFP available on the Global Fund's website.



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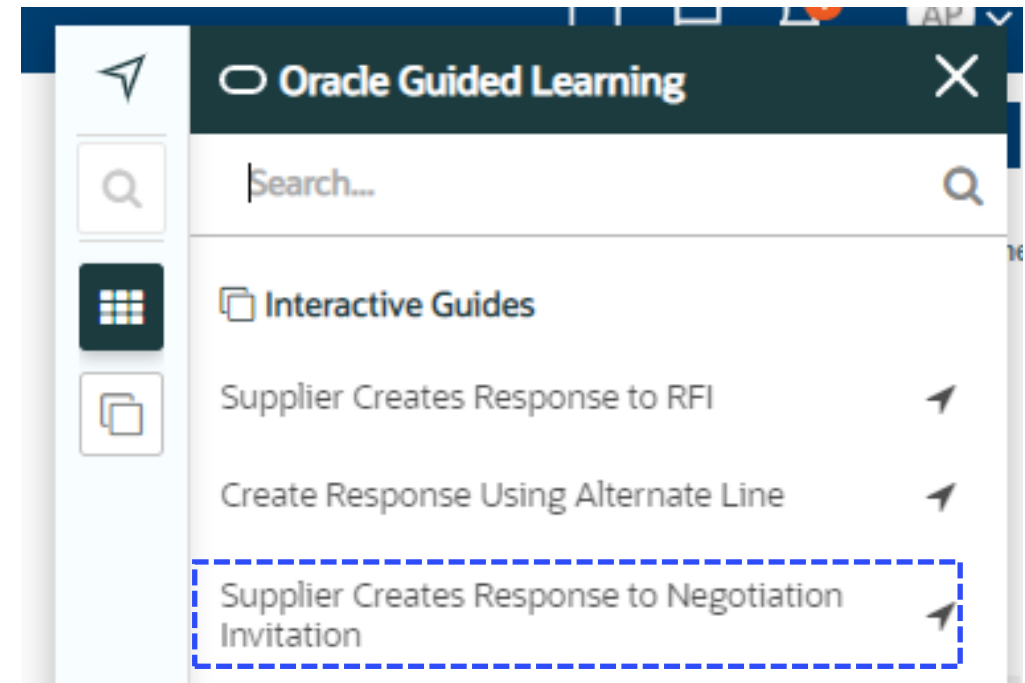
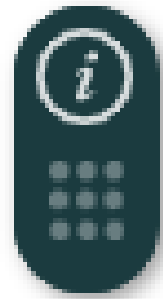
# Sourcing Platform: Other Matters

## Oracle Guided Learning (OGL)

- Feature which provides step-by-step and personalized guides in the negotiation module.
- Please open the following link in your browser to see the step guide (Supplier Creates Response to Negotiation Invitation):

<https://guidedlearning.oracle.com/player/latest/api/scenario/export/v1/WpUIM+OJRoSJYo3jQu37UA/k7hjkrg1/ang/--/?draft=undefined>

- Access to the OGL: Click on the “i” icon and select the appropriate Guide



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