

# Session 4: Indicators for Scale-Up of Viral Load (VL) Testing and Program Outcomes

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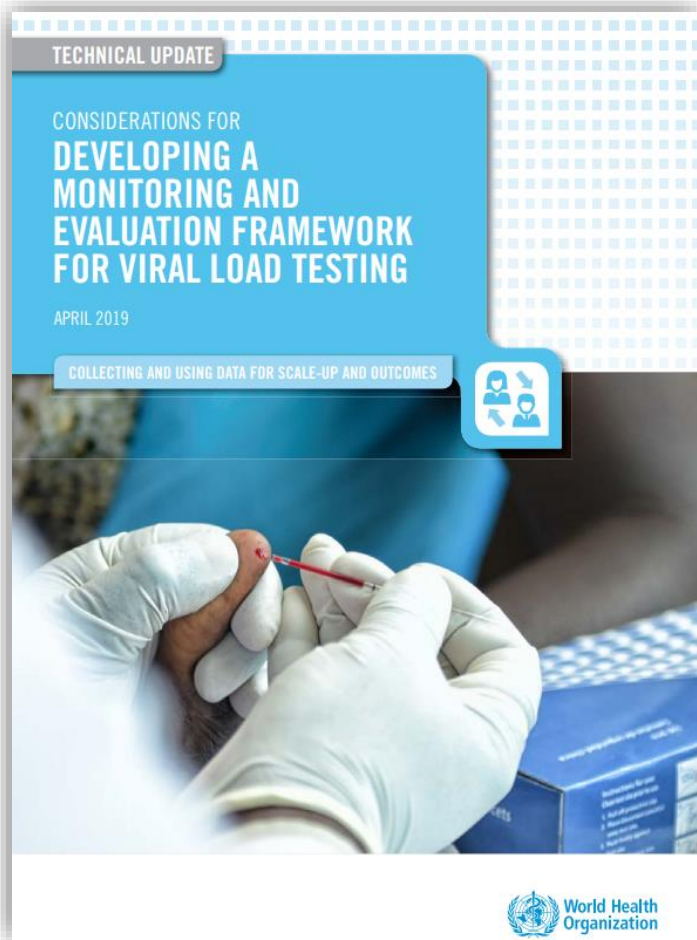
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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Review of Key Concepts:
  - Understand the general components of the M&E framework for country's VL testing
  - Determine the relevant stakeholders involved in M&E
  - Create M&E implementation process plan
- Session 4 Topics:
  - Mapping data flow for client oversight and national reporting
  - Reviewing the VL cascade to inform development/revision of measurable indicators
  - Identify indicators for VL coverage and outcome monitoring
  - Data collection, analysis, and reporting of VL indicators in national system
    - Uganda's experience with updating national and facility registers for VL testing

# Core Resource



2 Considerations for developing a monitoring and evaluation framework for viral load testing

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Available at: <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/324745/WHO-CDS-HIV-19.5-eng.pdf?ua=1>



# Review of Key Concepts

# Refresher: Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy

## **What does a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) strategy outline?**

- What will be monitored and/or evaluated
- What data needs to be collected
- How the data will be used
- How monitoring and evaluation activities will be managed

## **What does a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) strategy include?**

1. Description of overall program (problem statement and frameworks)
2. Indicators
3. Data sources and reporting systems
4. Data analysis for demonstrating program outcome/impact
5. Dissemination plan and information use
6. Data quality assurance plans
7. Implementation plan, including budget and timeline

# Template for a National M&E Plan for Viral Load Testing

## Program monitoring

- Main stakeholders
- Indicators that include definitions, disaggregation, data sources and frequency of reporting
  - Baseline data and targets to be achieved with time frame
  - Responsible parties
- Data systems and management
- Data quality assessment
- Data analysis
- Data use
- Estimated budget to conduct program monitoring

## Evaluation

- Purpose of the evaluation
- Evaluation questions
- Type of evaluation
- Individuals and roles in the evaluation team
- Users of the evaluation findings (stakeholders)
- Timeline
- Budget

# Key Area of Focus: Stakeholders

## Identifying and involving stakeholders in M&E for VL

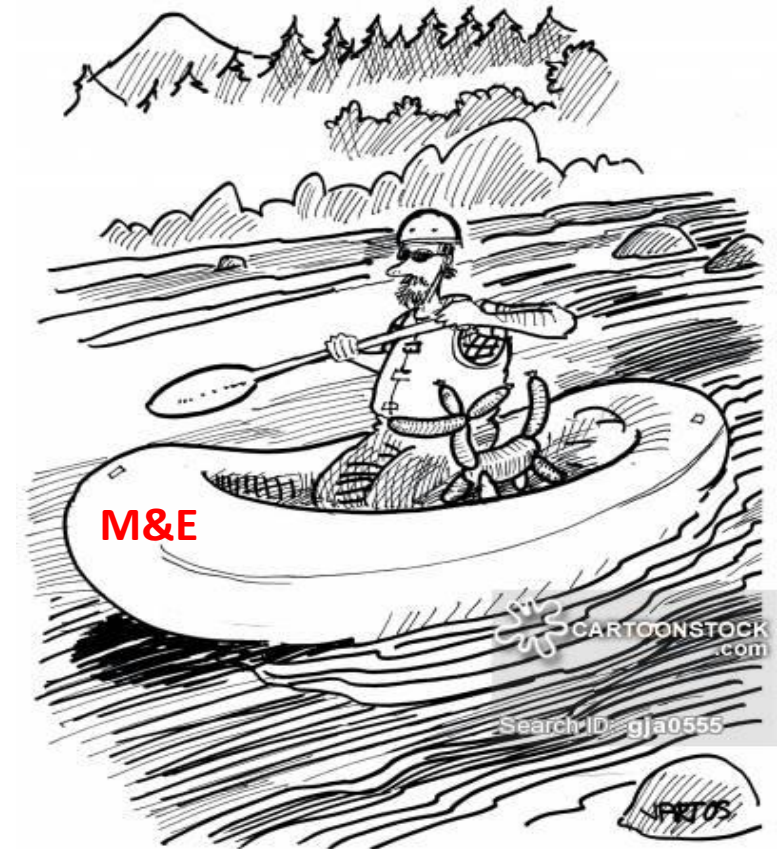
- Key for strong and functional M&E systems.
- Multi-disciplinary: laboratory, clinical, and monitoring and evaluation staff
- Coordination and collaboration between stakeholders to ensure strong and functional:
  - Data capture and monitoring and evaluation tools
  - Data systems at facilities, laboratories, sub-national, and national levels



# Engagement of Clinical, Lab, and M&E is Key



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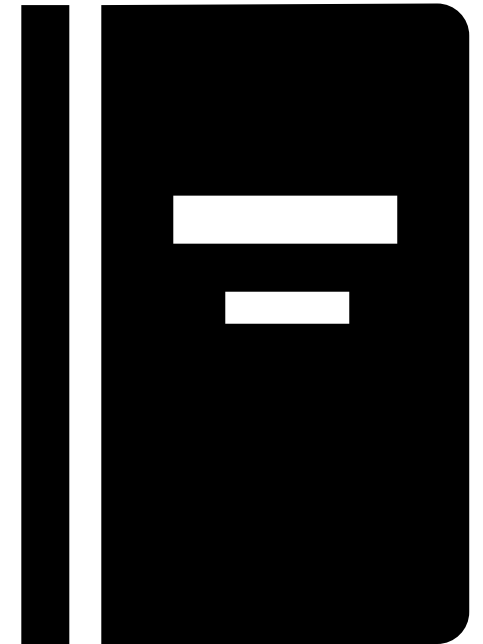
**It's better to be on the main boat!**



# M&E Plan Template

## Overview

- Example of one way to approach developing template.
- Recommend having one part looking at **performance monitoring** and another looking at **evaluation**.
- We will provide a blank, adaptable template – make it your own!



# M&E Plan Template Pt 1: Performance Monitoring Plan

Monitoring question	Performance measure and target	Data sources	Frequency of collection and reporting	Responsibility
<p>What is the monitoring question?</p> <p>Example: what are the outcomes of people who received a viral load test?</p>	<p>What performance measure (indicator) will be used? Specify disaggregation (such as &lt;1 male, &lt;1 female etc.)</p> <p>Define the target as needed.</p> <p>Example: X individuals receiving antiretroviral therapy will receive a viral load test in year 1.</p>	<p>Where will the data be obtained?</p> <p>Example: The laboratory information management system, antiretroviral therapy registers, patient charts, viral load testing registers or logbooks etc.</p>	<p>When will the data be gathered and reviewed?</p> <p>Example: Data will be recorded during viral load sample collection from a patient and reported to the health ministry monthly.</p>	<p>Who will capture the data?</p> <p>Example: Site staff will capture data by using the viral load laboratory requisition form. Laboratory staff will enter data from the form and results into the laboratory information management system.</p>

- Data systems and management
- Data analysis and quality
- Using the data and disseminating results

# M&E Plan Template Pt 2: Evaluation Plan

- Evaluation plan narrative:

- Stakeholders
- Purpose of the evaluation
- Program goals and objectives
- Logic model
- Individuals and roles on the evaluation team
- Users of the evaluation findings
- Timeline
- Budget

Evaluation questions	Type of evaluation	Variables and indicators	Data sources	Data collection method	Dissemination and use
What do we need to know or evaluate (fidelity and effectiveness) about the program?	What type of evaluation is it? Process? Outcome? Both?	What specific variables and indicators are needed to answer your evaluation question?	What will the data source be for the variables and indicators?	How will the data be collected? Qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods? Will interviews, document reviews and/ or reviews of program data occur?	What dissemination and use strategies will be used to share evaluation findings? How will stakeholders use them to improve programs? Make sure to include where the evaluation findings will be publicly available (for PEPFAR-supported evaluations)

# Last Assignment

## **At the end of the last session, you were asked to:**

- Develop or update your viral load data flow map, making sure to include all M&E data capture tools. Note gap areas, challenges, concerns, etc.
- Review any existing M&E implementation plans and/or national M&E plans for viral load. If none available, please prepare an outline of what should be included.

**Don't worry if you attempted to do this and got stuck!**

# Session 4



# Mapping the data flow

# Key First Step: Map the Data Flow

## Idea of how data flow from each source and how data are captured

- Consider the flow for specimens and data!
- Do you have...

Physical movement  
of specimen and  
results?

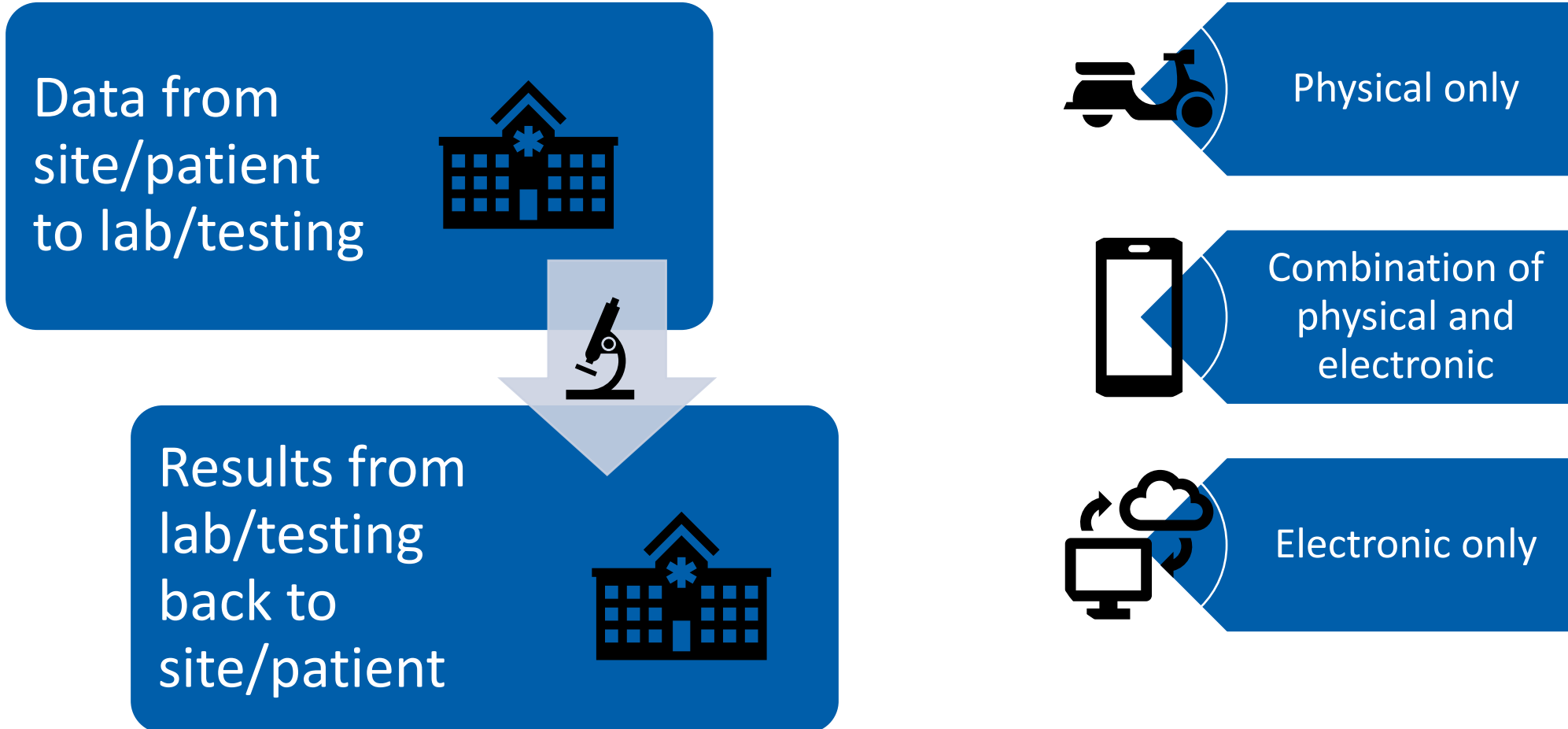
Physical movement  
of specimens and  
electronic exchange  
of data/results?

Electronic Patient  
Information Systems  
for all data?

Other?

# How Does VL Data Flow in Your Setting?

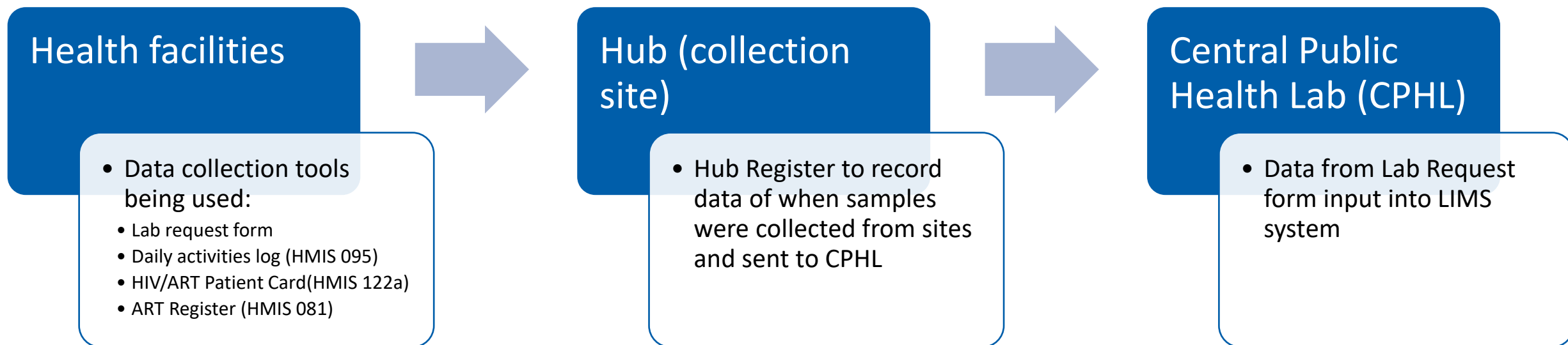
- Samples move physically from a site to a lab, but how do the data flow?





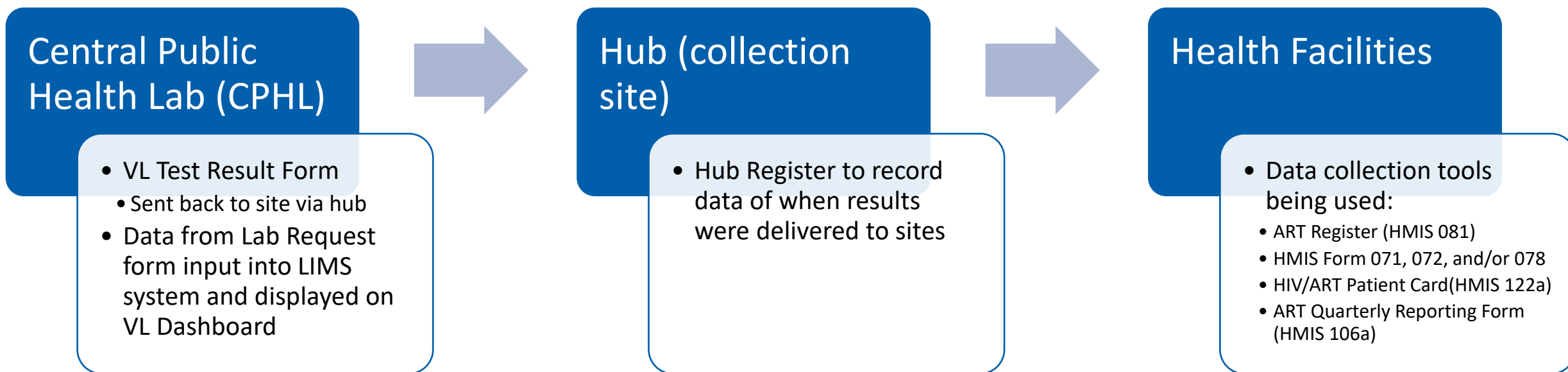
# Bringing Data Flow and Collection Tools Together

## Sample to central lab example from Uganda



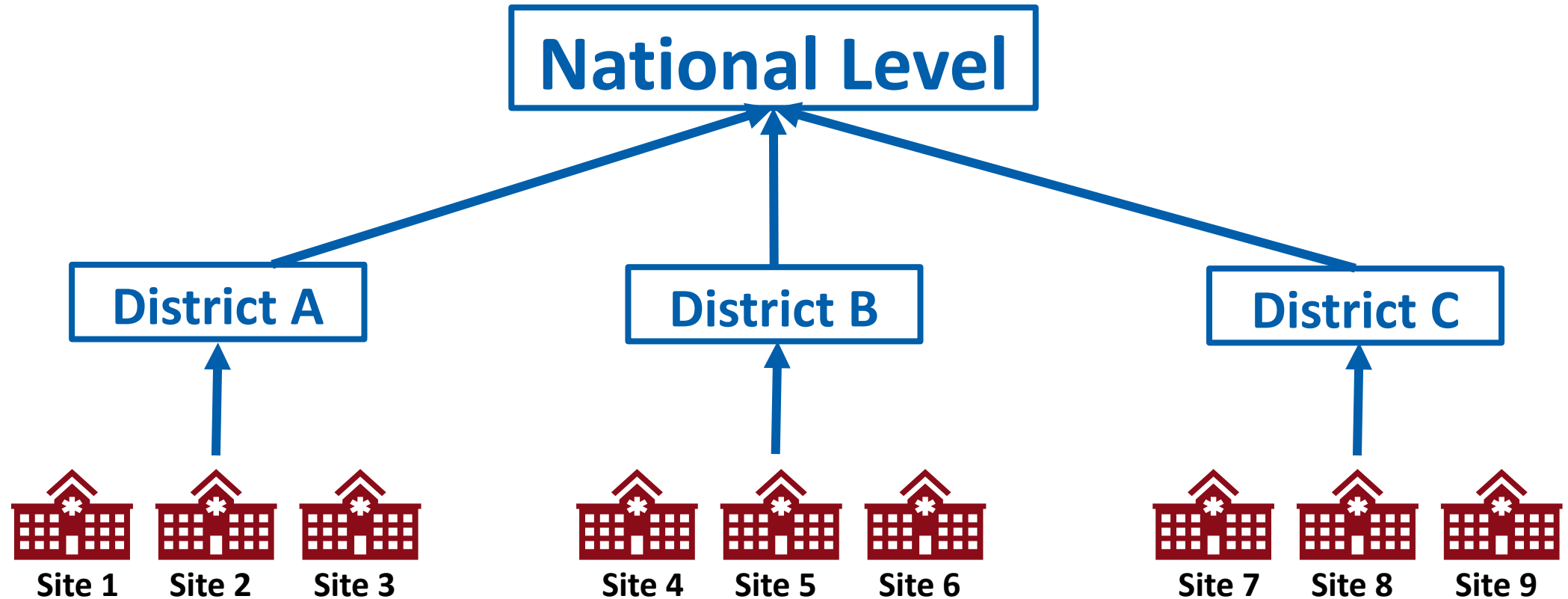
# Bringing Data Flow and Collection Tools Together

## Results to site example from Uganda



# Aggregating Data for Oversight

## Sub-National and National-Level Tools: Reports, DHIS2, LIMS etc.



Site-Level Tools: Patient Cards, Patient Charts, Lab Requisition Forms, Patient Registers, Quarterly Reporting forms etc.



# Indicators to Monitor Viral Load Coverage and Outcomes

# Refresher: Indicators

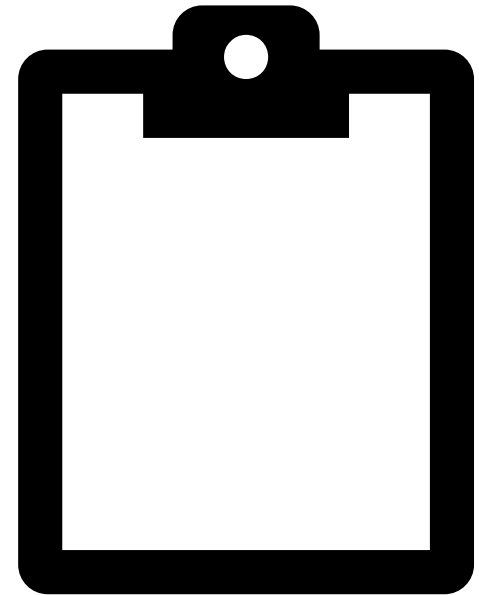
## **Things to consider when developing or adapting indicators:**

- Program priorities
- Desired outcomes as shown in the logic model
- Gaps or challenges in the program
- Feasibility, resources, and relevance
- Reporting requirements

# Identifying Indicators for Viral Load: Where to Start?

## List the key steps in the viral load testing cascade

- Helps to inform routine monitoring indicators and how each step would be measured.
  - Table 2 and Annex 5 in the WHO document provide many examples of indicators that can be adapted.
- Can be used for development and/or revision of indicators.



# Aligning Key Steps and Indicators for Viral Load Programs

## Example: Outlining key steps and core indicators for viral load testing at sites

List Key steps in the cascade of viral load testing	<u>Examples</u> of core indicator for routine monitoring
Request a viral load test	
Process viral load test sample	
Return viral load test result	
Access to VL Test	
Document VL test result in patient chart and other monitoring tools	
Monitor Outcome of VL test result	

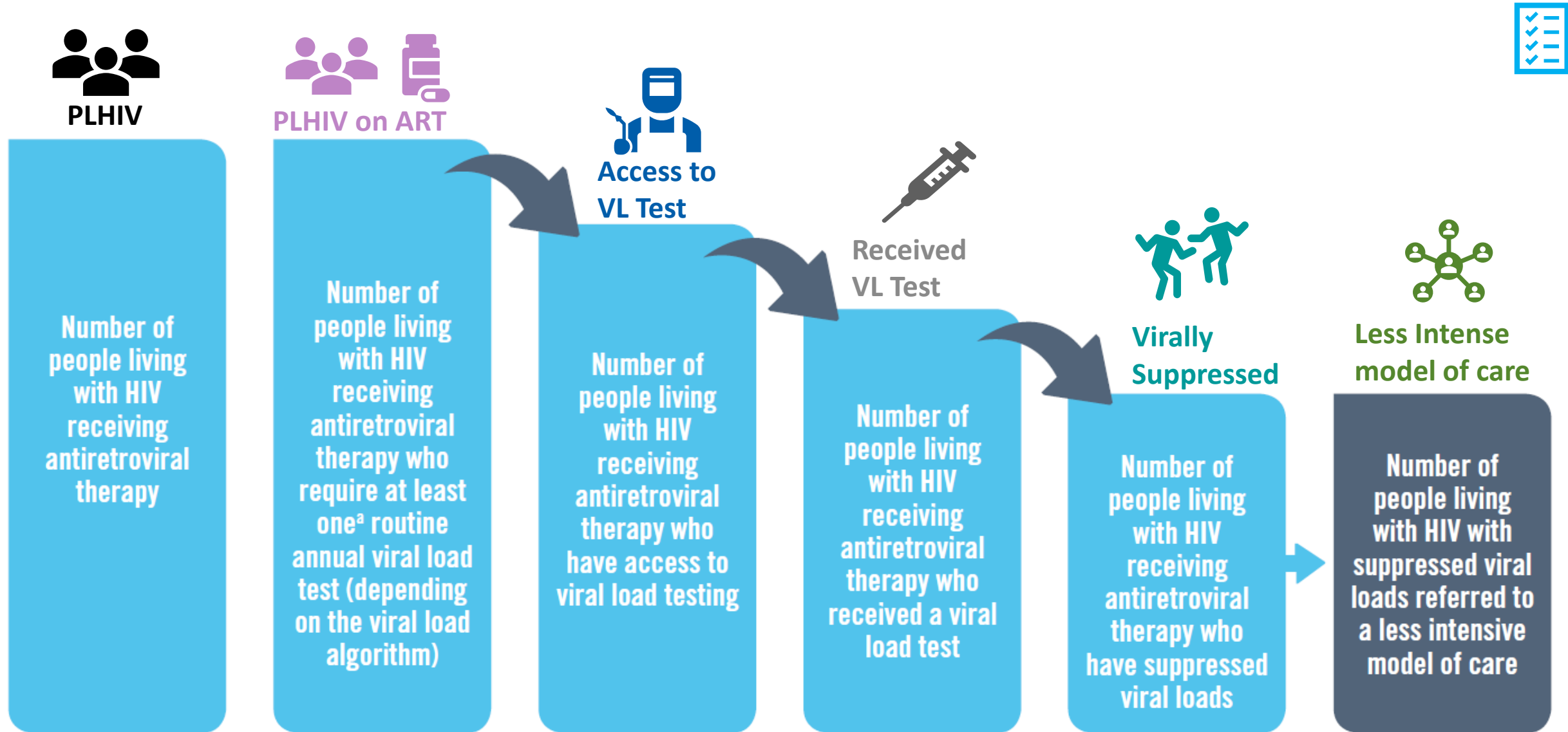
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## Example: Outlining key steps and core indicators for viral load testing

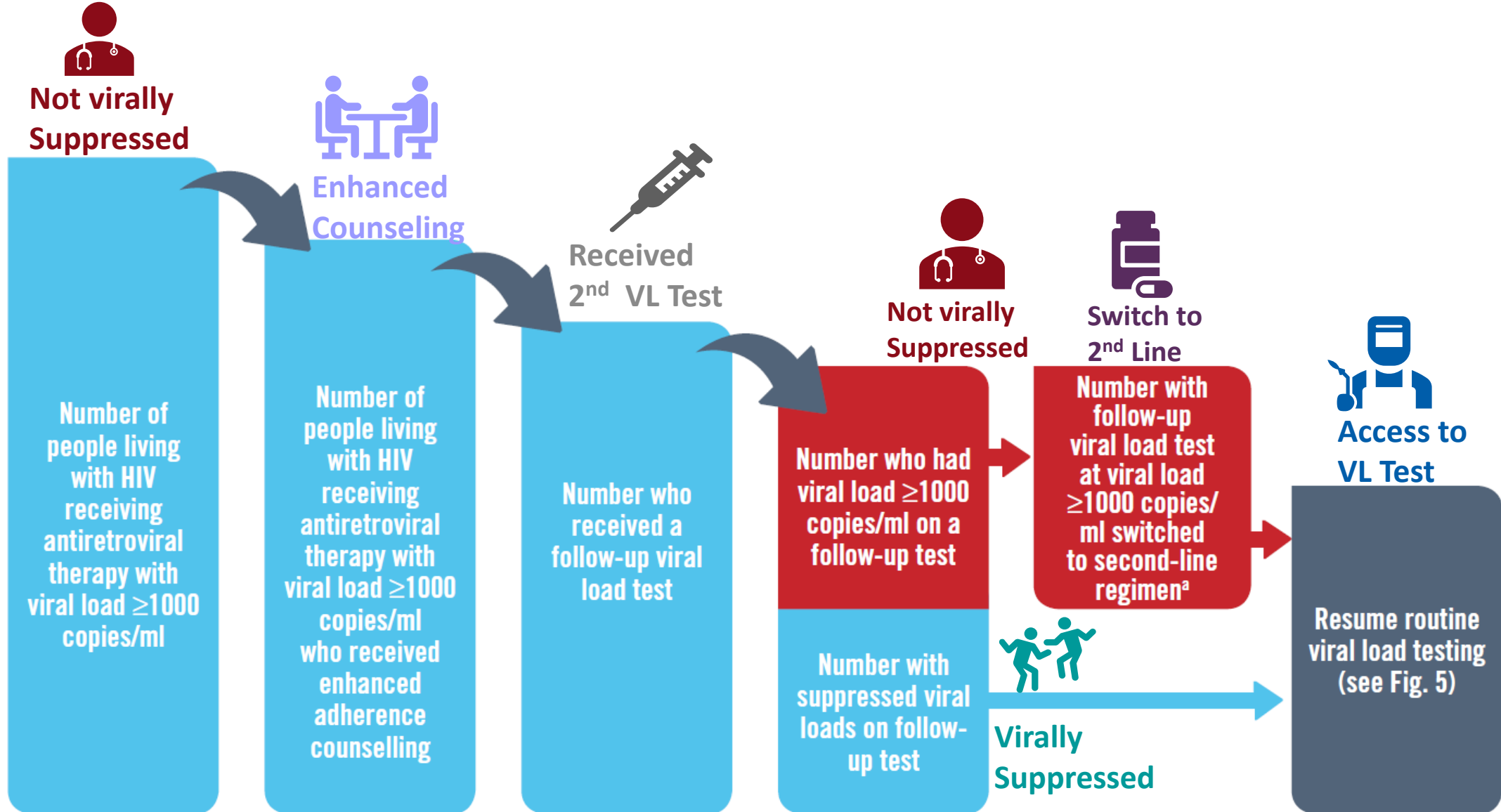
List Key steps in the cascade of viral load testing	Examples of core indicator for routine monitoring
Request a viral load test	Number of viral load tests submitted by sites to the laboratory and specimen transport network
Process viral load test sample	Number of viral load tests run by the laboratory
Return viral load test result	% of viral load tests results returned to sites within one month of the sample being taken
Access to VL Test	% of people receiving antiretroviral therapy with viral load results at 12 months after initiating antiretroviral therapy [WHO: VLS.2]
Document VL test result in patient chart and other monitoring tools	% of patient charts with documented VL Test and result in the last 12 months
Monitor Outcome of VL test result	% of ART patients with a suppressed viral load (VL) result (<1000 copies/ml) documented in the medical or laboratory records/laboratory information systems (LIS) within the past 12 months



# Cascade with Key Indicators for VL Testing and VL Suppressed



# Cascade with Key Indicators for Those Not Virally Suppressed



# Annex 5: Core Program Indicators for VL



## ANNEX 5. Health outcome indicators for monitoring viral load scale-up and implementation

Monitoring question	Indicator	Numerator and denominator	Disaggregation	Data sources and considerations	Programme relevance and importance	Indicator guidance source
What proportion of people receiving antiretroviral therapy received a viral load test at six months after initiating antiretroviral therapy and had suppressed viral loads?	Percentage of people receiving antiretroviral therapy who had viral load monitored at six months [WHO: VLS.6]	<b>Numerator:</b> number of people living with HIV and receiving antiretroviral therapy with at least one viral load test result in their medical record within the first six months after initiating antiretroviral therapy <b>Denominator:</b> number of people living with HIV and receiving antiretroviral therapy for at least six months	Demographic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Sex</li> <li>• Pregnant</li> <li>• Breastfeeding</li> </ul> Of those tested, number with suppressed viral loads	Programme records, such as antiretroviral therapy and/or viral load testing registers, cohort reporting forms, patient medical records and electronic medical records  Laboratory information management system (if treatment information and unique patient identifier are available on the viral load test requisition form and entered into the laboratory information management system)  These data are based on a cohort of people who are alive and receiving antiretroviral therapy who have suppressed viral loads six months after initiating treatment  De-duplicate records to avoid double-counting when calculating the numerator  The denominator should exclude people who have died, transferred to another clinic or been classified as lost to follow-up	This indicator, WHO VLS.6, tracks the coverage and outcomes of early viral load testing of people receiving antiretroviral therapy at six months  This indicator assesses the extent to which viral load testing is available in the country  By six months after initiating antiretroviral therapy, everyone receiving it should have received at least one viral load test  This indicator also monitors viral load suppression six months after initiating treatment. Viral load suppression is a disaggregation of WHO VLS.6  This may be examined during service quality assessments or site visits, if not collected routinely	WHO <i>Consolidated strategic information guidelines for the HIV sector (1)</i>
What proportion of people receiving antiretroviral therapy have suppressed viral loads at 12 months after initiating antiretroviral therapy?	Percentage of people receiving antiretroviral therapy tested for viral load at <1000 copies/mL at 12 months after initiating antiretroviral therapy [WHO: VLS.1]	<b>Numerator:</b> number of people living with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy with viral load <1000 copies/mL at 12 months after initiating antiretroviral therapy <b>Denominator:</b> number of people living with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy with a viral load test result available at 12 months	Demographic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Sex</li> <li>• Pregnant</li> <li>• Breastfeeding</li> </ul> Of those tested, number with suppressed viral loads	Programme records, such as antiretroviral therapy and/or viral load testing registers, cohort reporting forms, patient medical records and electronic medical records  Laboratory information management system (if treatment information and unique patient identifier are available on the viral load test requisition form and entered into laboratory information management system)  These data are based on a cohort of patients alive and receiving antiretroviral therapy who have suppressed viral loads 12 months after initiating treatment  The denominator should exclude people who have died, transferred to another clinic or been classified as lost to follow-up	This indicator will allow programmes to monitor viral load suppression of patients 12 months after initiating treatment and to estimate the percentage of PEPFAR-supported people living with HIV who have suppressed viral loads	WHO <i>Consolidated strategic information guidelines for the HIV sector (1)</i>

# Considerations for VL Indicators

## Key disaggregations for indicators:

- Age/sex
- Pregnant Women
- Breastfeeding Women
- Key Populations
- TB-status
- Others?
- See Annex 5 for a list of indicators with disaggregations.



# M&E Plan Template Pt 1: Revisiting Performance Monitoring Plan

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# Data collection, analysis and reporting

# Data Collection

- Two general categories of data:
  - Routine sources: provide data that are collected on a continuous basis.
    - VL example: viral load testing forms; patient monitoring systems
  - Nonroutine sources: provide data that are collected on a periodic basis, usually annually or less frequently.
    - VL example: viral load coverage
- Refer to your M&E plan!

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What is the monitoring question?	What performance measure (indicator) will be used?	Where will the data be obtained?	When will the data be gathered and reviewed?	Who will capture the data?

- Ensure data quality starts *before* data are collected: develop high-level protocols or standard operating procedures for service delivery, district, and national levels

# Data Quality

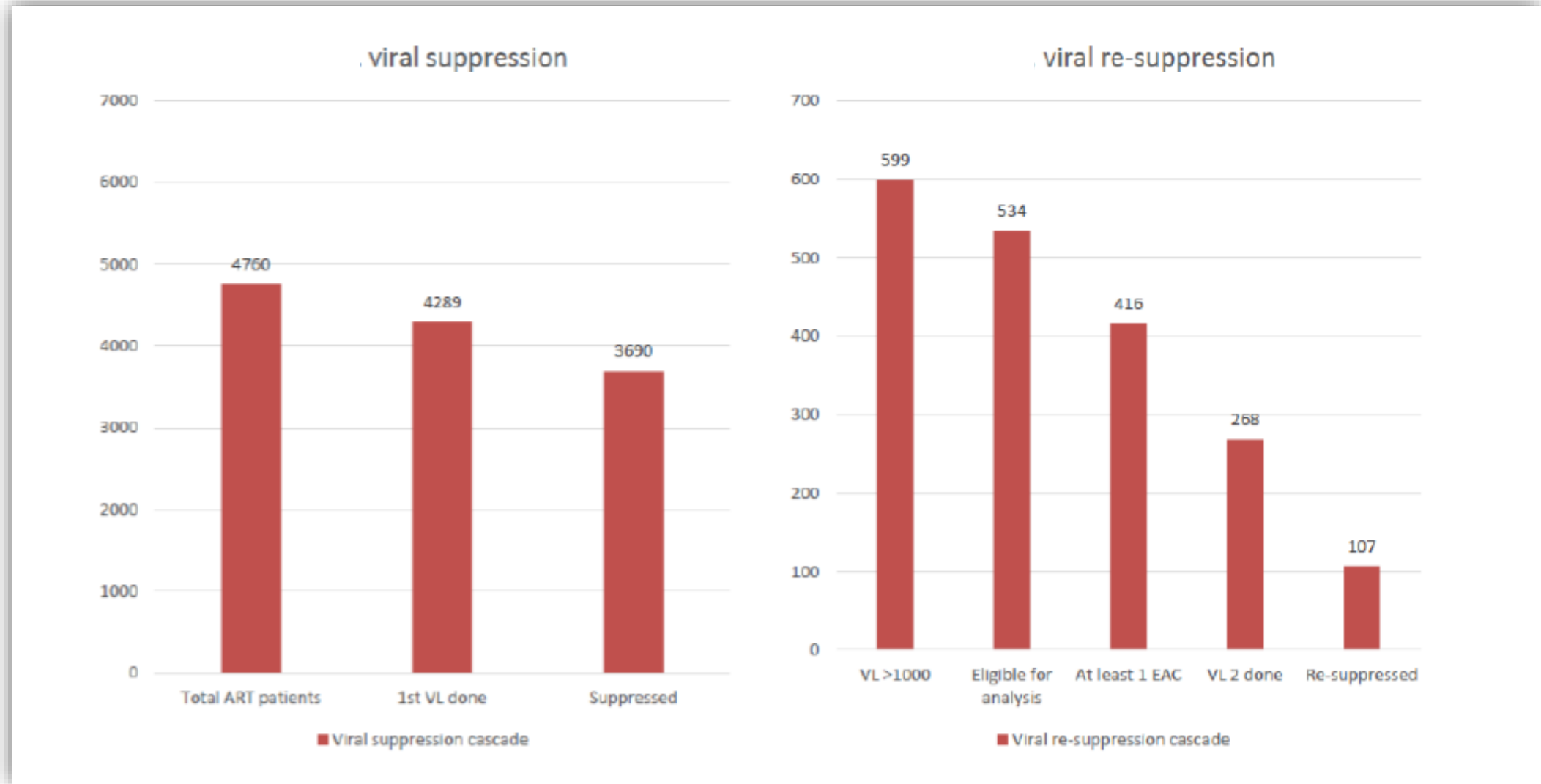
- Review data quality regularly for:
  - Validity
  - Accuracy
  - Availability
  - Completeness
  - Timeliness
- Conduct routine data quality assessments and use findings to improve data.
  - May lead to updating of indicators and trainings to improve data capture and collection!
- Stay tuned for upcoming session of data quality.



# Data Analysis and Use

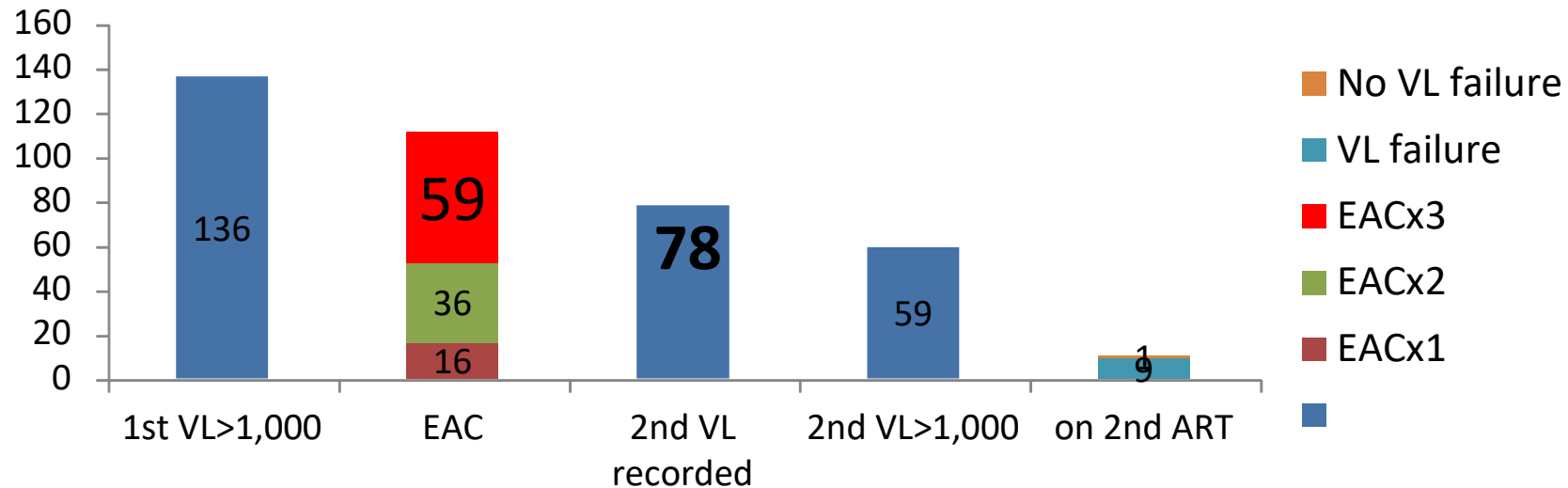
- Analyze viral load testing coverage and outcomes at site and above-site levels.
- May be cohort-based or cross-sectional
- Analysis conducted on:
  - Sub-populations
  - Geography
  - Site type
  - Age/sex
  - Pregnant/BF women
  - Other vulnerable populations, if data available (e.g., key populations)
  - TB co-infection
- Use visuals and dashboards to analyze and present data
- Link back to your M&E Plan

# Data Visualization Examples



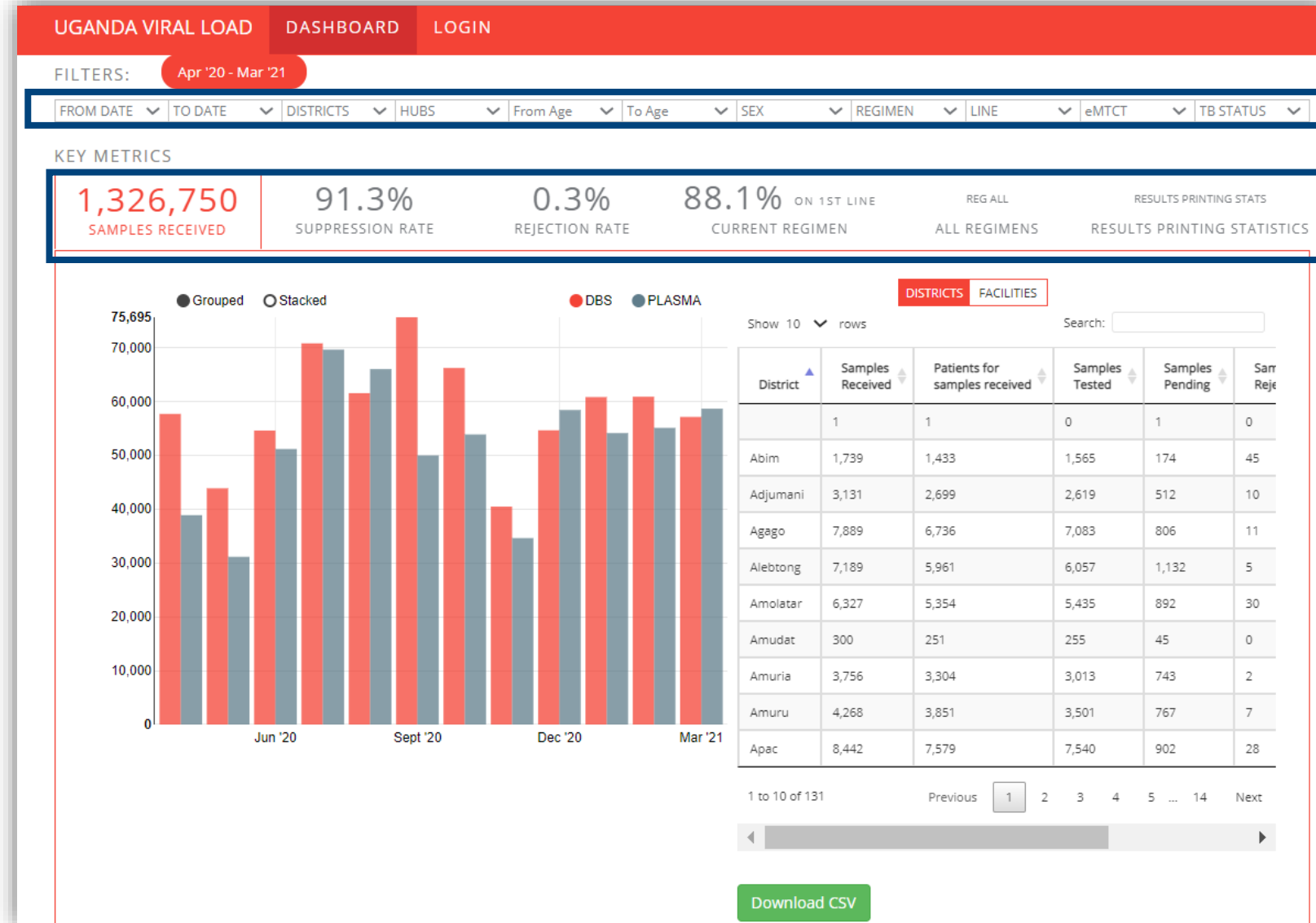
# Data Visualization Examples

The VL cascade SHW: from first VL>1,000 to 2<sup>nd</sup> line ART switching (1)



- Where are the biggest gaps?
- Which gaps can we easiest address?
- New approaches to address the gaps?

# Data Visualization Examples

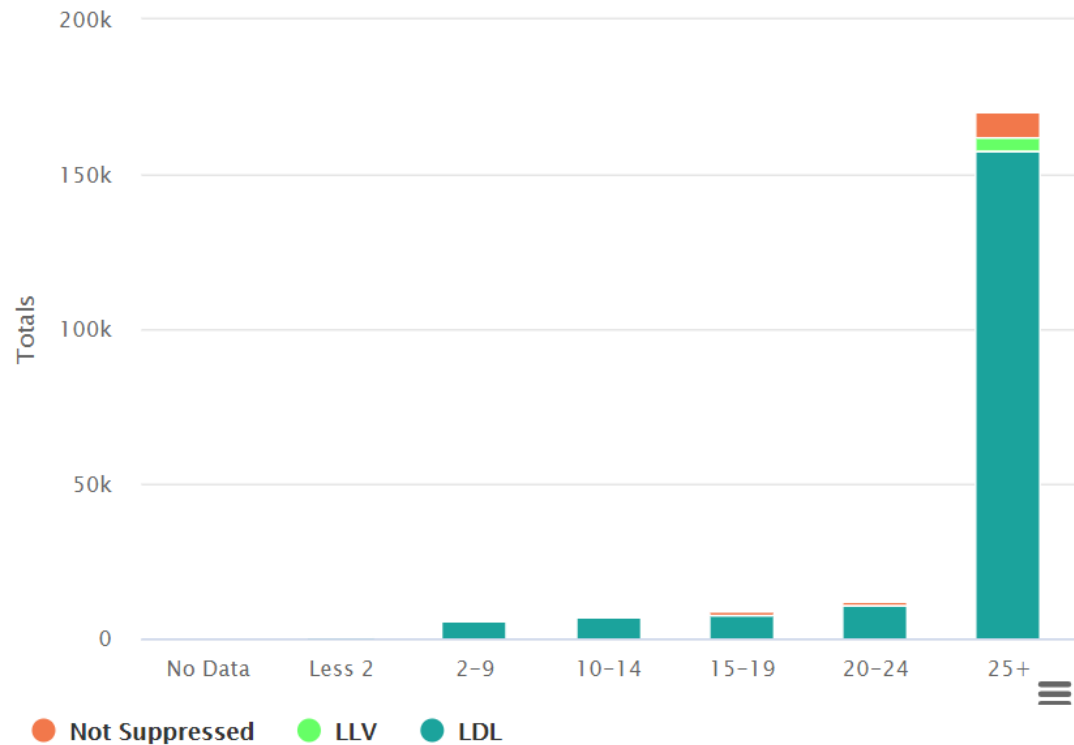


Disaggregated Data

Key Metrics

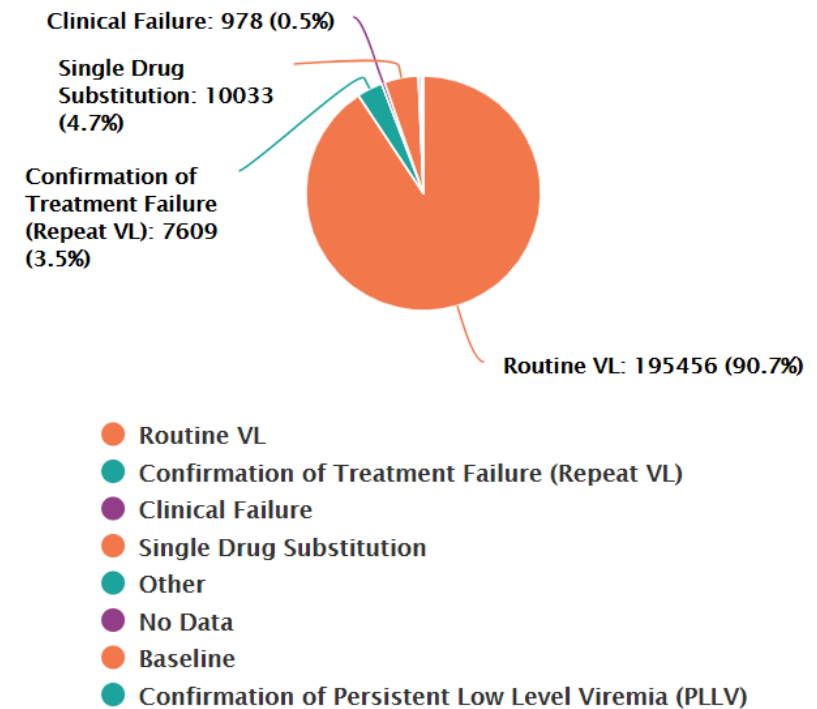
# Data Visualization Examples

Routine VLs Outcomes by Age (2021)



Highcharts.com

Justification for tests (2021)



Highcharts.com




# VL Dashboards

- Here are other dashboard examples for you to visit and explore.
  - [Uganda Viral Load Dashboard \(cphluganda.org\)](http://cphluganda.org)
  - [Dashboard \(nascop.org\)](http://nascop.org)
  - [EID MALAWI](#)
  - [Sierra Leone Viral Load Dashboard \(nas.gov.sl\)](http://nas.gov.sl)

# Further Resources

## At the end of the February session, the presenter asked the following:

- What are the major challenges of VL M&E?
  - There is no defined list of indicators
  - Lack of clear VL scale up logic frame
  - Poor knowledge or understanding on the basic concept of M&E
  - No M&E framework at all
  - All ← *Answer most selected*

Resources	
No defined list of indicators	<a href="#">Annex 5</a> 
Lack of clear VL scale up logic frame	<a href="#">Annex 1</a> 
Poor knowledge/understanding of basic M&E concepts	<a href="#">MEASURE Evaluation, CDC Program Evaluation</a>
No M&E framework at all	You now have these tools in your toolbox! 

# Uganda's experience with updating national and facility registers for VL testing

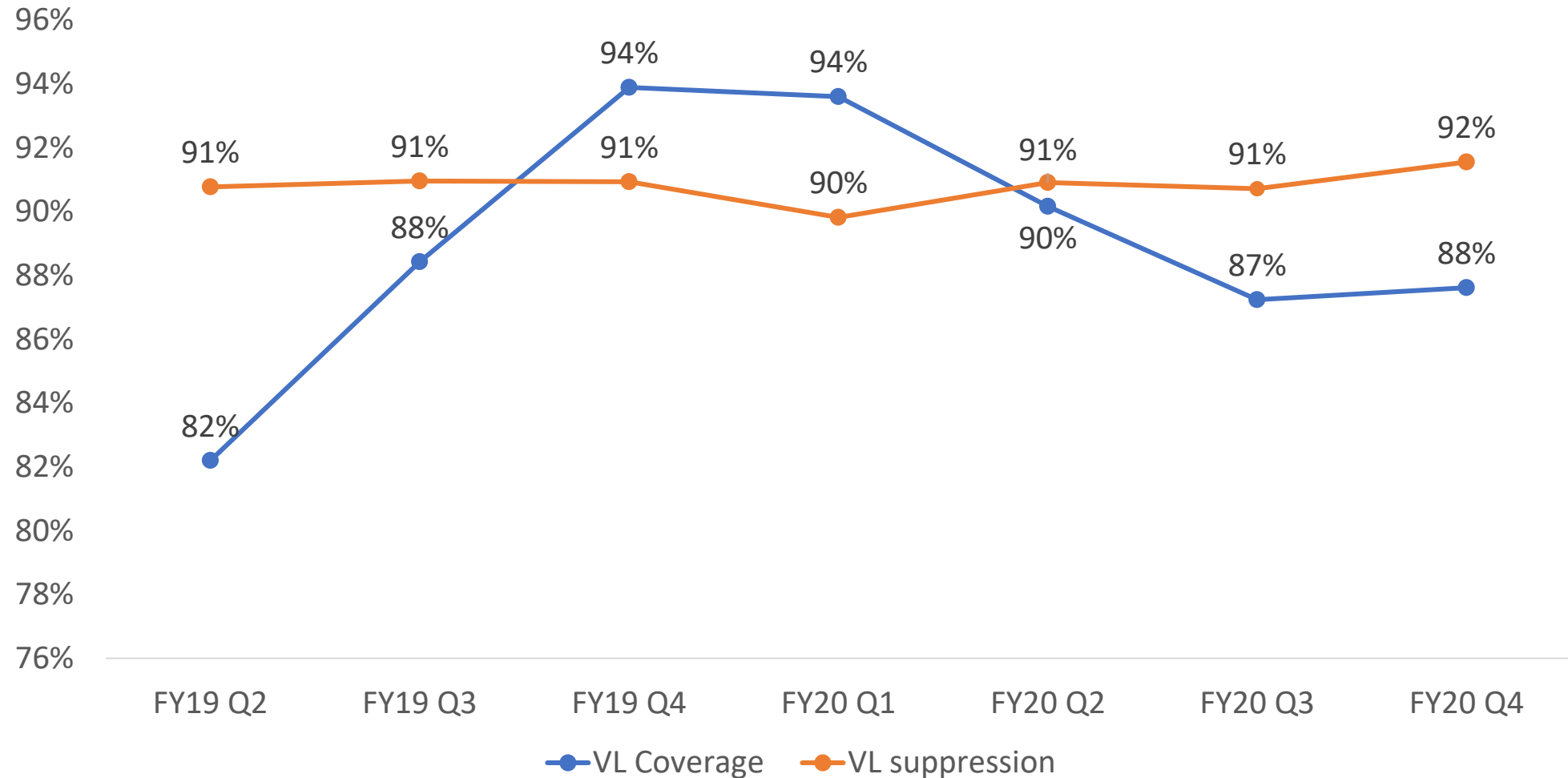


# Outline of the Presentation

1. Picture of current VL coverage and suppression
2. Process for identifying the gaps in VL data/monitoring,
3. Updating national tools to address the gaps, improving data flow etc.

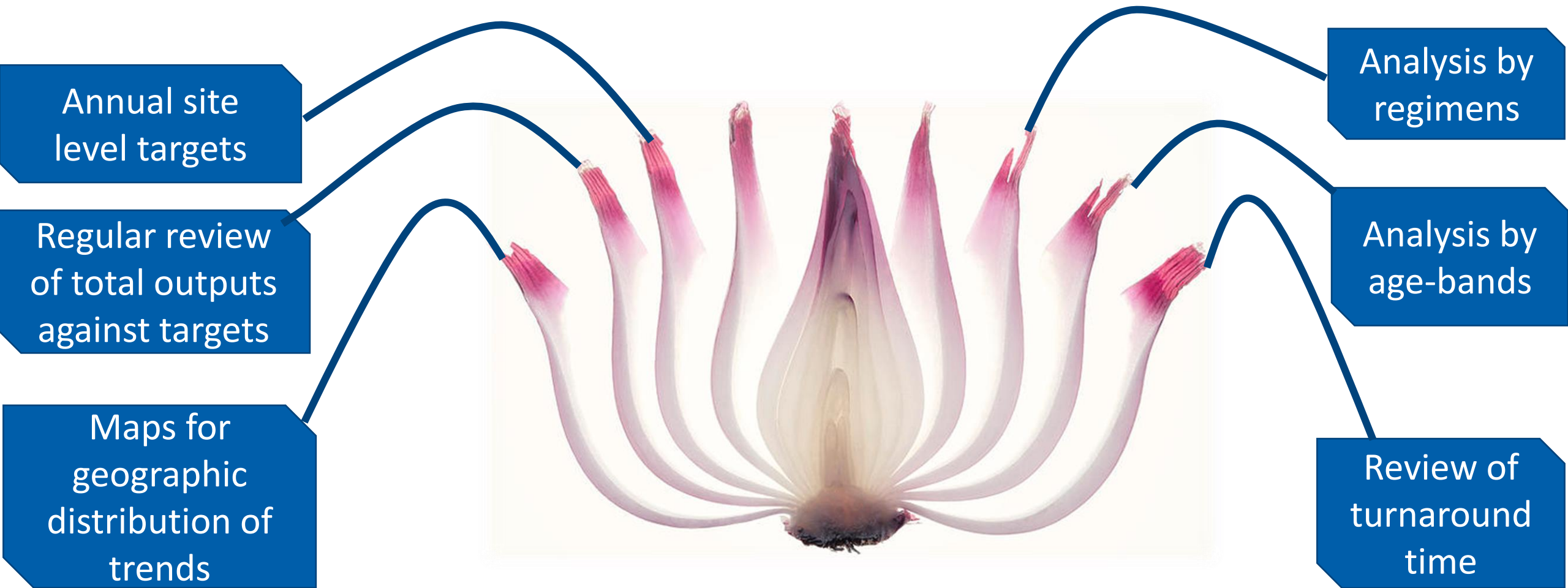
# Viral Load Suppression Coverage and Outcome

**In FY20 VL suppression maintained above 90% but VL coverage declined from 94% in Q1 to 88% in Q4 due to COVID restrictions**



# Uganda's Process for Identifying the Gaps in VL Data and Monitoring

**Consists of: Regular (quarterly) granular data analysis and visualization, tracking of volumes in the viral load dashboard, and data mining.**



# How Uganda has Evolved VL Monitoring Tools and Data Flow

- VL request form developed at the start of national testing program in 2014
- Central testing lab returns results using electronic system for accuracy and efficiency

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NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL PROGRAM (ACP)** 1902251

Lab Request Form for HIV Viral Load Analysis

Sample Identification Information: To be completed by Health Facility Laboratory Staff

**FACILITY DETAILS**  
Name of Health Facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
District: \_\_\_\_\_ Hub: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE DETAILS**  
Date of Sample Collection: DD/MM/YYYY  
Sample Type:  DBS  Plasma  Whole Blood

**PATIENT DETAILS (To be completed by Clinician)**  
ART / Clinic Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (DOB): DD/MM/YYYY  
Other ID: \_\_\_\_\_ If DOB Unknown, Age in Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender:  Male  Female If < 2 years, Age in Months: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: +256 \_\_\_\_\_

**TREATMENT INFORMATION**  
How long has this Patient been on treatment? 6 months - < 1 yr  1 - < 2 yrs  2 - < 5 yrs  ≥ 5 yrs   
Date of Treatment Initiation: DD/MM/YYYY Current Regimen: (use code below)  
Indication for Treatment Initiation:  PMTCT/Option B+  Child Under 15  CD4 < 500  TB Infection  
 Other If Other, Provide Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
Which Treatment Line is Patient on?  First  Second  Third  
If not on 1st line, how was failure assessed?  N/A  Virological  Immunological  Clinical  
Is Patient Pregnant?  Yes  No If Patient is Pregnant, ANC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is Patient breastfeeding?  Yes  No  
Patient has Active TB?  Yes  No If Yes, are they on  Initiation, or  Continuation Phase?  
ARV Adherence:  Good > 95%  Fair 85 - 94%  Poor < 85%

**Indication for Viral Load Testing (please tick one): (to be completed by Clinician)**  
 Routine Monitoring Last Viral Load Date: DD/MM/YYYY Value: (copies/ml) Sample Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Repeat Viral Load Test after Suspected Treatment Failure adherence counselling Last Viral Load Date: DD/MM/YYYY Value: (copies/ml) Sample Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Suspected Treatment Failure Last Viral Load Date: DD/MM/YYYY Value: (copies/ml) Sample Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**ART Codes**

<b>Adult 1st-Line Regimens:</b> 1c = AZT-3TC-NVP 1d = AZT-3TC-EFV 1e = TDF-3TC-NVP 1f = TDF-3TC-EFV 1g = TDF-FTC-NVP 1h = TDF-FTC-EFV	<b>Child 1st-Line Regimens:</b> 4a = 94T-3TC-NVP 4b = 94T-3TC-EFV 4c = AZT-3TC-NVP 4d = AZT-3TC-EFV 4e = ABC-3TC-NVP 4f = ABC-3TC-EFV	<b>Adult 2nd-Line Regimens:</b> 2b = TDF-3TC-LPV/r 2c = TDF-FTC-LPV/r 2d = AZT-3TC-LPV/r 2e = AZT-3TC-ATV/r 2f = TDF-FTC-ATV/r 2g = TDF-3TC-ATV/r 2h = AZT-3TC-ATV/r	<b>Child 2nd-Line Regimens:</b> 5d = TDF-3TC-LPV/r 5e = TDF-FTC-LPV/r 5g = AZT-ABC-LPV/r 5i = AZT-3TC-ATV/r 5j = ABC-3TC-LPV/r 5k = ABC-3TC-ATV/r
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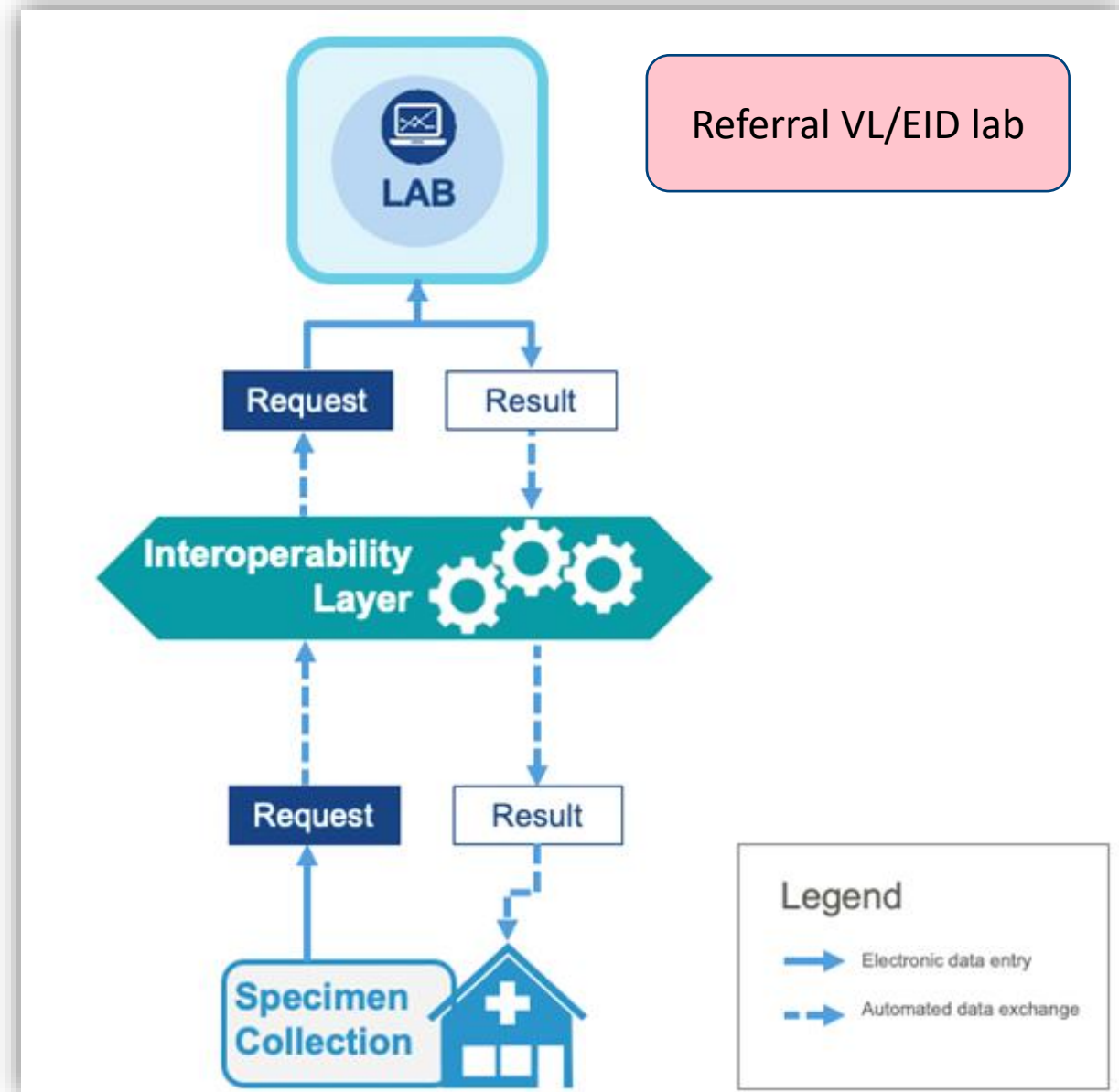
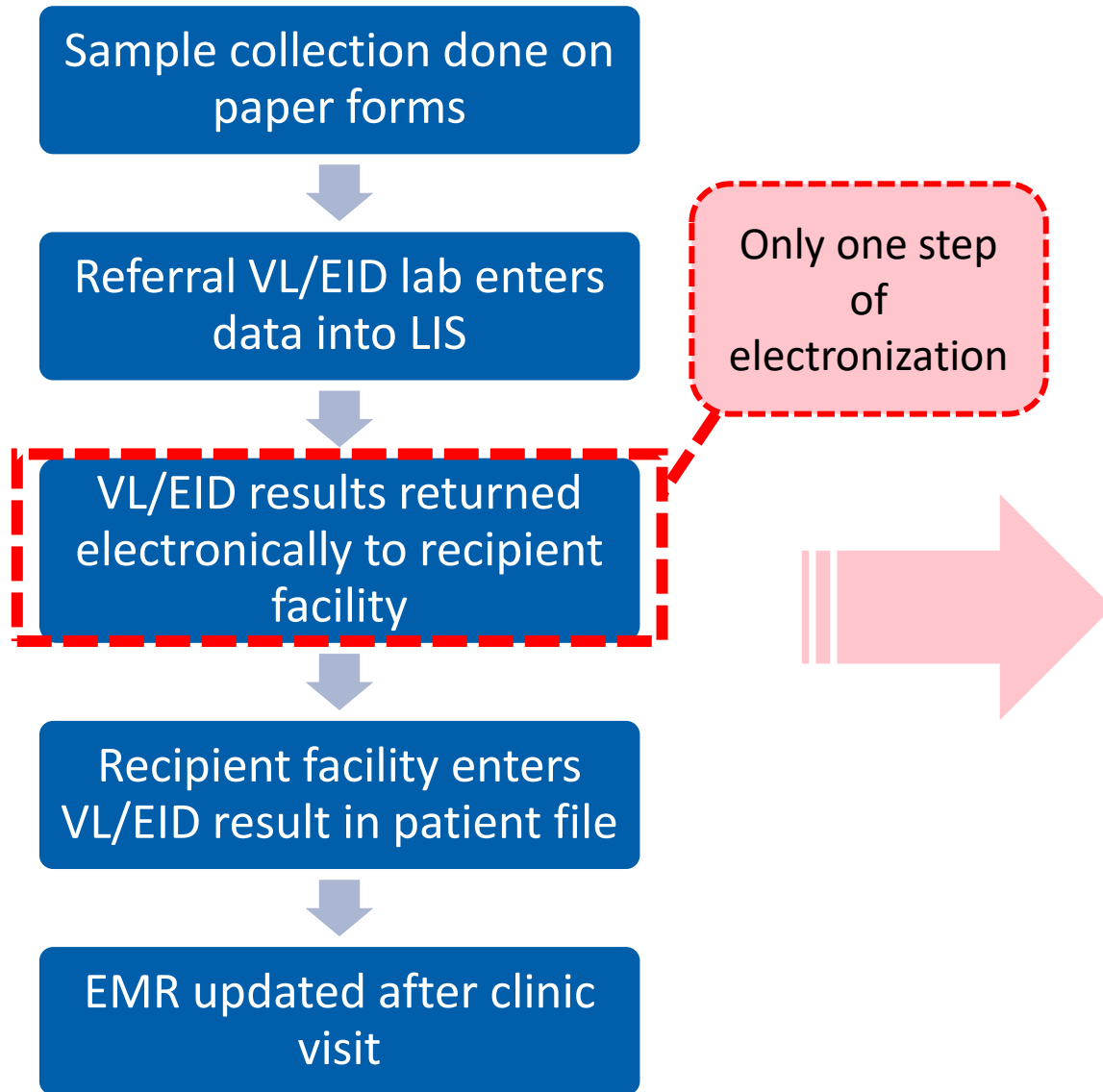
Requesting Clinician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Request Date: DD/MM/YYYY  
Lab Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Sample Received at Testing Lab: DD/MM/YYYY Date Results Dispatched: DD/MM/YYYY

Treatment information not changed:  
- Duration on ART, pregnancy status, TB co-infection, line of ART regimen

Reason for VL test modified slightly:  
- Routine, suspected failure, intensive adherence counselling

Patient ART regimen revised:  
- Regimens revised based on WHO guidance

# The VL Data Flow: Now and the Future



# Conclusion

- The success of VL M&E highly depends on how effective the sample collection step is handled at facilities.
- The future of effective VL M&E is point of care EMR integration.
- Step-wise approaches to facility adaptation to electronic systems ensures minimal stress.
- There is increased demand in tracking VL against ART regimen, HIVDR and pregnancy/breastfeeding status. These are opportunities for improved VL M&E.



# Uganda



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# Thank you for your time!

Please send any questions to [nsolehdin@cdc.gov](mailto:nsolehdin@cdc.gov)

# Extra Slides

# Refresher: What is Monitoring and Evaluation?

- **Monitoring**

- Tracking program inputs, activities or outputs, and outcomes.
- Regular and ongoing.
- Answers the question “What have we done?”

- **Evaluation**

- Provides information to help make judgments about the merit of the program, improve the effectiveness of the program, and inform decisions about future programming.
- Periodic.
- Answers: “Why?” “So what?” “How well have we done?” or “What difference have we made?”



# Refresher: Indicators

## What are indicators?

- A unit of data elements that documents change over time.
- *Indicator* of change, does not provide proof or explanations about specific changes resulting from programs.

## Why are indicators important?

- Provide a reference point for program planning, management, and reporting.
- Act as early warning signals for corrective action.
- Allows you to track questions, assess trends, and identify problems.

# Refresher: Indicators

## **Things to consider when developing or adapting indicators:**

- Linked to logic model and monitoring questions?
- Clearly defined?
- Able to measure change?
- Appropriate for the problem being addressed?
- Too costly or difficult to collect and analyze?
- Too many?
- Relevant for program management decisions?

# Indicators

## **What makes a good indicator?**

- Valid
- Reliable
- Precise
- Measurable
- Timely
- Programmatically important

## **What makes a poor indicator?**

- Not linked to program activities
- Ill-defined
- Unrealistic to collect
- Not sensitive to change

# Knowledge check

## Is this a good indicator?

Percentage of women accessing health services who received appropriate care and assistance.

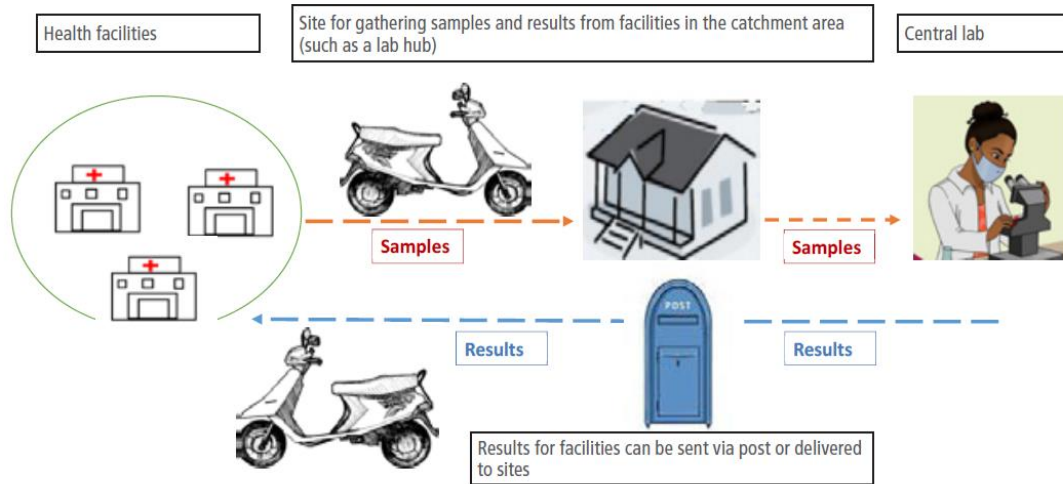


Percentage of women accessing health services *at facility X from time A to time B* who received *X services* during a visit.

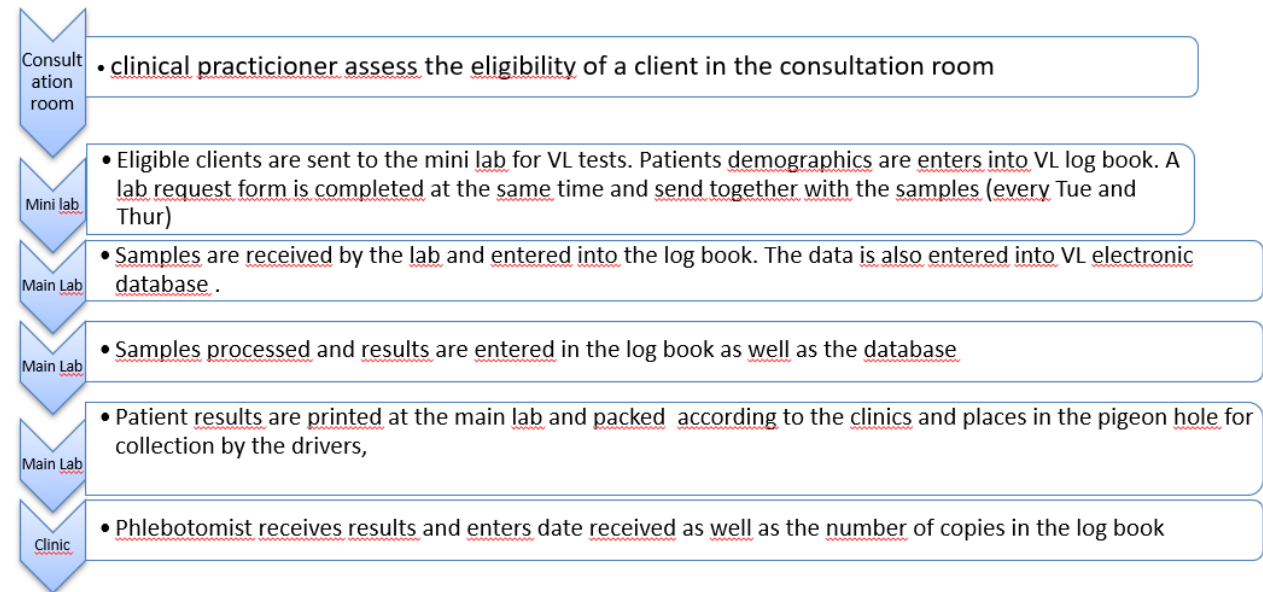
# Examples of Mapping Data Flow

- Visual

Fig. 2. Example of a map of a sample transport network and the return of results for viral load testing



- Descriptive





# Core Indicators Along the VL Testing Cascade



**Table 2. Core indicators along the viral load testing cascade**

Key steps in the cascade of viral load testing	Core indicators for routine monitoring (see Annex 5 for more detailed indicator information, including numerator and denominator guidance)
Order viral load test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of sites in the specimen transport network that are submitting samples for viral load testing</li> <li>• Number of viral load tests submitted by sites to the laboratory and specimen transport network</li> </ul>
Process viral load test sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of viral load tests received by the laboratory from sites</li> <li>• Number of viral load tests run by the laboratory</li> </ul>
Returned viral load test result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of viral load tests results returned to sites within one month of the sample being taken</li> </ul>
Coverage, documentation and outcome of viral load test result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of people receiving antiretroviral therapy with viral load results at 12 months after initiating antiretroviral therapy [WHO: VLS.2]</li> <li>• % of people receiving antiretroviral therapy tested for viral load with level &lt;1000 copies/mL at 12 months after antiretroviral therapy initiation [WHO: VLS.1]</li> <li>• % of people with a viral load result documented in the medical records and/or laboratory information systems within the past 12 months with a suppressed viral load (&lt;1000 copies/mL) [PEPFAR MER: TX_PVLS]</li> <li>• % of people living with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy who have suppressed viral loads [WHO VLS.3]</li> <li>• % of people living with HIV with suppressed viral loads (&lt;1000 copies/mL) who have been referred to a less intense model of care or differentiated service delivery</li> </ul>
Intervene on viral load test result if viral load $\geq 1000$ copies/mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of people receiving antiretroviral therapy with viral load <math>\geq 1000</math> copies/mL who have received enhanced adherence counselling</li> </ul>
Order follow-up viral load test if viral load $\geq 1000$ copies/mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of people receiving antiretroviral therapy with viral load <math>\geq 1000</math> copies/mL who received a follow-up viral load test within 3–6 months after enhanced adherence counselling (or according to the national guidelines)</li> <li>• % of people receiving antiretroviral therapy who had viral load <math>\geq 1000</math> copies/mL and then had suppressed viral load &lt;1000 copies/mL on follow-up testing</li> </ul>
Modify antiretroviral therapy regimen after two consecutive results of viral load $\geq 1000$ copies/mL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of people living with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy with two documented viral load test results <math>\geq 1000</math> copies/mL switched to second- or third-line antiretroviral therapy regimens</li> </ul>

# Data Reporting

## Data flow for reporting (cont'd from February session)

Source	Collection	Collation and Storage	Analysis	Reporting	Use
What are we collecting?	Who collects this data, from where, and how often?	How are data aggregated?  Where are the data stored?	List any possible opportunities to transform the data into more meaningful information.  Are there other pieces of information available?	To whom will this information be reported?	How can this information be used to make informed decisions? List specific opportunities for use.
Data elements	Data elements	Data elements  Indicators	Data elements  Indicators	Indicators	Indicators



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