



### Meeting objectives and expected outcomes

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Laboratory Community of Practice Project (LabCoP) The Laboratory System Strengthening



#### 2017

### LabCoP Partners

WHO
Africa CDC
Global Fund
WHO-AFRO
ITPC
CDC ILB
OGAC
UNITAID
MSF
USAID

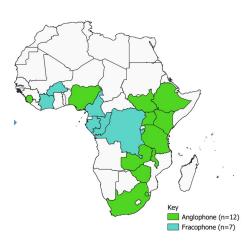
### LabCoP country teams

- Designated by the MoH
- □ Central level
- □ Include:
  - laboratory (at large)
  - clinicians
  - civil society
  - Implementing partners



2023

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



Identify and share best practices for scaling up HIV viral load and strengthening laboratory systems

# Looking back to the LabCoP annual meetings

Addis Ababa 2017 Launch of the lab Cop during the PEPFAR CDC regional VL meeting Kampala 2018 Baseline assessment of the RVLT cascade: Where are we? What are our priorities?



Abuja 2018 How do we scale up VL? Priorities into action (COP19)





Addis 2019 Toward and beyond scaling up HIV VL systems: engaging the civil society

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Virtual 2020 Toward and beyond scaling up HIV VL systems: labCoP home of the heroes



Virtual 2021 VL & Other Essential testing in the Era of COVID-19



Cape Town 2022 Integration and optimization of testing services



# The most important outcomes of annual labCoP meetings

- Working without peers to understand our weaknesses, strength and priorities with our peers
- Consolidate the country workplan  $\rightarrow$  COP or GF
- Updates on innovations and best practices

...have fun



# Strengthening Laboratory systems:

# Better data for better action



# Are we really taking advantage of all our data on laboratory systems and networks?







### Expected outcomes of the LabCoP meeting 2023 (1)

### To review the progress

- What have we achieved in the last 12 months? In the last 4 years?
- How can we exploit all the data available?
- How can we improve the quality of our workplans?

2 Share technical, policy and funding updates on laboratory systems

- WHO
- PEPFAR
- Country teams (Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe)

### **Expected outcomes of the LabCoP meeting 2023 (2)**

Present the objectives of LabCop 3

Collect opinions on what works and what can be done differently

- Get the perspective of users (patients, the policy maker, HCW, funders, country)
- The data we collect: are the results actionable?
- The sharing and dissemination of knowledge
- What else do we need to know to strengthen laboratory systems?

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## Thank you

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