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HEALTH STRATEGY INSIGHT IMPLEMENTATION

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**Implementation of Rapid Test Continuous Quality improvement (RTCQI) in Community Based Counselling and Testing in poorly resourced communities of the Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga provinces, South Africa.**

## Background

### KfW CBCT Grant and SEAD

- ❖ **Grant awarded to NDoH - contracted FPD**
  - ✓ FPD Sub contracted NGOs and CBOs
- ❖ **District Coverage**
  - ✓ Support HTS Services in five districts in two Provinces
    - Eastern Cape - Chris Hani, Sara Baartman, NMBM and ORT
    - Mpumalanga – Nkangala
- ❖ **SEAD's focus to ensure quality assurance for POCT in these Districts**
- ❖ **As POCT increases some concerns have been raised on the quality of testing and this has been compounded by multiple test kits available**

# HIV RAPID TEST PERFORMED IN NON TRADITIONAL SETTINGS



# Methods

## ➤ Study Design

- ❖ Cross Sectional – Data collected from Baseline and Midterm assessments conducted for 120 testing teams (Testers attached to a specific facility) from 5 Districts
  
- ❖ Mixed methods were used in data collection which included semi-structured interviews, record review, checklists and onsite observations
  
- ❖ Use of well designed and structured SPI-RT Tool (Stepwise Process for Improving Quality of Rapid HIV Testing)
  - Tool approved by WHO – to evaluate sites against requirements for quality assurance implementation.
  
- ❖ Data collected Nov 2017 (Baseline) and July 2018 (Midterm)
  - Data analysis- “SEAD Solutions”

# SPI-RT Assessment Tools

## Stepwise Process for Improving the Quality of HIV Rapid Testing (SPI-RT) Checklist

### SPI-RT Checklist

Version 3.0

10/15/2015

Assessment Score Sheet		
Section	Section Name	Total Points
Section 1	Personnel Training and Certification	10
Section 2	Physical Facility	5
Section 3	Safety	11
Section 4	Pre-Testing Phase	12
Section 5	Testing Phase	9
Section 6	Post-Testing Phase and Document and Record	9
Section 7	External Quality assessment	14
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		<b>70</b>



# SPI-RT Assessment Tools

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Part B. SPI-RT Checklist > 1. Personnel Training and Certification

**This section of the assessment is to establish whether or not HTS is offered by only testers with adequate and documented training, competent skills, and certified to administer tests and interpret the results, in accordance with national guidelines, policy and regulations.**

**\* 1.1 Have all testers received a comprehensive training on HIV rapid testing using the nationally approved curriculum?**  
*Mark "Yes", if training documents are available and content include all quality elements (e.g., safety, EQA/PT, waste management, inventory, QC documents and records, testing procedures, etc.) Mark "Partial", if training documents are available but content does not include all quality elements Mark "No", if training documents are not available*

Select One Answer

**\* 1.2 Are the testers trained on the use of standardized HIV testing registers/logbooks?**  
*Mark "Yes", if all testing QA elements are accurately documented Mark "Partial", if some testing elements are documented Mark "No", if no testing QA elements are documented*

Select One Answer

**\* 1.3 Are the testers trained on external quality assessment (EQA) or proficiency testing (PT) process?**  
*Mark "Yes", if EQA and PT module is included in training and PT result are satisfactory Mark "Partial", if EQA and PT module is included training but PT results are unsatisfactory Mark "No", if tester was not trained on EQA and PT*

Select One Answer

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Part C. SPI-RT Scoring

**1. The score for Personnel Training and Certification is 5/10**

**2. The score for Physical Facility is 4.5/5**

**3. The score for Safety is 8.5/11**

**4. The score for Pre-testing Phase is 8.5/12**

**5. The score for Testing Phase is 7/9**

**6. The score for Post-testing Phase & Documentation is 8/9**

**7. The score for External Quality Audit is 5/8**

**The Overall Score for this assessment is 46.5/64**

# ANALYTICS FOR DECISION MAKING/REPORTING(EXAMPLE FROM BASELINE ASSESSMENT: 1 DISTRICT)

Assessment date	Testing Team	National Grading	Percentage scored	Overall Score	Personnel Training and Certification (10)	Physical Facility (5)	Safety (11)	Pre-testing Phase (12)	Testing Phase (9)	Post-testing Phase & Documentation (9)	External Quality Audit (8)
2018/07/23	Team 1	Level 0	30,47%	19,50	0	3,5	7	5	2	2	0
2018/07/03	Team 2	Level 0	35,94%	23,00	0	4	7	7	3	2	0
2018/07/20	Team 3	Level 0	35,94%	23,00	0	3	6,5	7	2,5	2	2
2018/08/01	Team 4	Level 0	37,50%	24,00	0	4	8	4	2	0	6
2018/07/17	Team 5	Level 0	39,06%	25,00	0,5	4	6,5	7	2	5	0
2018/08/01	Team 6	Level 0	39,84%	25,50	3,5	4	5,5	5	2	5,5	0
2018/07/18	Team 7	Level 0	39,84%	25,50	2	3	6,5	6	1,5	3,5	3
2018/07/16	Team 8	Level 1	40,63%	26,00	0	4	5,5	8	2	3	3,5
2018/07/16	Team 9	Level 1	42,19%	27,00	2,5	4,5	7	7	4	2	0
2018/07/20	Team 10	Level 1	42,19%	27,00	2,5	3,5	7	7	3	4	0
2018/07/03	Team 11	Level 1	43,75%	28,00	5	4	8	4,5	2,5	4	0
2018/07/03	Team 12	Level 1	45,31%	29,00	2,5	5	2	8	5	6,5	0
2018/07/23	Team 13	Level 1	45,31%	29,00	0	4	7,5	10	3,5	4	0
2018/07/17	Team 14	Level 1	46,09%	29,50	0	4	8	7,5	4	3	3
2018/07/11	Team 15	Level 1	46,88%	30,00	0	3	9	8	4	3	3
2018/07/03	Team 16	Level 1	46,88%	30,00	2,5	4	7	9	3	2,5	2
2018/07/09	Team 17	Level 1	48,44%	31,00	0	4	7,5	8	4	4,5	3



# Findings

## Realities of HIV Testing in Community Based Settings

- ❖ **Personnel Training and certification**
  - ✓ HIV Testing algorithm and testing procedures not understood nor followed correctly
- ❖ **Testing phase**
  - ✓ Testers not having timers, incubation period not observed
  - ✓ Poor finger prick procedure
- ❖ **Safety**
  - ✓ Waste management not followed correctly
- ❖ **Documentation**
  - ✓ Poor data management
- ❖ **Little or no supervision of the teams**
  - ✓ No evident documentation of any onsite support visits

# Intervention Processes

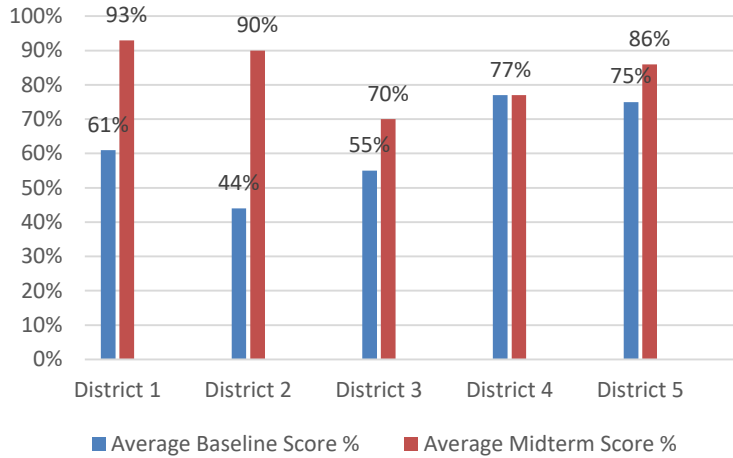
## ❖ Onsite support visits (sit ins)

- ✓ Practical demos of the testing procedures (HIV, IQC and PT)
- ✓ Correct documentation on the HTS registers
- ✓ RTCQI Training using PC 101 approach
- ✓ Distribution of testing job aides and guidelines
- ✓ Development of site specific QIPs for the gaps identified

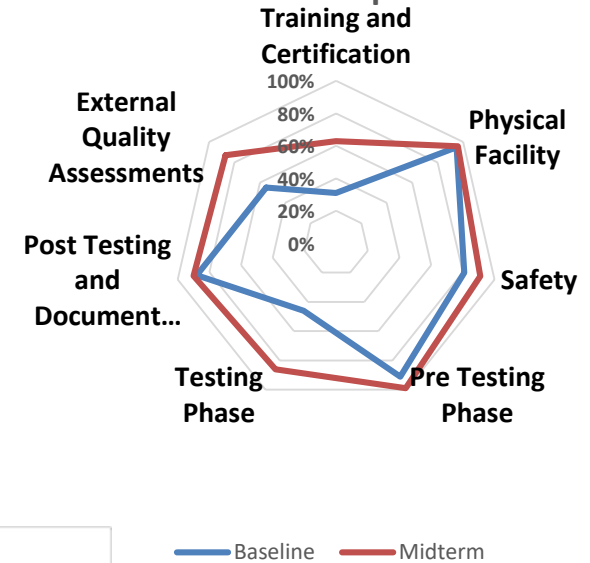
## ❖ Ensure the enrollment and participation of sites on PT (Proficiency Testing) and IQC (Independent Quality Controls) Testing

# RESULTS

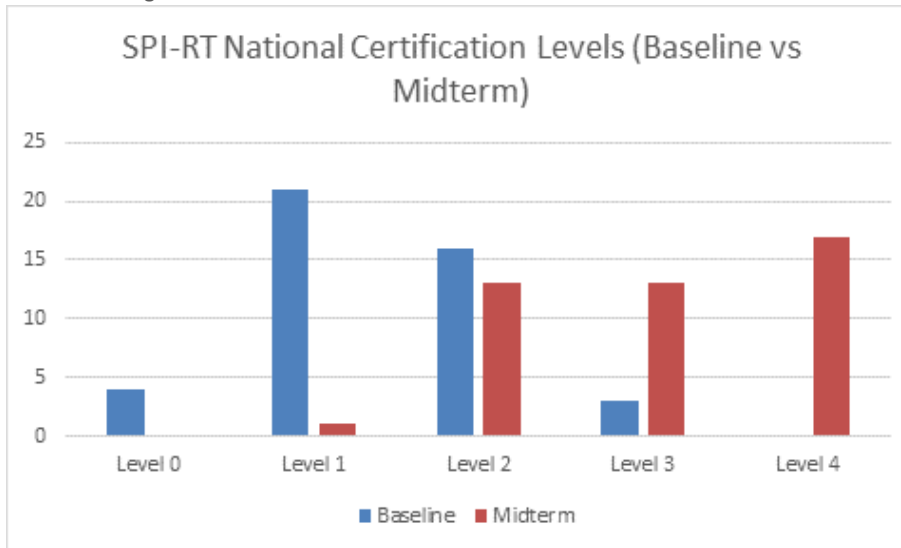
## SPI-RT Overall Score per District



## SPI-RT Domain Improvements



## SPI-RT National Certification Levels (Baseline vs Midterm)



There was a significant difference in the SPI-RT domain scores for Baseline (M=69.6%, SD=25.3%) and Midterm (M=87.4%, SD=11.7%);  $t(6)=-2.9$ ,  $p = 0.027$ . This result suggests that the intervention was effective in improving QA of Rapid HIV testing.

## CONCLUSION

- ❖ **Common Areas of concern across all testing teams at Baseline Assessments were in the following domains:**
  - ✓ Personnel Training and Certification (no training records), Pre Testing and Testing Phase (Test kits stored in uncontrolled temperature environment, Testing algorithm not followed correctly) and External Quality Control (Sites not enrolled on PT and IQC Testing for test kit performance not done)
- ❖ **Implementation of Interventions should be based on testing site-specific quality improvement plans.**
- ❖ **Focused onsite support visits, coaching, mentoring and onsite trainings should be reinforced to ensure that CBCT Testing Teams operate in line with the set standards.**

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