

Laboratory Systems

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Session Objective

- Get to know each other
- Learn about your challenges and suggestions
- Share an understanding of the Global Fund's approach to Laboratory Systems
- Apply systems thinking to the LFA's scope of work for Lab Systems
- Provide brief overview of Forecasting and quantification for Lab Commodities
- Provide a brief overview of Connectivity/LIS

Presentation outline

- Overview
- Health Systems
- Global Fund Lab System Strategy
- Laboratory Systems Forecasting & Quantification
- Connectivity /LIS
- Lab Network Optimization
- Waste management

A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms laughing together in a rural field. The girl on the right is wearing a light blue school shirt with a crest that says 'ISOLONG' and '1988'. The girl on the left is wearing a red shirt. They are standing in a field of tall grass under a clear sky. The text 'Ending AIDS, TB and Malaria as Epidemics' is overlaid on the image.

Ending AIDS, TB and Malaria as Epidemics

 The Global Fund

Core Principles

Partnership

All those involved in the response to the diseases are involved in decision-making: Governments, civil society, communities affected by the diseases, technical partners, the private sector, faith-based organizations, and other funders.

Country Ownership

People implementing programs on the ground know best how to respond to HIV, TB and malaria in their local contexts. Each country tailors its response to the political, cultural and epidemiological context.

Performance-based Financing

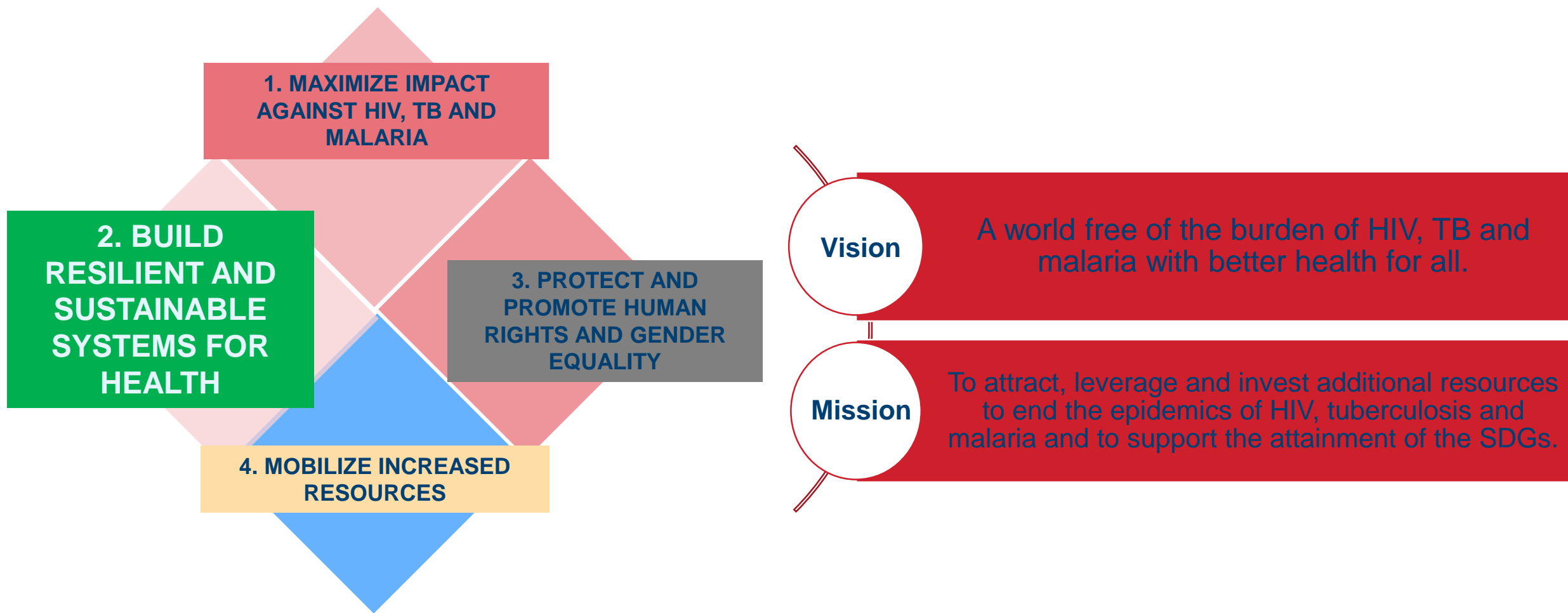
Ongoing financing depends upon performance and proven results.

Transparency

The Global Fund operates with a high degree of transparency in all of its work.

The Global Fund 2017-2022 Strategy: “Investing to End Epidemics”

RSSH is one of four strategic objectives



STRATEGIC ENABLERS: Innovate and differentiate along the development continuum + Support mutually accountable partnerships

What are the **objectives** of **RSSH** investments?

A. Improve the availability of medicines, equipment, human resources, data, **laboratory** services, and funding

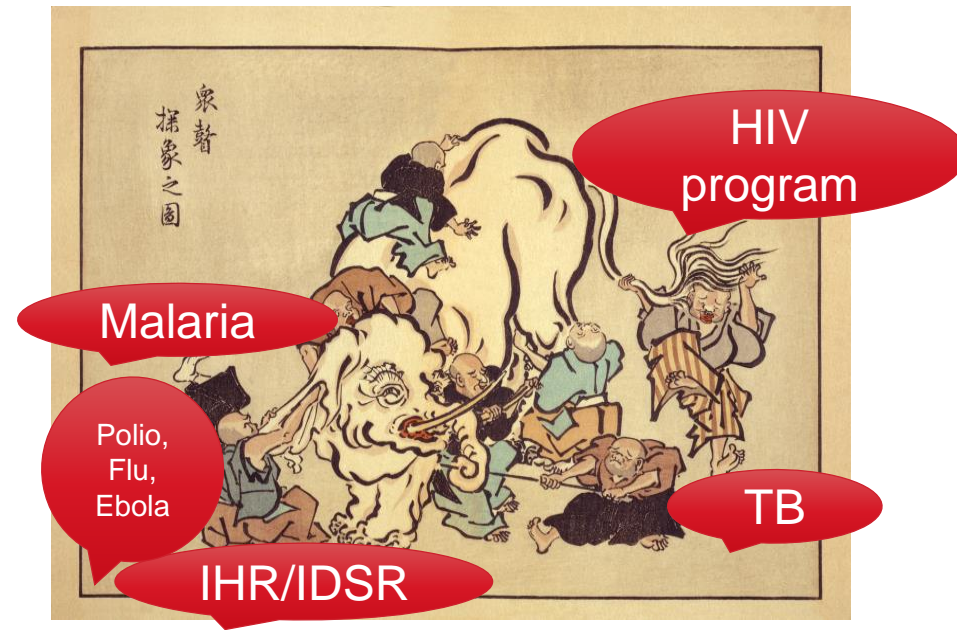
B. Improve the government's ability to sustainably deliver high quality HIV, TB, and malaria services

C. Improve the coverage and quality of HIV, TB, and malaria services at an affordable cost

D. Efficiently improve the coverage and quality of HIV, TB, malaria, and Primary Health Care services.

The elephant

Every program wants a piece of this elephant and wants its services



Laboratory service is essential WHY?

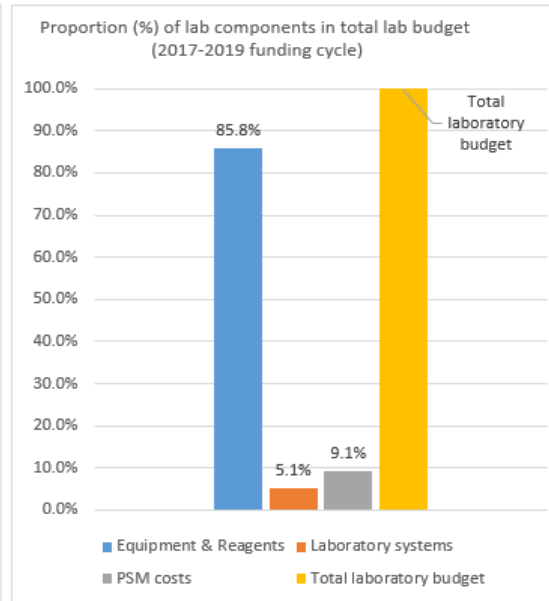
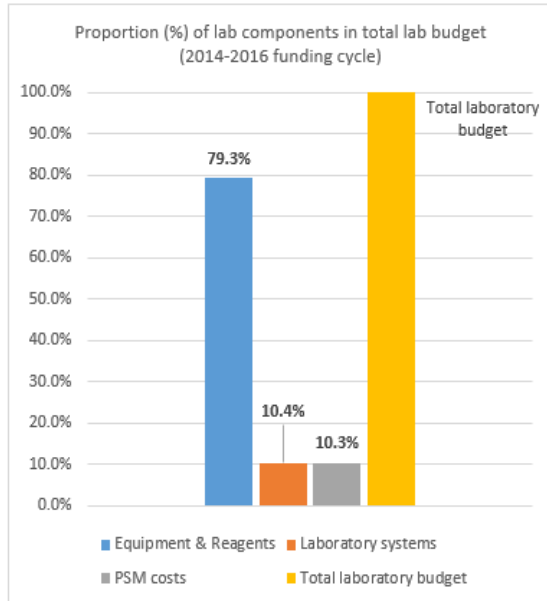
**No labs
No diagnosis
No treatment**

**Will there be any
program impact
without lab
support?**

70% of clinical medicine
decision making relies on
laboratory test results



Substantial Investment in laboratory components across two funding cycles.



	2014-2016 funding cycle	2017-2019 funding cycle
Laboratory component	Budget amount	Budget allocation
Equipment & reagents	\$852,959,201.49	\$710,695,828.09
Equipment & Reagents as % of total laboratory budget	79.3%	85.8%
Laboratory systems	\$111,710,296.09	\$42,360,270.46
Laboratory systems as % of total laboratory budget	10.4%	5.1%
PSM costs	\$110,413,194.28	\$74,874,378.75
PSM costs as % of total laboratory budget	10.3%	9.1%
Total laboratory budget	\$1,075,082,691.86	\$827,930,477.30
Total grant budgets	\$11,688,364,323.04	\$7,183,174,852.99
Laboratory budget as % of total grant budgets	9.2%	11.5%

Table 1. Comparison of Laboratory budgets across 2 funding cycles.

Note : 2017-2019 data partial as at Dec 20th 2017

Source: Detailed budgets extracted from GOS.

Technical Brief

Strategic Support for Integrated Laboratory Services

30 November 2016
Geneva, Switzerland

· <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/applying/resources/>

PURPOSE: This briefing note aims to clarify the Global Fund's approach to laboratory systems investments by outlining:

1. The general principles, which underpin Global Fund's investments;
2. The different types of investments that may be supported; and
3. How the support offered by the Global Fund may vary according to the country context

The purpose of this note is to guide countries preparing funding applications to the Global Fund. It should be used as a basis for discussion and negotiation with stakeholders when developing funding applications. The disease specific and health systems strengthening information notes should also be reviewed in parallel with this document.

Guiding Principles for Investing in Health Laboratory Systems

- **Country Ownership**
- **Integration of Laboratory Services and Systems**
- **Partnership**

Systems Thinking approach

1. Unifying Practical Approaches to Continuous Quality management systems
2. Leadership and Governance
3. Using polyvalent testing platforms
4. Human resources
5. Management Systems/Biosafety
6. Unifying laboratory information systems
7. Strengthening Specimen Referral Systems
8. Coordinating Efforts Through National Laboratory Strategic Plans to develop Laboratory Networks

Revised application material and guidance

Funding Request Form
Allocation Period 2020-2022

Refer to the "Full Review" Instructions to complete this form

Summary Information

Country(s)	
Component(s)	

Modular Framework Handbook

JULY 2019

- Added directional language in funding request, modular framework and information notes to encourage more cross-programmatic RSSH investment and linkages to the broader health system

TheGlobalFund Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health
Core list of indicators
Last updated: 31Jul2019

Module	Type of Indicator	Indicator code	Indicator Description
Outcome indicators (All modules)	Outcome	HSS O-5	Percentage of health facilities with tracer medicines for the three diseases available on the day of the visit or day of reporting
	Outcome	HSS O-6	Percentage of facilities providing diagnostic services on the day of the assessment
	Outcome	HSS O-7	National aggregate HMIS fully deployed, with HIV, TB and malaria indicators integrated, and complete and timely reporting
	Outcome	HSS O-8	Active health workers per 10,000 population
	Outcome	HSS O-9	Percentage of antenatal clients with 1st visit before 12 weeks
	Outcome	HSS O-10	Proportion of population with large household expenditure on health as a share of total household expenditure or income (catastrophic spending on health)
systems	Coverage	PSM-3	Percentage of health facilities providing diagnostic services with tracer items available on the day of the visit or day of reporting

- Additional and revised RSSH indicators and workplan tracking measures
- Updated RSSH Information Note and technical briefs

Forecasting and Quantification Laboratory

Lab quantification pre requisites

- Lab policy and strategic plan
- Standardization policy
- Defining – Test menus by level
- Testing Protocol by test by level
- Instrumentation/equipment by level

Types of forecasting data/methodologies

Consumption/Usage data (Logistics data): Data on quantities of products used/issued over time, losses and adjustments to inventory, and the stock on hand at the various levels of the in-country supply chain. **Can use data direct from instruments if connected.**

Demographic/Morbidity data: Data on disease prevalence and population characteristics.

Service Statistics data: Data on the number of service delivery sites, the volume of services or number of patients per site, and the type of service received

Quantification: data for decision-making

Data Points

- Inventory of instruments
- Demand (quantification)
- Instrument utilization, diagnostic contribution and capacity
- Instrument down time
- Impact of maintenance agreements and vendor performance
- Data direct from instruments

Tools available

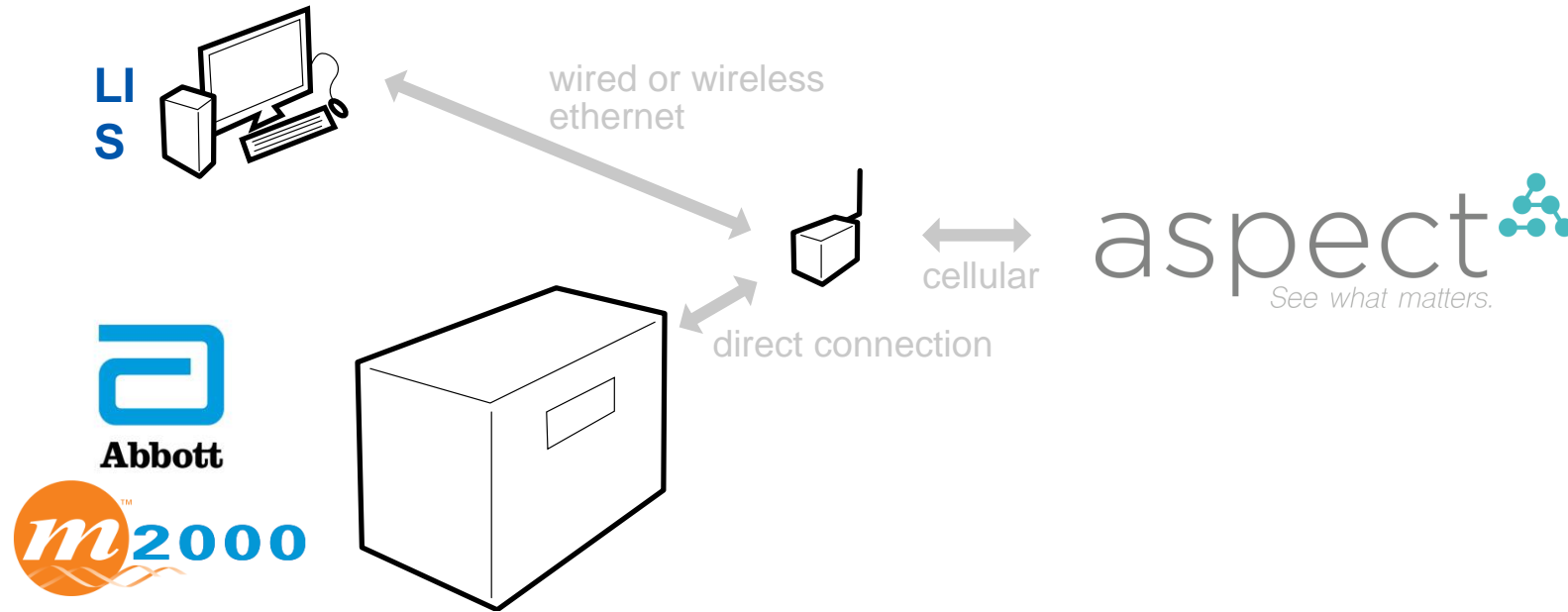
- Quantimed
- ProQ
- PipeLine
- Microsoft® Excel
- CHAI/DELIVER/SCMS Demographic/Morbidity Lab Quantification Excel-based Tool
- ForLabs CHAI/SCMS tool
- Reagent calculators
- FIND TB tool.

Connectivity Platform for GeneXpert Devices and other Lab instruments

As result data becomes available, connectivity solutions can direct information to key personnel via SMS, Email and APIs to other information systems used by the health services provider.



Aspect – Use Case: Aspect Reporter



Interfaces with LIS developed in country and Abbott m2000 at each reference laboratory

Once a sample resulted and was approved by lab controls, the data was sent over a secure connection to Aspect

Replaces motorcycle delivery of results from lab to clinic

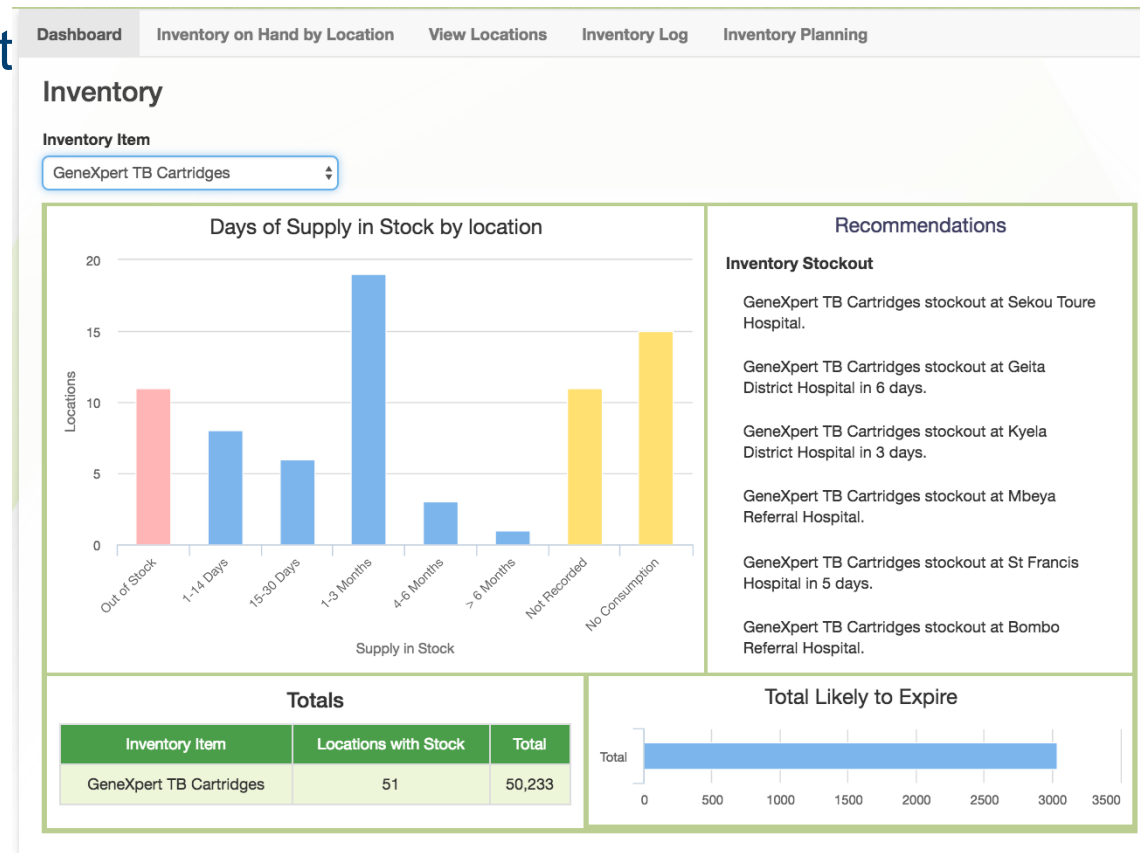
Connectivity Solutions for GeneXpert Devices

Additional features include:

Device monitoring and management

Inventory management

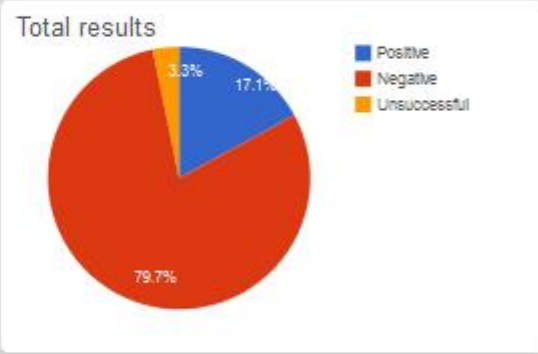
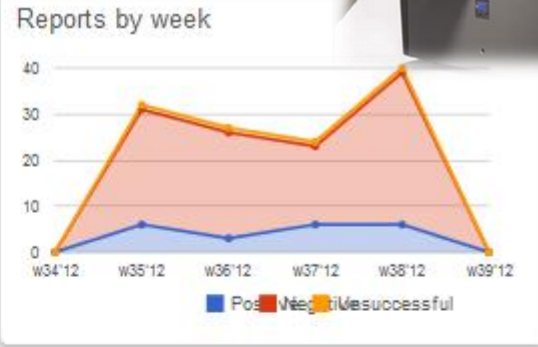
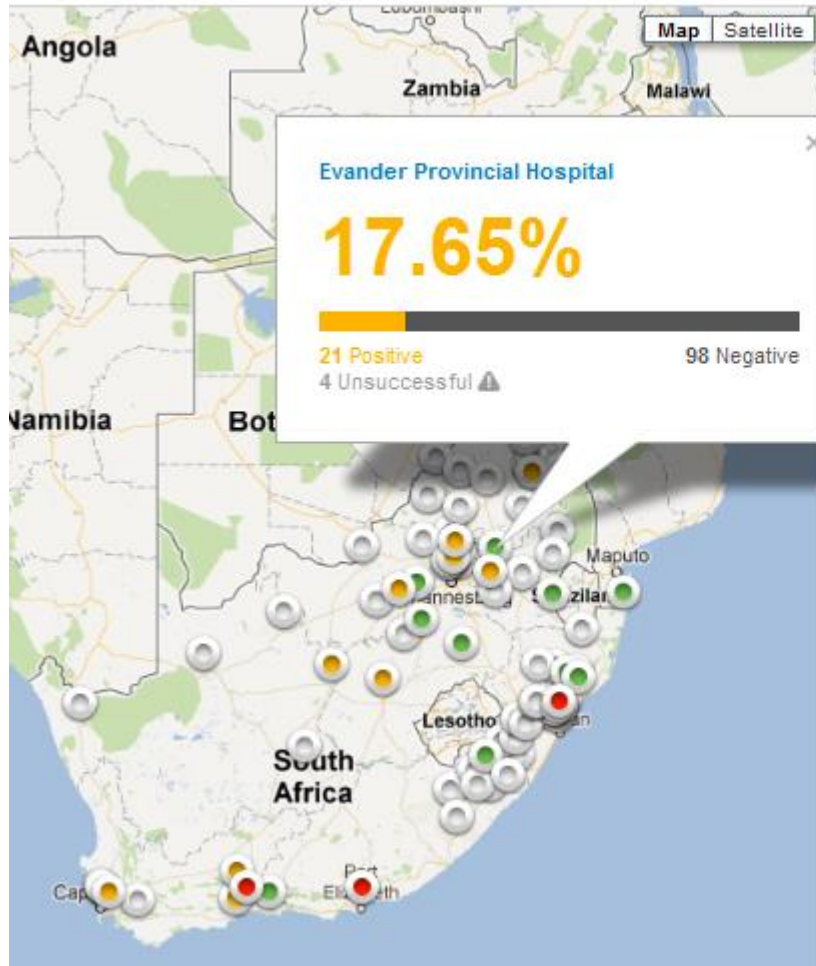
Customised reporting



Cepheid/NHLS Remote Monitoring



Operational dashboard for real-time monitoring of results, errors, resistance and positivity rates
Pre-configured on all newly installed GeneXperts



Top Positivity Rate results	Error code	Rate
	Error 5011	1.8508%
		0.5625%
	Error 5007	1.2711%
	Error 5006	0.3331%
	Error 2127	0.253%
		0.0016%

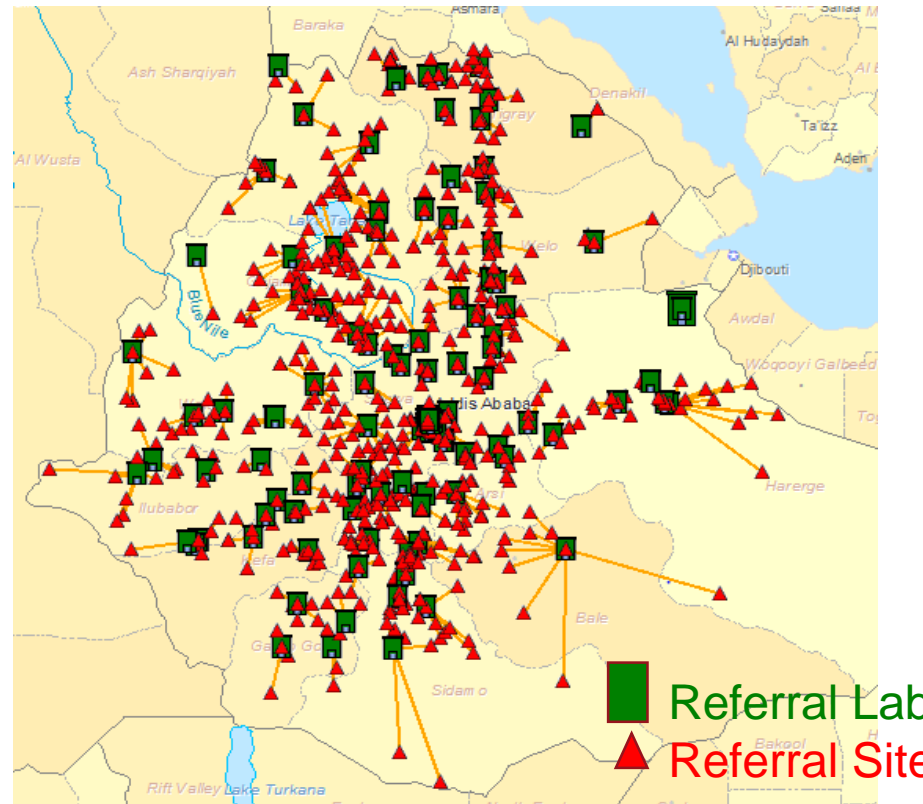
Laboratory Network Optimization

Situation with GeneXperts

- Overall Instrument Unitization is low. Few countries need more instruments or modules to test at current notifications.
- Scaling-up requires more testing, rather than more instruments
- Countries are not procuring enough cartridges to reach testing targets or utilise instrument
- Maintenance is a big issue
- Key elements demanding attention are adherence to algorithms and specimen referral mechanisms.
- COST of expanding network is a huge consideration
- Countries must fully evaluate their networks to ensure sustainability, reliability and accuracy of testing and **focus on optimising networks by addressing operational, technical, and systemic challenges.**

Source: “MSF Data”

Optimized Scenario: Lab Referral Network



Average sample transport distance (one way) : 32 KM
Reduced result TATs,
improved CD4 service and
patient care

Total Transport Cost:
\$ 677,000

- Vehicle/Fuel Cost¹:
\$585,000
- Lab Tech Opportunity
Cost²: \$92,000

Savings from re-
assignments: **~60%**

¹Vehicle cost includes: Postal costs for current postal lanes, an assumed cost of .025 per shipment per KM, and the return leg on transport for non-postal service

²Lab tech cost based on daily wage of \$10.71 and time spent traveling. Does not include travel per diems

Waste Management

The Challenge

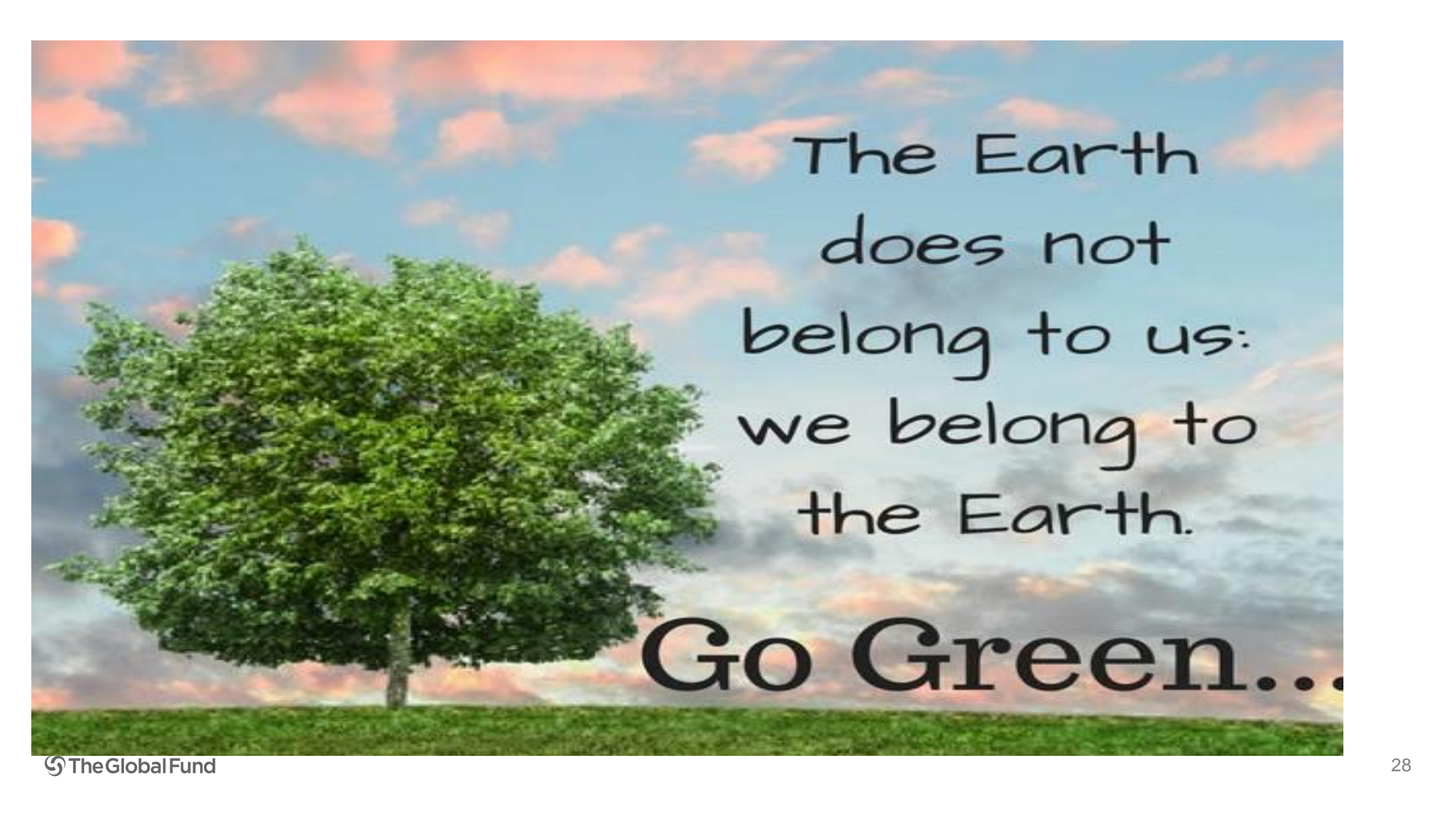
Health products are critical in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria.

In 2017, the Global Fund spent about US\$2 billion on health products.

Acknowledgement that in many low resource settings waste management infrastructure, capacities and systems are weak.

KEY MESSAGE; We need to be aware and take waste management seriously in reviews.



A large, full-canopied green tree stands on a grassy field. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The Earth
does not
belong to us:
we belong to
the Earth.

Go Green...

Thank you very much for your attention and participation.

Discussion