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Objectives

- To showcase a variety of HIVST distribution and implementation models and tools for country adaptation, policy development and scale up.
- To facilitate dissemination and uptake of WHO guidelines among focal African countries.
- To support skills building among policy-makers, implementers, researchers and other key stakeholders in implementing and scaling up HIVST in focal African countries.
- To provide networking opportunities, especially South to South, to improve HIVST collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Day One - Wednesday 29 th March 2017		
Time	Topic	
08:15 – 09:00	REGISTRATION and poster display	
09:00 – 09:40	Welcome, Introductions and meeting objectives Dr. Miriam Taegtmeier (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM)) Dr. Karin Hatzold (Population Services International (PSI)) Dr. Buhle Ncube (World Health Organisation (WHO)) Mr. Robert Matiru (UNITAID)	
09:45 – 10:30	Opening Keynote address Dr. Nduku Kilonzo- Director National AIDS Control Council, Kenya <i>The future VCT: opportunities for HIV prevention and treatment in self-testing</i>	
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10.45 – 12:00	Panel 1: Getting started at national level- strategy, planning and oversight Led by: Prof. Frances Cowan (LSTM)	
	Talk <i>WHO HIV self testing Strategy and Policy</i> Role of the WHO Regional Office for Africa WHO AFRO in supporting countries to scale up HIV self testing <i>'Introducing Self Testing in Zimbabwe – bringing everyone on board'?</i> <i>Tapping into existing policy and regulatory synergies to facilitate scale-up of HIV self-testing in Malawi: challenges & opportunities</i>	Speaker Dr. Rachel Baggaley (WHO strategy and policy) Dr. Buhle Ncube (WHO AFRO) Ms. Getrude Ncube (Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC-AIDS&TB), Zimbabwe) Dr. Lot Nyirenda (LSTM, Malawi)



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12:15 – 13:30	Panel 2: Optimising accuracy of HIV self-tests Led by: Prof. Helen Ayles (LSHTM)	
	Talk <i>Optimising instructions for use for an Oral-fluid HIV self-testing through cognitive interviewing in Malawi</i> <i>Optimising self-test instructions for use for the local context: lessons learned from Zimbabwe</i> <i>Interim results from the OraQuick Clinical Performance Study in Lusaka, Zambia</i> <i>When perfect isn't possible: How good does an HIV self-test need to be?</i>	Speaker Mr. Moses Kumwenda (College of Medicine, University of Malawi, Malawi) Dr. Euphemia Sibanda (The Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Research (CeSHHAR), Zimbabwe). Dr. Alwyn Mwinga (Zambart, Zambia) Dr. Elliot Cowan (Partner in Diagnostics, LLC/LSTM)
13:30 – 15:00	LUNCH:	
13:30 – 16:45	Regulators workshop: Developing pathways for the regulation of HIV self-testing in STAR countries (<i>closed session</i>)	
15:00 – 16:15	Panel 3: HIV distribution models, service delivery and linkage Led by: Dr. Karin Hatzold	
	Talk <i>Scaling HIVST access to high need populations and locations: what we learn from Implementing the UNITAID/ PSI project in Malawi</i> <i>Legitimising HIV Self- Testing! My journey into the unknown</i> <i>HIVST in Zambia, lessons learned from UNITAID/PSI STAR Project implementation</i> <i>HIVST in South Africa: moving from product to policy to programmes</i>	Speaker Mr. Richard Chilongosi (PSI, Malawi) Ms. Miriam.N. Mutseta (PSI, Zimbabwe) Ms. Mutinta Nalubamba (Society for Family Health, Zambia) Mr. Mohammad Majam (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)
18-15 – 19:30	Cocktails and networking	



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8:30 – 10:15	<p>Panel 4 – Self-testing scale up and health Systems: integrating HIV distribution into existing community health platforms and public sector HTS services</p> <p>Led by: Dr. Miriam Taegtmeier (LSTM)</p>		
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10:30 – 12:00	<p>Panel 5: Moving HIV self-testing from research to policy and practice – a policy maker's perspective</p> <p><i>Moderated panel of invited policymakers with submitted questions</i></p> <p>Led by: Ms Cheryl Johnson (WHO)</p> <p>Panellists</p> <p>Dr. Thato Chidarikire (National Department of Health, South Africa)</p> <p>Dr. Dalitso Midiani, (Ministry of Health (MOH) Malawi),</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Masyuko, (National AIDS/STI Control Programme, Kenya)</p> <p>Dr. Moses Sakala (MOH, Zambia)</p>		
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Panel 6: Research methods for scale up</p> <p>Led by: Prof. Liz Corbett (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK/Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Trust (MLW) Malawi)</p>		
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13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH including Poster Café
14:30 – 16:45	<p>Parallel Skills building workshops</p> <p>Workshop 1: Designing HIVST for key populations</p> <p>Lead Facilitator: Prof. Frances Cowan</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Euphemia Sibanda</p> <p>Aim: To develop a framework for incorporating HIV self-testing into existing strategies /programmes for reaching key populations (KPs)</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share evidence and experience from across the globe of what works and what doesn't work in terms of introducing self-testing for KP, in order to reach KP who do not know their status, distribute HIV ST kits to KPs and link them into prevention and care. 2. To outline the preparatory work that needs to be undertaken before integrating self-testing into existing key populations programmes per national testing strategies 3. To explore the practicalities of implementation and monitoring self-testing among KPs <p>Synopsis</p> <p>Key populations bear the brunt of HIV infection in Africa, with high prevalence and incidence of infection and poor linkage to services. In most countries, KPs are criminalised and face stigma and discrimination. Young key populations are doubly disadvantaged as particularly vulnerable as a result. Key populations are not a homogenous group and existing programmes targeting key populations are at varying stages of development and coverage.</p> <p>The aim of this workshop is to develop a framework for introducing self-testing into KP programmes appropriate for population and setting and stage of programme development.</p> <p>The workshop will use participatory methods and include presentation of evidence from existing programmes including any learning and challenges as well as small group discussion of case studies. Discussion of formative work to be undertaken prior to introduction of self-testing, practicalities of implementation (including linkage to prevention and care services) and monitoring and evaluation.</p>



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	<p>Workshop 2: Building and rolling out an HIVST curriculum</p> <p>Lead Facilitator: Dr. Miriam Mutseta</p> <p>Additional trainers:</p> <p>Dr. Lot Nyirenda (LSTM)</p> <p>Dr. Richard Chilongosi (PSI/Malawi)</p> <p>Dr. Mutinta Nalubaba (SFH/Zambia)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Cheryl Johnson</p> <p>Aim: Build expertise in how curriculum for HIVST are developed and executed and how this process may be adapted in new contexts.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>By the end of the session participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the curriculum development process and the critical role of stakeholder engagement 2. Highlight key challenges in the execution of HIVST curriculum within the STAR project 3. Identify key areas for adaptation of existing HIVST curricula for use in their own settings and key next steps for advancing this work <p>Synopsis:</p> <p>This session will focus on how the STAR consortium developed and executed a training curriculum for community-based HIVST distributors and healthcare professionals. We'll review how the curriculum content was determined, how previous testing community distribution curriculums informed our work, and where formative research played a critical role. Panellists will share their experience rolling out the curriculum at community level, including key aspects of the curriculum that proved challenging or particularly useful. Participants will then have a practical opportunity to review the curriculum content and engage in various sessions of the curriculum. Participants will be asked to critique the sessions and to explore how such sessions may best be adapted or expanded based on their operating context and target group. Finally, participants will have an opportunity to develop a preliminary workplan for development and refinement of an HIVST curriculum for use in their own context, in consultation with STAR curriculum experts.</p>
	<p>Workshop 3: Developing pathways for the regulation of HIV self-testing in STAR countries</p> <p>Lead Facilitators: Dr. Victoria Watson and Dr. Elliot Cowan</p> <p>(closed workshop: through invitation only)</p>
17:00 – 17:30	Plenary - Closing remarks
17:30	<i>Close</i>



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SPEAKERS SHORT BIOGRAPHY

1. Alwyn Mwinga

Alwyn, the Chief Executive Officer of Zambart, is an investigator on the STAR project leading the Clinical performance Study, and is the PI for the rapid impact evaluation of the community based distribution of the HIV ST Kits funded by 3ie. She is a Physician with an interest in TB and TB/HIV research, TB control programs, and community engagement. She has a post-graduate diploma in Ethics, and participates on several Data Safety Monitoring Boards and Trial Steering Committees.

2. Bernadette Hensen

Bernadette is an epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, working primarily on evaluations of HIV-prevention related public health interventions. He currently support two trials of community-based delivery of HIV self-test kits in Zambia and a non-randomised impact evaluation of the DREAMS initiative, a combined package of interventions to reduce the risk of HIV among adolescent girls and young women at highest risk of HIV infection, in Zimbabwe. Prior to these studies, Dr. Hensen's research focussed mainly on identifying strategies to increase uptake of HIV testing services through community-based models of service delivery, with an ESRC-funded PhD research focusing on men's uptake of HIV testing services in Zambia.

3. Buhle Ncube

Dr Buhle Ncube is a medical practitioner and public health professional with over 20 years experience and expertise in programme design, programme management, research, setting up and integrating services in public, private and non-governmental sectors and managing donor relations. She has held senior managerial positions in the public, private and non-governmental sectors. Dr Ncube is currently the HIV Prevention Focal Point for the World Health Organization's Regional Office for Africa, providing technical guidance and support to the 47 countries in the African Region.

4. Cheryl Johnson

Cheryl Johnson is a social scientist and expert in HIV testing services. She is currently a Technical Officer within the HIV Department at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, who focuses on providing country and policy support on HIV testing services programmes, and is actively supporting

many countries seeking to introduce and implement HIV self-testing. Most recently she led the development of the WHO Consolidated guidelines on HIV testing services in 2015, as well as the development of the 2016 WHO guidelines on HIV self-testing and partner notification. As part of her role, she is also the WHO lead for Self-Testing Africa (STAR) Project in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

5. Dalitso Midiani

Dalitso Midiani is a nurse by profession with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and Midwifery and has a Master's degree in Public Health. She has worked in the HIV and AIDS program for the past 15 years as a service provider and as a programmer. Notably, she initiated and scaled up Early Infant Diagnosis of HIV testing services in Malawi and led the establishment of Rapid HIV testing Quality Improvement initiative (RTQII) with support from partners. Dalitso believes in evidence informed policy decision making and that reaching the first 90 in the UNAIDS 90, 90, 90 is possible with scaling up new approaches such as HIV self-testing in addition to Provider Initiated Testing and Counselling. Dalitso is member of different technical working groups within the Ministry of health in Malawi including the HIV and Testing Sub group. She is also an operation team leader of the SPARK HEALTH initiative in the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the University of Cape Town.

6. Elliot Cowan

Elliot is Principal of Partners in Diagnostics, LLC, providing consulting on the global regulation of in vitro diagnostics. This followed a 20-year career at the US Food and Drug Administration, where he was responsible for leading the regulation of all blood donor screening tests and retroviral diagnostics used in the US, including the first over-the-counter HIV test, approved in 2012. Elliot was also a member of the Laboratory Technical Working Group for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), providing technical assistance for laboratory quality assurance issues in PEPFAR focus countries, and advised the World Health Organization on the development of its Prequalification of Diagnostics Programme. Elliot received a BA from Williams College and a PhD in Biology and Biomedical Sciences from Washington University in St. Louis.



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7. Euphemia Sibanda

Dr Euphemia Sibanda is a research fellow at Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Research (CeSHHAR) Zimbabwe. She leads implementation of STAR research in Zimbabwe. Much of her previous and current work relates to understanding challenges along the HIV continuum of care and finding ways of improving retention at each step of the cascade. She has been working on HIV self-testing research since 2014, where she was part of a team which explored the acceptability and feasibility of HIV self-testing in Zimbabwe, including development of understandable, culturally relevant instructions for use.

8. Fern Terris-Prestholt

Fern is a Health Economist with over 15 years of experience working on the economics of HIV, both in cost-effectiveness analysis as well as the area of demand for new HIV prevention technologies and point of care testing for HIV and Syphilis. Within the field of HIV self-testing she is the lead Economist of the STAR project, coordinating studies of user preferences for HIV self test distribution and linkage to care, costing and modelling the cost of scaling up.

9. Frances Cowan

Frances is Professor of Global Health at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She has lived and worked full time in Zimbabwe since 1999 and has also worked across Southern Africa and in India. In 2012, founded the Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Research (CeSHHAR) Zimbabwe (www.ceshhar.org.zw) where she is currently CeSHHAR Executive Director. She leads a large portfolio of HIV prevention research which includes large scale impact evaluations of national HIV programmes. She oversees implementation of Zimbabwe's "Sisters with a Voice" program for sex workers which has national coverage. She works closely with the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care and National AIDS Council to provide evidence for their HIV prevention strategy - most recently as part of a consortium funded by UNITAID to Stimulate and Shape the Market in HIV self-testing in Africa. She is co-chair of HPTN's Adolescent Science Committee, has been on a number of WHO expert panels and is co-PI on a number of research capacity strengthening initiatives focusing on Southern Africa.

10. Getrude Ncube

Getrude Ncube is a public health professional and the National

HIV Prevention Coordinator for the Zimbabwean Ministry of Health and Child Care. She has been involved in HIV prevention programming for the general population with a special focus on the most at risk groups, including children and adolescents for over 10 years. Ms. Ncube has spearheaded new initiatives in HIV prevention programming that includes provider-initiated testing and counselling (PITC) and also led the introduction, curriculum development and training of primary counsellors (lay providers) in Zimbabwe health institutions to enhance quality and comprehensive HIV testing and counselling in 2005. She also coordinates voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) in the country. In 2013, she successfully coordinated the introduction of task-sharing in the VMMC and HIV testing services programmes. She has been involved in HIV prevention research mainly in the HIV testing services and VMMC. Ms. Ncube also participated in the development of the WHO Guideline on HIV testing services in July 2015 and also in the guideline development of HIV Self Testing.

11. Helen Ayles

Helen Ayles is a Professor in Infectious Diseases and International Health in the Clinical Research Department in the Faculty of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the Director of Research at Zambart in Lusaka, Zambia. After training in clinical infectious and tropical diseases in the UK she trained in epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In 1998 she moved to Zambia where she has since lead the Zambart research team. Zambart is a multi-disciplinary research group with over 700 staff. Helen's research interest is in the combined epidemics of TB and HIV and in the evaluation of large public health interventions. She is the Zambia principal investigator for the PopART trial (HPTN071), a large community-randomised trial of treatment as prevention for HIV.

12. Karin Hatzold

Dr Hatzold is a public health physician with over 19 years of experience in designing, managing, implementing and researching public health efforts in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr Hatzold has led several large-scale service delivery and evaluation projects in Africa on HIV prevention, care and treatment as well as integrated SRH/HIV services. She provided high-level technical support for PSI platforms in Southern Africa for the launch and acceleration of the scale up of voluntary medical male circumcision, HIV testing and counselling and integrated HIV prevention, care and treatment services. Dr Hatzold is also co-investigator on several implementation

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science research studies on VMMC, SRH, TB and HTC. Dr Hatzold is now the Director of the UNITAID/PSI HIV STAR Project, a three country project set to generate crucial information about the distribution of HIV self-test products effectively, ethically and efficiently, and to answer key questions about the feasibility, acceptability and impact of HIV-Self-Testing.

13. Kawango Agot

Dr. Kawango is a Kenyan research scientist. She obtained her PhD and MPH from the University of Washington, Seattle, and proceeded to coordinate the trial on male circumcision for HIV prevention at the Kisumu site, Kenya. She then led community engagement activities to obtain buy-in for VMMC; the organization she founded - IRDO - has provided over 600,000 circumcisions to date. Besides circumcision, Kawango has conducted multiple studies on various topics, including PrEP, MPT and HIVST where she and other colleagues have explored the concept of secondary distribution of HIVST to promote partner testing and inform sexual decisions, as well as the impact of HIVST on enrollment of female sex workers into HIV prevention programs and in promoting testing among adolescent girls and young women.

14. Liz Corbett

Liz is a Clinical Epidemiologist based full time in Blantyre, Malawi and 100% research-funded. Her primary focus is the design and evaluation of HIV and TB randomised public health interventions at primary care and community level. She has had a major focus on oral HIV self-testing since 2010, as well as ongoing trials investigating lung disease in adolescent survivors of perinatal HIV infection, the impact of new TB diagnostics, and the role of outreach TB/HIV diagnosis for TB control in Blantyre.

15. Lot Nyirenda

Dr Lot Nyirenda is an experienced Social Scientist with twelve years' experience leading research in Africa with a focus on HIV/AIDS and health systems in Malawi. He has published several peer-reviewed publications on health systems, HIV/AIDS testing and treatment, and childhood immunisation. His work has influenced policy and practice on HIV and community health in Malawi and has been presented in a range of international research conferences. Lot has worked with and interviewed policy makers in Africa and globally on HIV/AIDS, health systems and immunisation. He has been the lead Social Scientist in

several multi-country studies and developed skills and methods for inter-country analysis for qualitative research. He currently works with LSTM and is the Qualitative Research Manager for the STAR Project in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi.

16. Matt Greenall

Consultant – Community, Rights and Gender Dept, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

My background is in supporting efforts to strengthen national responses to HIV, with a emphasis on community led interventions and key, excluded populations. As an advisor to the Global Fund I am currently leading work on integrating community action into the Global Fund's disease programmes and broader health systems strengthening efforts. This includes strengthening mechanisms for funding community led responses and local-level social accountability, and building community engagement in disease programmes and health services generally.

17. Melissa Neuman

Melissa an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is also affiliated with the MRC Tropical Epidemiology Group. At present, she is the epidemiologist supporting the HIV STAR (HIV Self Testing in Africa) project. Her other research interests include the role of economic development and public policy in shaping health and health disparities and community-level determinants of health and health behaviours. She holds a Doctor of Science degree in social epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health and an MSc in urban planning from Columbia University.

18. Miriam Mutseta

Miriam has a social sciences background packed with 15 years' experience with different HIV/AIDS projects within PSI and other Non- Governmental organisations. Miriam is currently Program Manager HIV Self-Testing /UNITAID STAR Zimbabwe PSI platform but has a wealth of experiences in other HIV settings; the HPTN Hormonal study project in Zimbabwe, Coordinator of the HIV Post - Test Program, and a manager at one of the biggest testing sites in PSI/ Zim. The Zimbabwe STAR/UNITAID program is exploring self -testing distribution using 4 different models; Community Based Distribution using trained lay distributor counsellors and Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision IPC agents. Facility Based Models through New Start Centre Testing sites, Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision sites and Female Sex Worker Clinics.

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19. Miriam Taegtmeier

Miriam is a public health researcher, practising clinician and qualified teacher. Her research in the complementary areas of HIV testing and counselling, community health equity and intimate partner violence has directly impacted public health through improved uptake and retention in the HIV cascade and through improved quality of community health services. She is currently the principle investigator of the REACHOUT and SQALE projects investigating community health equity and effectiveness in 6 countries and leads the qualitative research network of the STAR consortium. In 2015 she was included in the Graduate Institute list of 300 Women Leaders in Global Health.

20. Mohammad Majam

Experienced researcher with a laboratory medicine background who has headed several multi-centre randomised controlled clinical trials at the Institute focussing on Antiretroviral Drug Dosage Optimisation. Mohammed took over the HIVST portfolio at Wits RHI in 2014 and has spear-headed the programme which is primarily assessing a variety of prospective test kits in the hands of untrained users. He chairs the South African HIV Clinicians Societies HIVST Technical Working Group and is leading the engagement with various facets of the National Department of Health. Mohammed completed his MBA in 2016 with his dissertation focussing on the market entry barriers for HIVST in South Africa.

21. Moses Kumwenda

Moses Kumwenda is a Social Scientist with interest in qualitative participatory research methods, implications of new biomedical technologies and masculinity. He is currently works as a qualitative researcher for STAR project in Malawi. He is currently finalizing his PhD work in Medical Anthropology at the University of Malawi focusing on post-test dynamics in established couples following an HIVST with funding from Helse Nord TB Initiative.

22. Moses Sakala

Dr Moses Sakala is an immunologist heading the Zambia National Quality Assurance program. Over the past two years his focus has been on improving the quality of HIV test results obtaining in the testing sites around the country through the HIV Rapid Test Quality Improvement Initiative. Major research interests include the use of immunological therapy for both infectious and non-infectious diseases.

23. Mutinta Nalubamba

Dr. Mutinta Nalubamba is a dynamic, driven leader with over 15 years public health and clinical experience in various fields including child health and HIV care and treatment. She is currently leading the flagship HIV self-testing project in Zambia, HIV self-testing Africa (STAR). She previously led the development and implementation of the National Paediatric Anti-retroviral Therapy Program at the Ministry of Health, Zambia, including directing the development and review of HIV management tools and guidelines for adolescents and children. She has also provided strategic direction for multiple health services for two large multi-million dollar NGOs, collaborating with a number of funding agencies.

24. Nduku Kilonzo

Dr. Nduku Kilonzo is the Director of the Kenya National AIDS Control Council.

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) holder in Tropical Medicine from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), Dr. Kilonzo has been involved in the development of innovative HIV programmes in Kenya, Malawi, Botswana and Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). She is a Commissioner with the Lancet Commission Health in Sub-Saharan Africa and is acknowledged in the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 6 Global Report for her contributions in the HIV field. As the Director of National AIDS Control Council (NACC), Dr. Kilonzo is responsible for results of Kenya's HIV progress including the reduction of new HIV infections and HIV related morbidity, coordinating all stakeholders working in Kenya, overseeing Kenya's HIV planning, prioritization and resource allocation.

25. Rachel Baggaley

She has over 25 years of experience working on HIV programmes and policy in all regions and in a range of clinical and community settings. She leads the HIV testing and prevention work for WHO including the development of policy and guidance for key populations, community based testing approaches and self-testing and most recently the WHO consolidated HIV testing service guidelines, the two new recommendations on HIV self-testing and assisted partner notification and new guidelines on PrEP. She also recently led the development of new WHO guidelines on HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment for key populations and general prevention including for adolescent girls and young women and VMMC.

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26. Richard Chilongosi

Richard has more than a decade of experience working on HIV programmes in Malawi. He has been a member of technical teams involved in curriculum development and capacity building of HIV testing service (HTS) providers, quality improvement and supervision of service delivery since 2006. For the past ten years, he has also been part of the HTS core group tasked with technical reviews of Malawi HTS guidelines and implementation strategies. Before joining PSI, he served as a Program Manager for Malawi AIDS Counselling and Resource Organization (MACRO) a local organization supporting the ministry of health in Malawi to scale up community and facility based HIV testing approaches, including addressing quality assurance issues through the HIV Rapid Testing Quality Improvement Initiative (RTQII). Recently, he led implementation of HIVST distribution models in Malawi under the UNITAID/PSI STAR project. This included development of training guides, protocols/ SOPs, job aids and piloting the models in partnership with MOH.

27. Robert Matiru

Robert MATIRU is the Director of Operations at UNITAID. A dual Kenyan-Canadian citizen, he has over 15 years of experience in multi-sectoral program management, business development, technical cooperation, grant management, resource mobilization and strategic partnership engagement. He has been working at UNITAID for over 4 years. His most recent other positions include serving as Senior Operations Manager for WHO's Pandemic Vaccines Donation Initiative and Chief Operating Officer of the Global TB Drug Facility. Robert holds a Bachelor's in International Relations and a Master's in International Development.

28. Sarah Masyuko

Dr. Sarah Masyuko, MBChB, MPH is currently the lead of the HIV Testing Services and Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) program at the National AIDS and STI Control Program (NASCOP) with the Kenyan Ministry of Health. She has also served as the NASCOP Global Fund Program Manager and the HIV Drug Resistance coordinator, and has been involved in the development of innovative strategies on HIV prevention, and chaired the development of a TB/HIV concept note that includes focus on women and girls. She is a public health specialist with over ten years of experience in clinical, public health and program management. She is interested in implementation science with the direct translation of research results into practice in Kenya health programs including HIV and Non-communicable diseases.

29. Sharmin Sharif

Sharmin Sharif is a Public Health Professional with 10+ years of diverse public and private sector work experiences in Uganda, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Canada. Her work experiences ranges from Government (Federal Govt. of Canada), multi-lateral donor agency (World Bank) and International NGOs such as, Save the Children and BRAC Uganda. As a Program Manager at BRAC Uganda, she has been managing a community-based primary health care program across 72 districts through 139 branch offices with 4200+ CHWs for the past four years. This Community Health Program (with Community Health Promoters – CHPs) focuses primarily on improving maternal, neonatal child health and nutrition status while improving livelihoods of the CHWs through entrepreneurship. She has a BSc. (with Hons) degree from University of Toronto and completed her Master of Public Health Degree from James P. Grant School of Public Health.

30. Thato Chidarikire

Dr Thato Chidarikire has a PhD in Virology from Wits University and is the Director for HIV preventions strategies in the National Department of Health South Africa. She has experience working in different environments in public, parastatal and academic environments, as well as different fields of HIV in the last 15 years including several Clinical trials within the academic environment and government space. For more than the past 10 years she has been actively involved in HIV prevention programmes, with one of her main focal areas in expanding HIV testing services.

31. Uche Amazigo

Professor Uche Amazigo is a public health specialist. She holds a PhD from the Vienna University (Austria) and was a Takemi Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health (USA). She has devoted most of her academic, public and international career to the control of neglected tropical diseases and community-led health and development programmes including the multi-sector global partnership for river blindness control. She retired as the Director of the World Health Organization African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (WHO/APOC) in 2011. She is a fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science (FAS) and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; serves as advisor to several global Boards. In 2013, she received honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and won the prestigious Prince Mahidol Laureate 2012 in Public Health. She is the Founder of Pan-African Community Initiative on Education and Health (PACIEH), an NGO coordinating community-managed school health and feeding projects in Nigeria.

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32. Victoria Watson

Victoria is a Research Associate at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine working on the HIV STAR project. She is a registered Biomedical Scientist with over 13 years' experience, specialising in virology specifically HIV infection, therapy and diagnostics. Victoria was awarded a highly competitive NIHR Biomedical Research Fellowship to complete her doctorate which was focused on the clinical pharmacology of HIV antiretroviral therapy. Victoria's work has involved test development, validation and quality assurance to FDA, GCP and GCLP standards. Her current role focuses on the policy and regulation of HIV self-testing devices, their use in the field and the development of quality assurance models. She is a member of the WHO technical working group for HIV self-testing and supported the development of the 2016 guidelines.

33. Wanjiru Mukoma

Dr Wanjiru Mukoma is currently the Executive Director at LVCT Health, a Kenyan NGO delivering evidence informed community level HIV, SRH and SGBV prevention, programs and services to key and priority populations, building implementation capacity at community and facilities and providing support for health systems strengthening and policy reforms. She has conducted pilot research on self-testing, is a co-investigator in a demonstration project introducing oral PrEP and is the Kenya lead on the project OPTIONS, which aims to support countries to expedite and sustain access to new ARV-based HIV prevention products.

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