

Questions for policymakers from STAR participants

1. How do we ensure data collection and linkage to care on full scale (roll out) implementation?
2. What are the plans to engage community and private sector since they are major stakeholders in HIV self-testing?
3. What information gaps are hindering your willingness to scale up self-testing?
4. Have you heard enough information / seen enough data to operationalise a strategy that includes issues we need to address before the implementation of self-testing Kenyan context?
5. What are the challenges in ensuring quality of the kits?
6. What strategies can we use to get policy makers to fully get involved in the HIV self-testing?
7. How is MoH Zambia and Malawi planning to address the HIVST/Partner 1 notification TWGs, GAP?
8. How do you advocate for a non-controlled HIST since it has proven to be a barrier?
9. What do you expect to be the greatest challenge in relation to scale up?
10. What do you envisage as major barriers in translating policy to practice?
11. Have any of you considered revising the age of consent for HIV testing?
12. What are your priority populations?
13. How do we envisage HIVST influencing policy responding to key populations?
14. What mechanisms have your governments put in place for the people in rural areas to access?
15. How will countries with policy on research only deal with the scale up? What is the transitional period for full policy?
16. The question is for every country on the panel how will you ensure that key populations are able to access the self-testing kits especially when are vulnerable?
17. How do you see government funded self-testing services in your countries in 5 years?
18. What are the plans on sustainability as we scale up?
19. How do you see the role of HIV self-testing in contributing to greater sustainability of HIV programs?
20. Will they fund HIVST to ensure sustainability?
21. What are the plans for sustainability of HIVST programmes?
22. Have you considered who will fund HIV self-testing?
23. How do you see the role of CHW involving with HIVST?
24. What are non-monetary ways on incentivising CHP work best?
25. Do CHPs who are incentivised by money perform better?
26. How sustainable is it to incentivise without money?
27. Governments are not associated with good governance or resource mobilisation, how then can you entrust fund into their hands?
28. What are the minimum requirements for post market surveillance?
29. What are the different models of distribution in the different countries/settings?
30. How will MoH regulation coordinate/control distribution of self- testing? How do they plan to monitor distribution?
31. How to prioritise the distribution of HIVST compared to RDTs?
32. Will they take leadership of self -testing and how?
33. How will ensure quality control of HIVST?
34. Does each country need an accuracy study?

35. How will things be quality assurance be functional in Malawi/Zambia
36. What are the Information gaps more evidence and if so what?
37. How would you ensure linkages with key populations and partner notifications?
38. How can you make it accessible and equitable as you scale up?
39. What do you think are the key messages that people need to know about HIVST?
40. Right now HIVST is donor funded, how to make this sustainable and incorporated into government plans? How to do this?
41. What information and evidence is needed to set aside funding for HIVST?
42. What do we need to put in place to transfer/transform evidence into policy? How do key stakeholders influence?
43. Who are the key stakeholders involved in regulation?
44. How do you see government funded HIVST in 5 years time with regards to scope/scale/models of HIVST?
45. What are the priority populations and why? How would you ensure access to key populations in urban and rural areas?
46. What are the challenges to scale up policy to practice- including for donors, consent and involving community departments?
47. In terms of Government commitment have they identified the source to cover the costs of HIVST?
48. For Zimbabwe and other countries who have planned roll out of self testing, what would you have done differently?
49. What makes some projects come and go and others remain?
50. Should HIVST programmes sit in the department of community health or HIV programmes?
51. Where are the CHDU now?
52. What are the key barriers posed by Global Fund and UNITAID?
53. Where does leadership sit for HIVST in your communities?
54. How far should we monitor HIVST?
55. What lessons can we learn from pregnancy test?
56. Does each country require in country performance study / validations?
57. Does this need to be done on each test available?
58. How do you measure impact of policies?
59. How prepared is your Government to integrate self-testing?