Advancing the SLIPTA Program

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African Society for Laboratory Medicine
Taking quality to the most in need

The next “country driven” frontier for laboratory quality improvement
Strategic pillar: Improving quality of laboratory

Initial 2020 SLIPTA VISION

Accreditation

GOAL

2020 TARGETS

✓ 2500 Labs to be enrolled into SLIPTA
✓ 250 labs to achieve accreditation by international standards

However

+450 labs

Low Coverage
20 Countries visited
452 laboratories audited

Increased demand

Limited SLIPTA Auditors

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ASLM is Implementing Partner for SLIPTA.

**2020 Targets**

- Enroll 2,500 labs in the WHO SLIPTA quality improvement program
- Enable 250 labs to achieve accreditation
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<td>• Identify national &amp; regional institutions for SLIPTA collaboration</td>
<td>• Approve these centers’ request to conduct SLIPTA audits</td>
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<td>• Train and certify a pool of auditors within these institutions</td>
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<td>• Accredit these institutions to be ASLM centers for SLIPTA</td>
<td>• Conduct quality checks and maintain database of audited labs</td>
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<td>• Identify partners programs that require laboratory audits and link them to official ASLM SLIPTA audits</td>
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- Develop in-country capacity and be able to reach all the laboratories and countries in Africa
- A country owned program that is housed and driven by ministry of health departments utilizing the resources available
- SLIPTA becomes a national Quality Assurance program
- Building strong collaborations with various stakeholders, donor agencies and implementing partners
- Use the local auditors and reduce the cost of the SLIPTA
To prevent the next pandemic
every lab counts!!
Goal 3 - Quality of Laboratory Services: Improve the quality of laboratory services towards accreditation based on national, regional and international standards.

Strategic Objectives

3.1. Empower the expansion of SLIPTA to all regions of the continent by promoting country ownership; by linking SLIPTA to national and regional regulatory frameworks; and by synergizing laboratory capacity building activities of regional organizations (such as WAHO and ECSA) working with AU member states.

3.2. In collaboration with Africa CDC, WHO-AFRO and WHO-EMRO facilitate awareness of Quality Management Systems (QMS) through advocacy in all AU Member States.

3.4. Enhance the SLIPTA coordination and training mechanism of ASLM through the use of new technologies (e.g. E-tools and digitalized data collection platforms) and strategic partnerships.

3.5. Optimize the cost-effectiveness of QMS implementation by reinforcing linkages between SLIPTA, mentoring programs & tools (such as Strengthening Laboratory Management Toward Accreditation—SLMTA), and by improving the Monitoring & Evaluation of QMS implementation and impact on health outcomes.
Promising Regional Support for SLIPTA Expansion

- WAHO
- ECSA
Thank you

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