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Advancing the SLIPTA Program

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Taking quality to the most in need



**The next “country driven”
frontier for laboratory quality
improvement**



Strategic pillar: Improving quality of laboratory

GOAL

2020 TARGETS

**Initial 2020 SLIPTA
VISION**

Accreditation

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

However

+450 labs

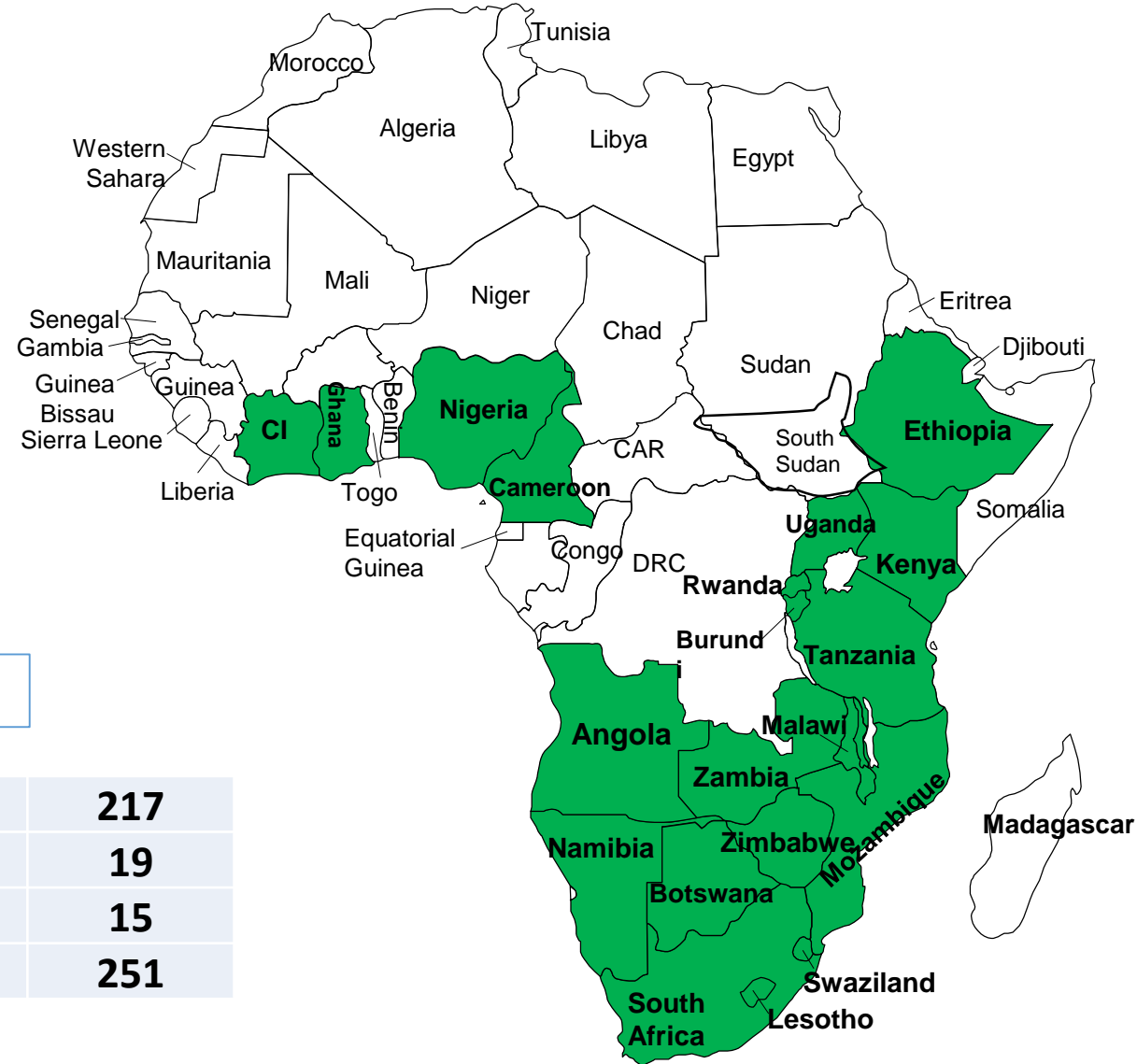


Low Coverage

SLIPTA Coverage (May 2013 – November 2018)

20 Countries visited
452 laboratories audited

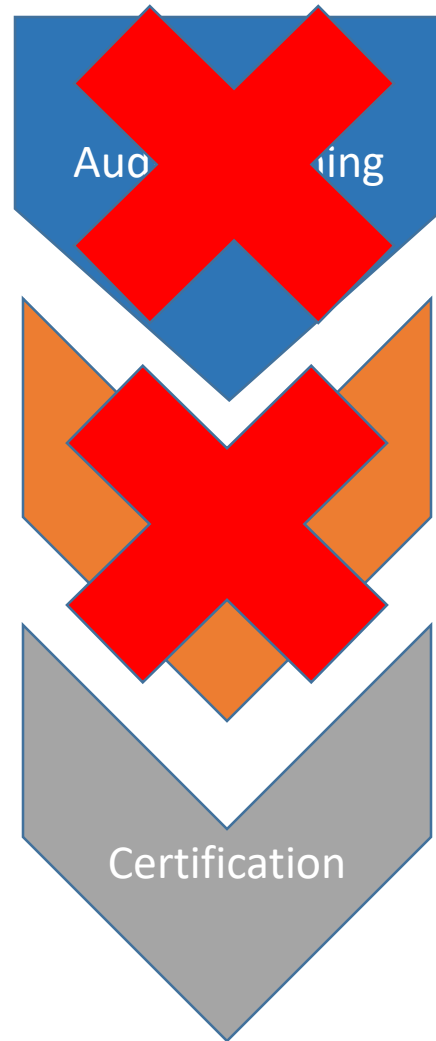
 Increased demand



Limited SLIPTA Auditors

Anglophone	217
Francophone	19
Lusophone	15
TOTAL	251

Improve the quality of laboratory services: Key Mechanisms



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



Advancing SLIPTA Program: How does it look like?

Institutionalization of SLIPTA

- Identify national & regional institutions for SLIPTA collaboration
- Train and certify a pool of auditors within these institutions
- Accredite these institutions to be ASLM centers for SLIPTA

Overarching and coordination role of ASLM

- Approve these centers' request to conduct SLIPTA audits
- Issue SLIPTA certificates
- Conduct quality checks and maintain database of audited labs

Harnessing partner's resources for SLIPTA funding

- Identify partners programs that require laboratory audits and link them to official ASLM SLIPTA audits

Advancing SLIPTA program

- 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!!



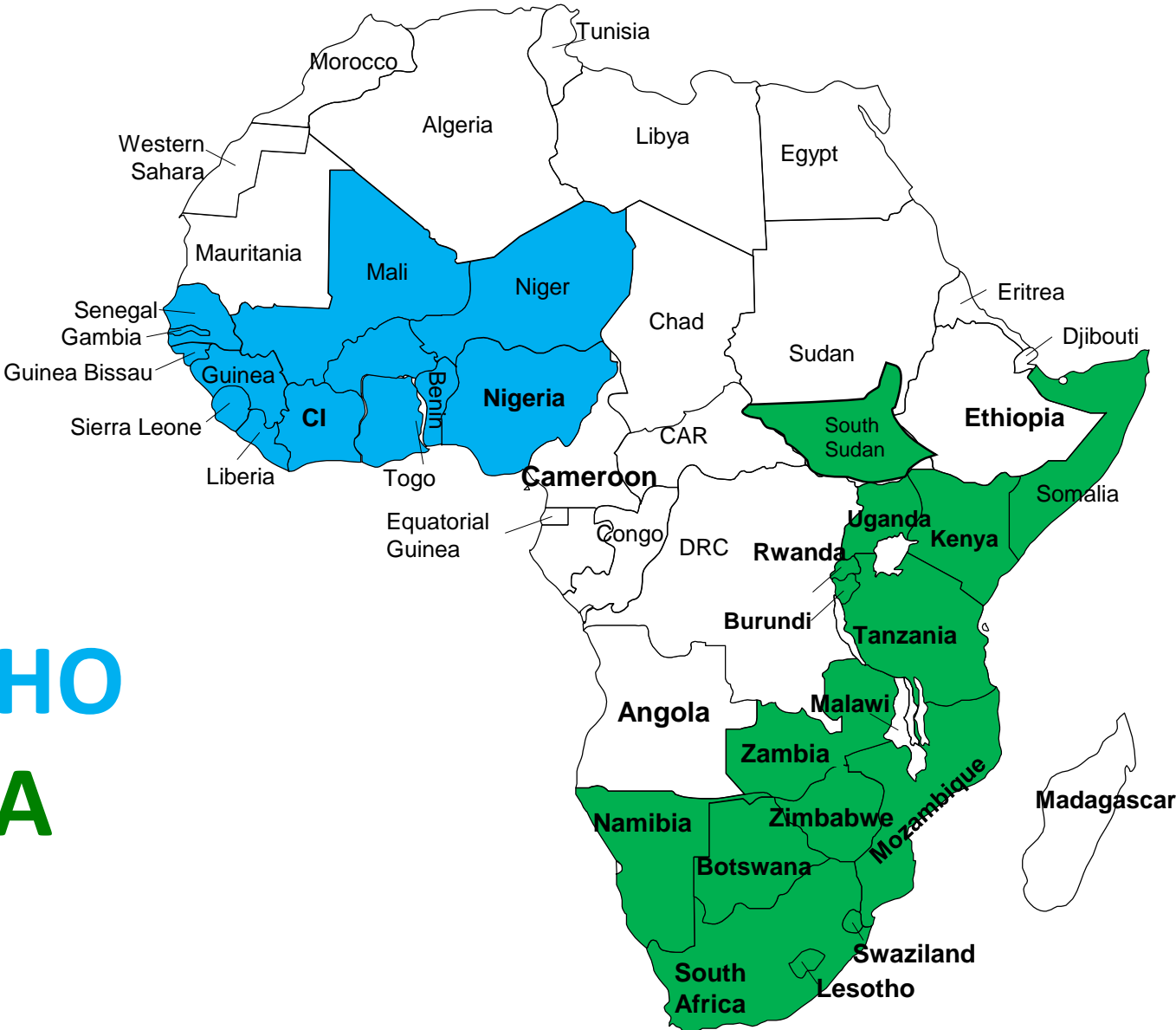
ASLM 2018 – 2023 Vision

Goal 3 - Quality of Laboratory Services: Improve the quality of laboratory services towards accreditation based on national, regional and international standards.

Strategic Objectives

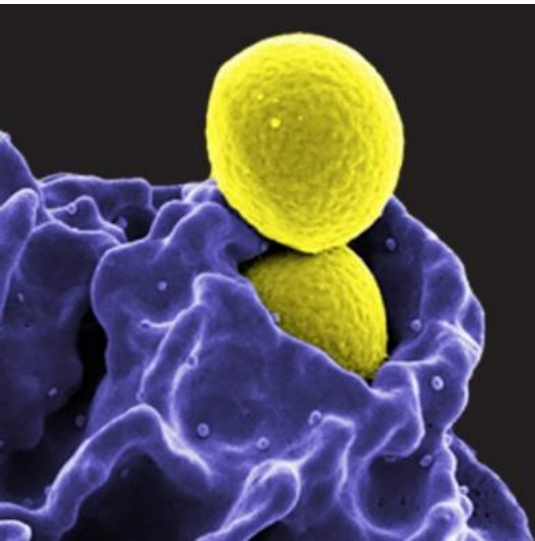
- 3.1. Empower the expansion of SLIPTA to all regions of the continent by promoting country ownership; by linking SLIPTA to national and regional regulatory frameworks; and by synergizing laboratory capacity building activities of regional organizations (such as WAHO and ECSA) working with AU member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

Thank you



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