

Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation (SLIPTA)

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ASLM History



- ASLM is a pan-African professional body that was launched in 2011
- ASLM enjoys tremendous support from several organizations, including:
 - African Union
 - Several African ministries of health and institutions
 - World Health Organization (WHO)
 - United States (US) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)
 - US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
 - Other international partners

ASLM's Work Centers around its 4 Strategic Goals



GOAL

2020 TARGETS



Workforce

Accreditation

Regulatory

Lab networks

- ✓ Curriculum review, establish professional/regulatory bodies
- ✓ Train 30,000 professionals
- ✓ 2500 Labs to be enrolled into SLIPTA
- ✓ 250 labs to achieve accreditation by international standards

- Raise regulatory standards for diagnostics products to international standards in 25 countries
- Establish harmonized regulation for new diagnostics across Africa's 8 RECs
- Establish African Network of Public Health Reference Laboratories, with at least 30 member countries.

Laboratory quality improvement towards accreditation



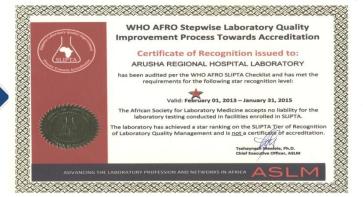
 ASLM is an implementing partner in the WHO AFRO SLIPTA (Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Toward Accreditation)

Programme

Auditor training

Auditing

Certification



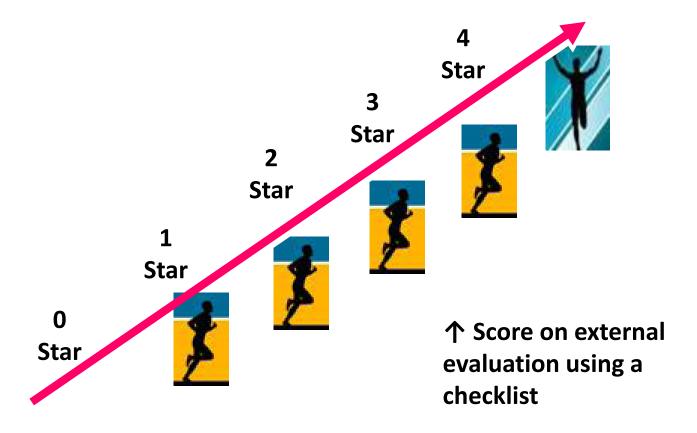
2020 Targets

- ✓ Enroll 2,500 labs in the WHO SLIPTA quality improvement program
- ✓ Enable 250 labs to achieve accreditation

Stepwise Laboratory Quality Improvement Process Towards Accreditation



SLIPTA: A framework to encourage, support and recognize the implementation of QMS in medical laboratories in a stepwise manner



Audit Process



Tools:

WHO AFRO SLIPTA Checklist ISO 15189 standard

Audit methods

- **Review of** documents and records
- **Observations** interviews

De-brief

- Lab Level
- **Centrally**

Report IAC

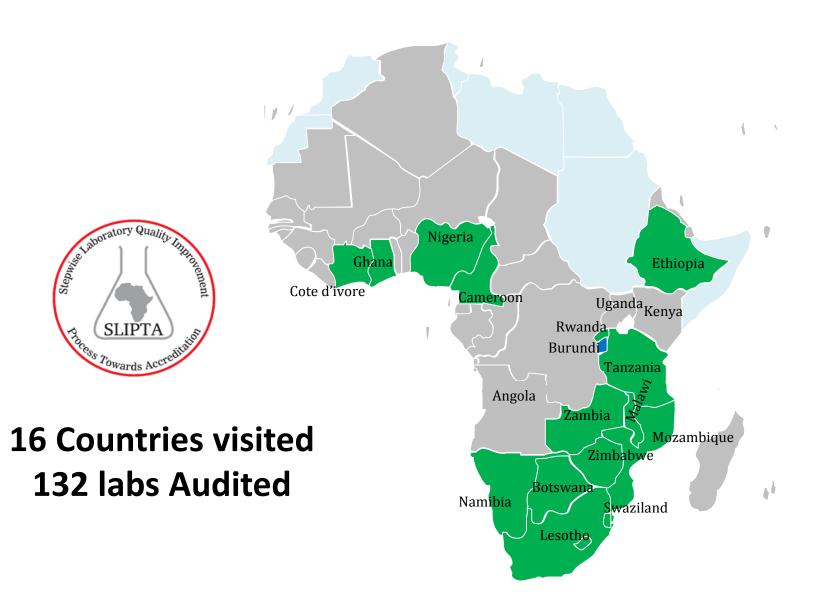
Submission to

SLIPTA Progress



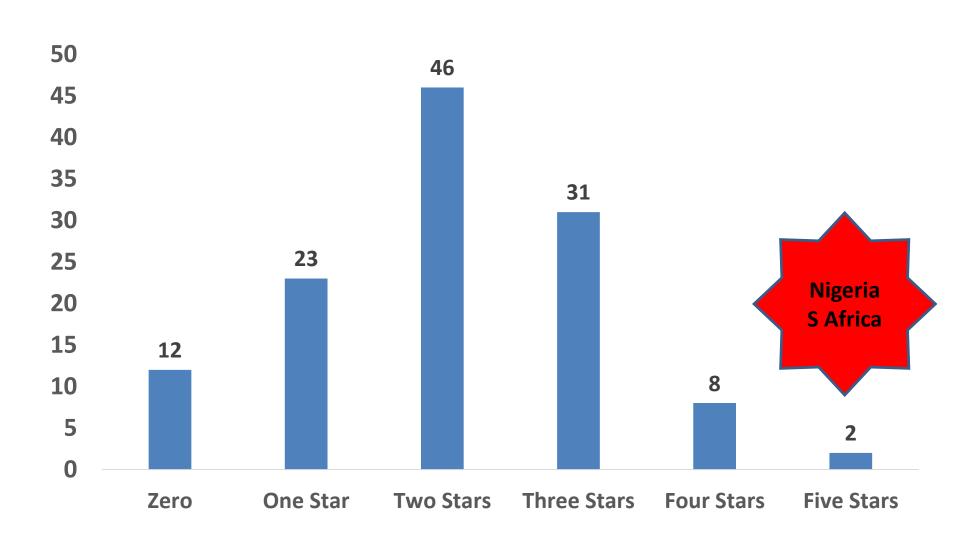
SLIPTA Implementation: May 2013 – Oct 2014.





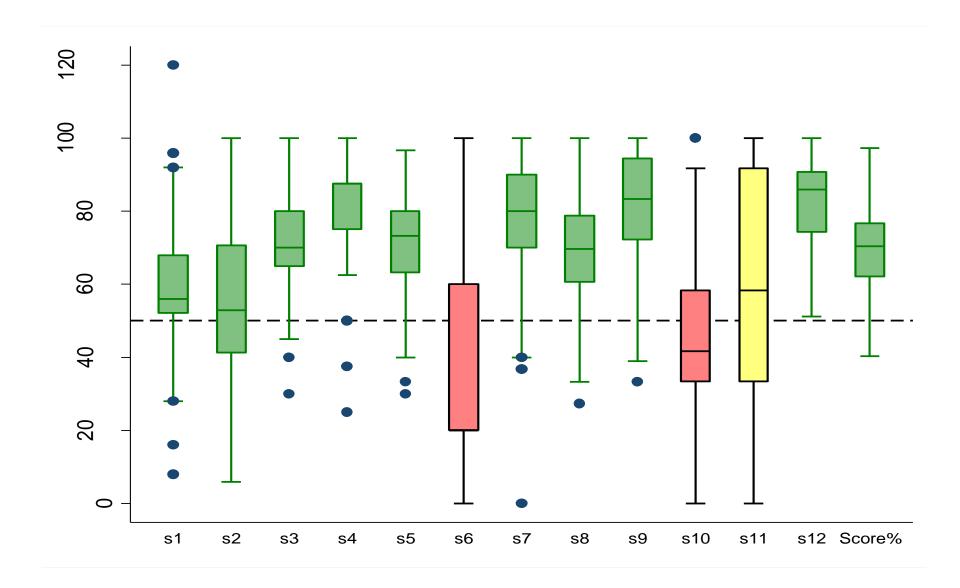
Audited Laboratories: Star Distribution (n=122)





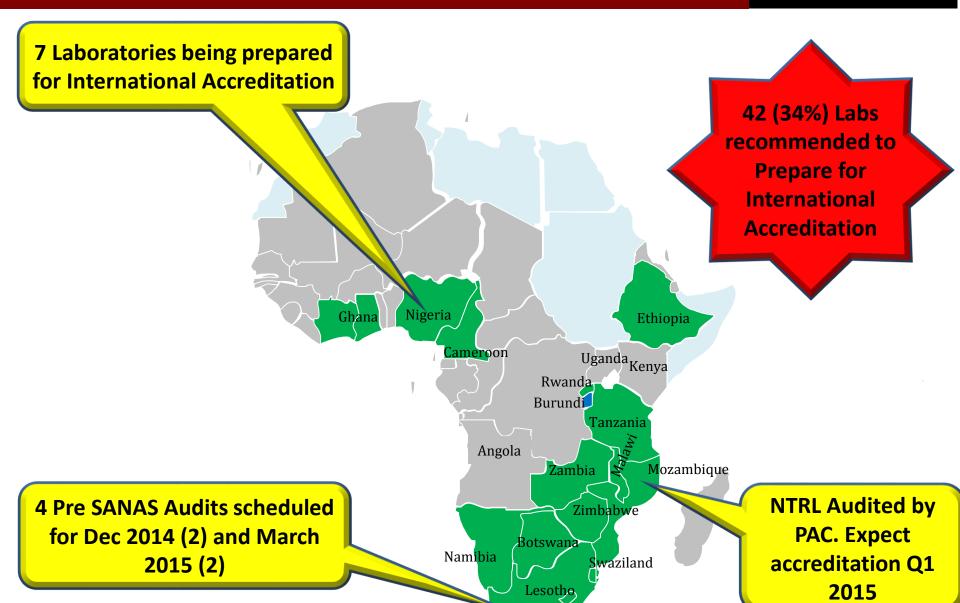
Performance of the 132 Laboratories





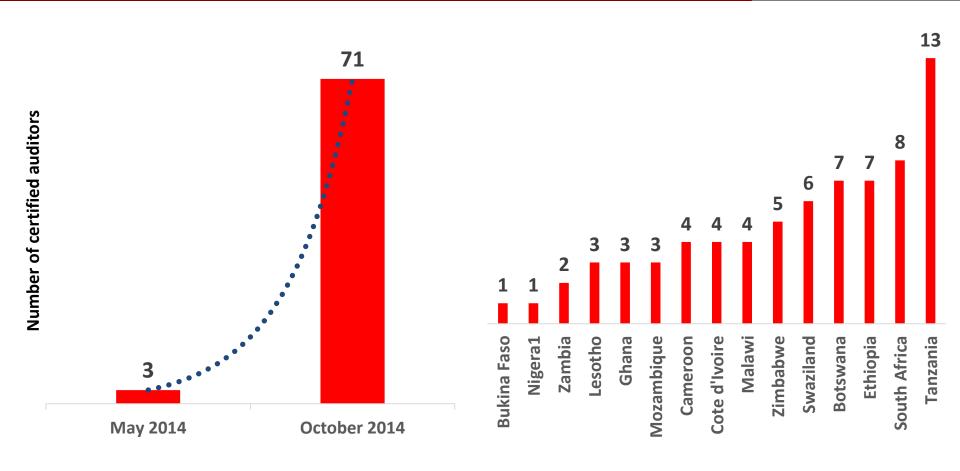
Progress Towards 250 Laboratories Accredited





Building capacity to conduct laboratory audits

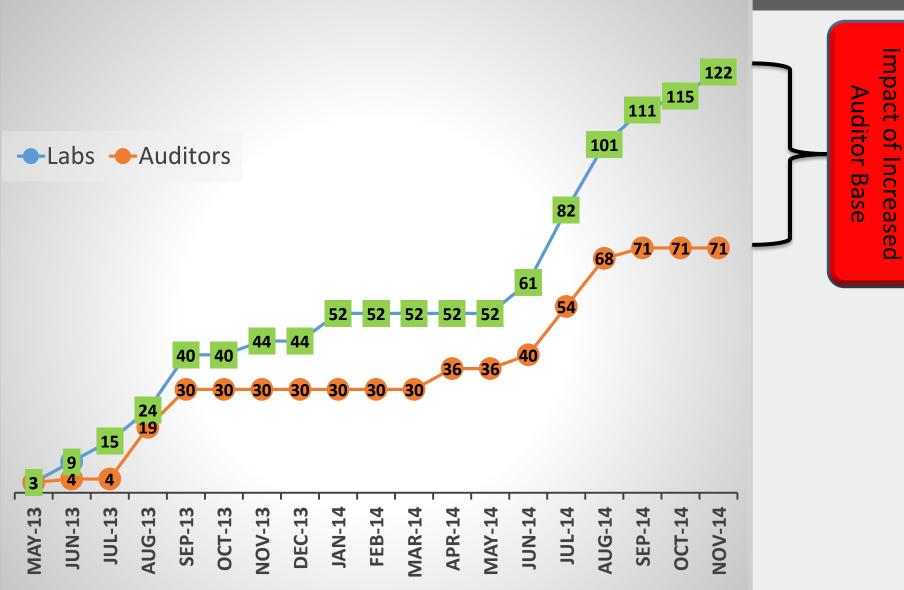




Portuguese = 3; French = 9; English = 59

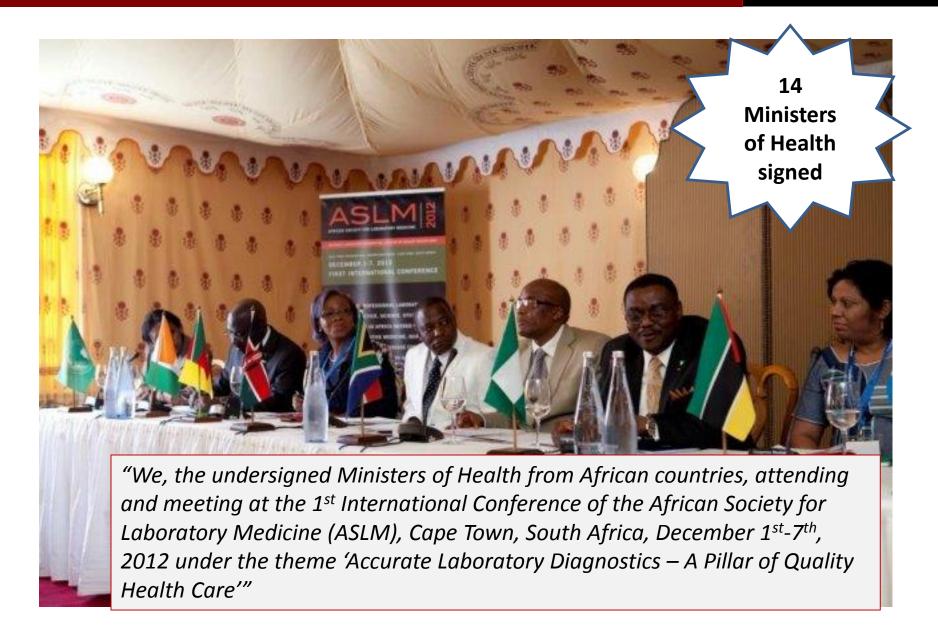
Capacity to audit: Looking ahead to Vision 2020





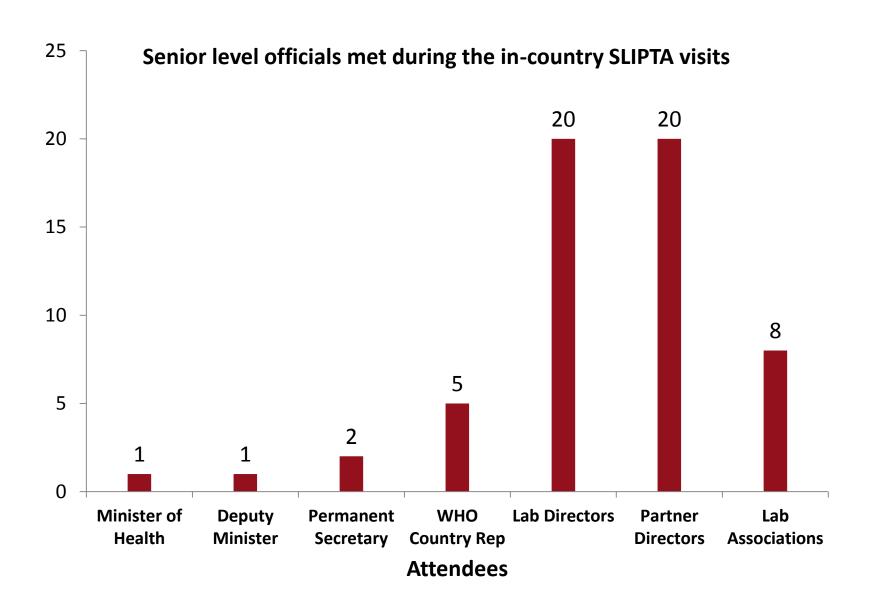
High level commitment to support lab strengthening



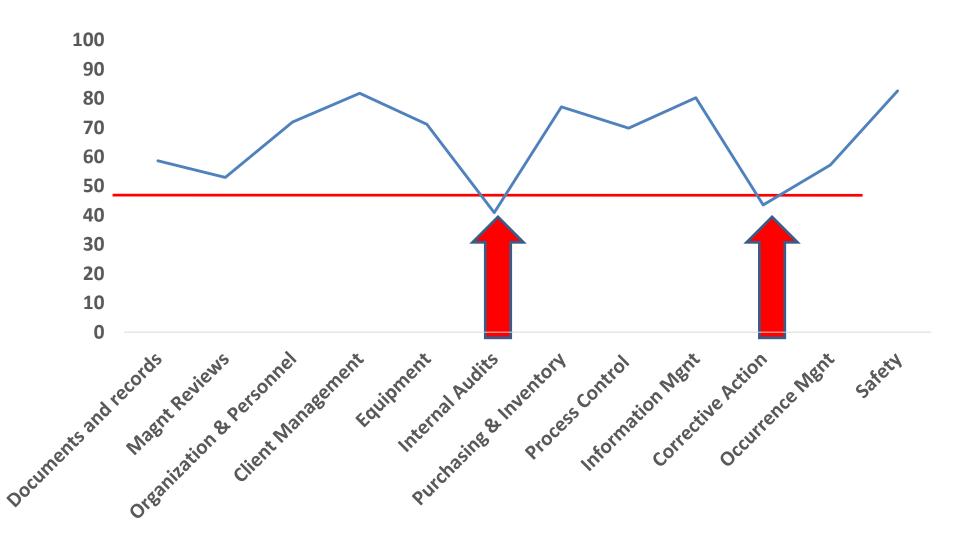


Advocacy meeting senior level attendees



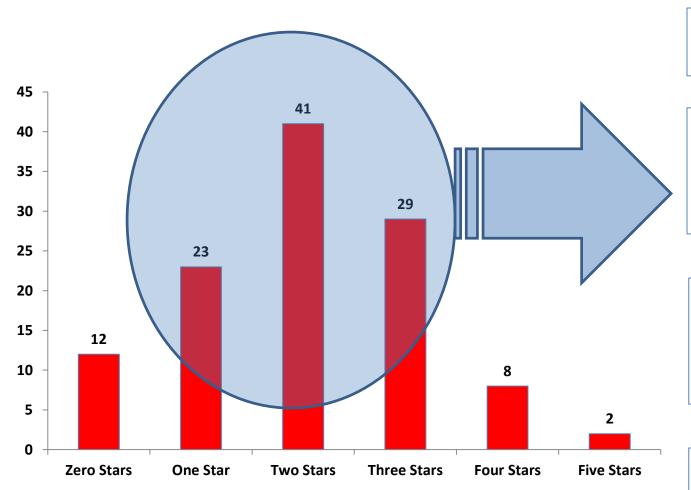


Average performance of the 132 Laboratories in Africa



Barriers to implementation of QMS





Infrastructure (p=0.001)

Availability of QMS experts (p=0.011) (O.R 20)

Staff commitment (p=0.013) O.R 8.4

Adequate financial support (p=0.036) O.R 7.0

Acknowledgement



- ASLM
- WHO
- CDC
- Audited countries MOH and Laboratories
- SLIPTA Auditors
- Partners Supporting Laboratories





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