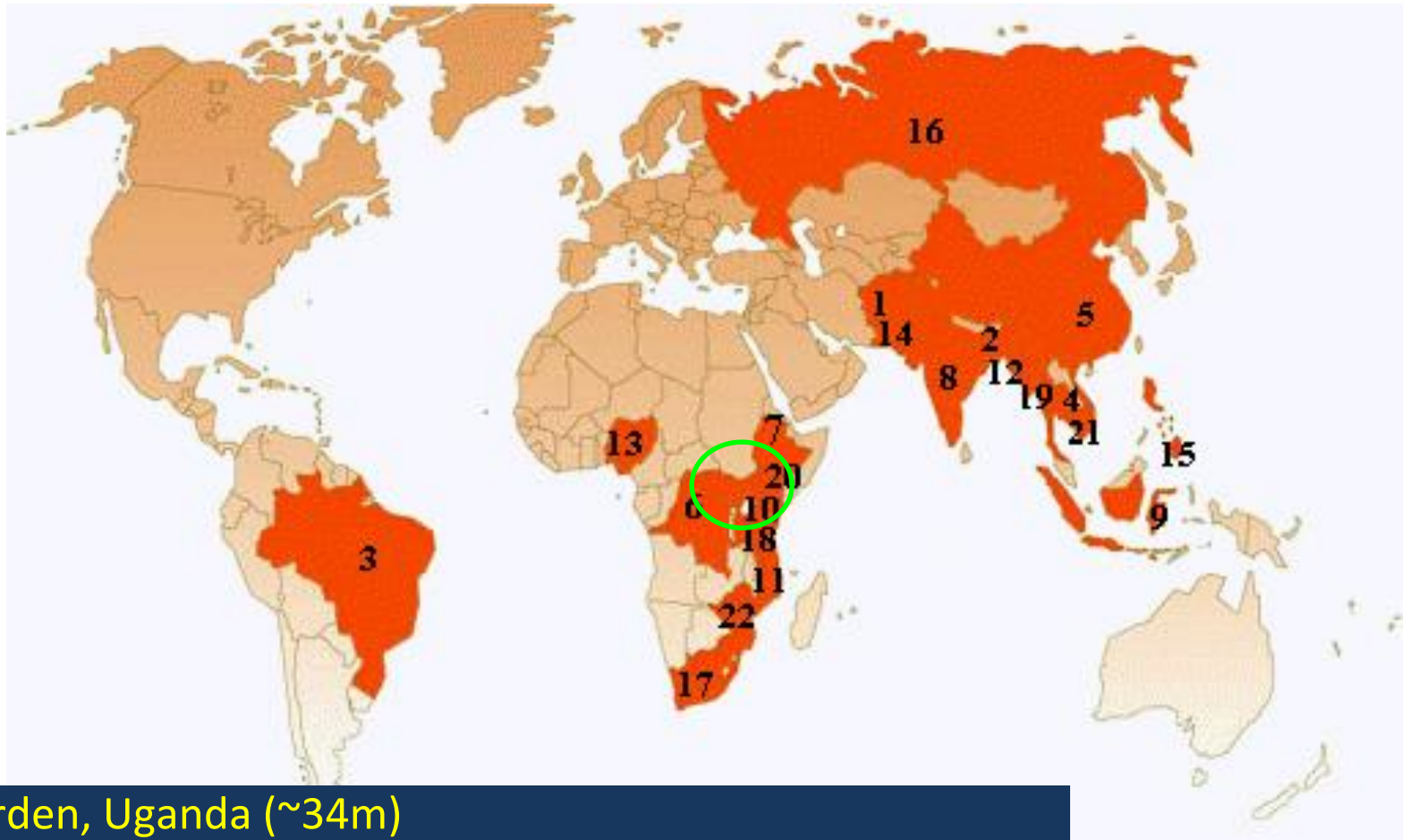


# Surveillance of TB Drug Resistance: Lessons from Uganda

Moses Joloba

# The 22 TB high Burden countries - WHO



## TB Burden, Uganda (~34m)

- Ranked No. 16
- All forms of TB per year: **49,000** cases
- Mortality from all forms of TB: 29,000
- High HIV prevalence (6.4% POPn and 50% in TB patients)

# Trend in Prevalence of MDR-TB in Uganda

Study	New	Previously treated
<b>1996 –7 Survey in 19 districts in Uganda.</b> (Bretzel et al, Int J Tuberc Lung Dis. 1999)	0.5%	4.4%
<b>2008 – Kampala (Capital City) Drug Survey.</b> (Lukoye D et al, PLoS ONE 6(1): e16130. 2011)	1.1%	11.7%
<b>2010 – National Drug Survey</b> (Manuscript in preparation)	1.4%	12.1%

# Factors associated with MDR-TB in Uganda

Factor	Univariate		Multivariate			
		N (%)	95% CI	OR (95% CI)	P-value	
Sex	Male	21/881 (2.4)	0.94 (0.4-2.0)	1.2 (0.50-3.30)	0.7	
	Female	10/444 (2.3)				
Age	>35 years	22/568(3.9)	3.3 (1.5-7.0)	0.001	2 (1.0-4.3)	0.04
	<35 years	9/757 (1.2)				
Residence	Urban	28/798 (3.51)	6.3 (1.9-20.9)	0.002	6.0 (1.44-25.3)	0.02
	Rural	3/527 (0.57)				
HIV status	Positive	11/388 (2.8)	1.3 (0.6-2.6)	0.5		
	Negative	20/984 (2.2)				
Previous TB RX	Yes	14/116 (12.1)	8.6 (4.3-16.9)	<0.001	8.6 (4.0-18.2)	<0.001
	No	17/1209 (1.4)				

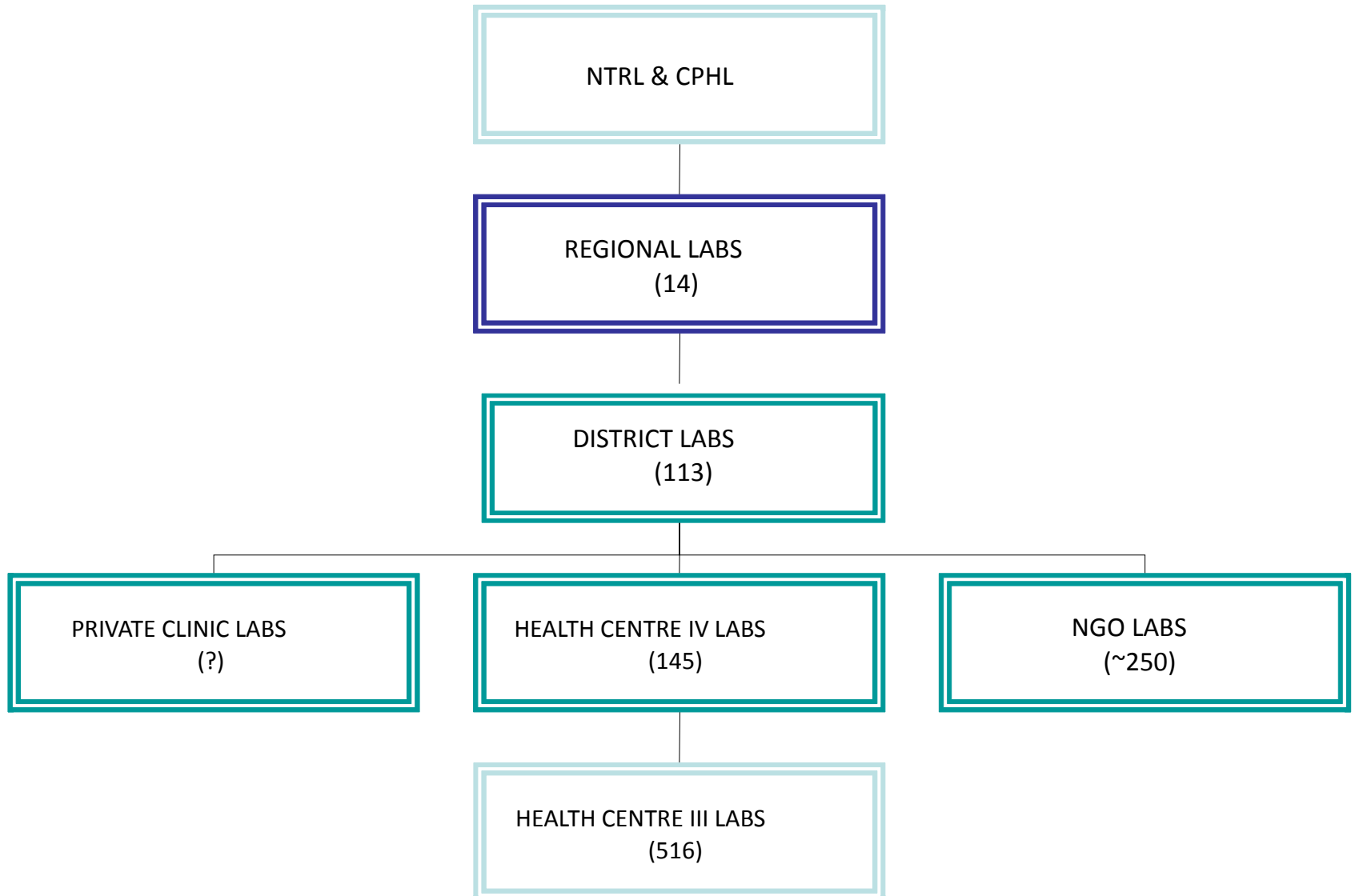
# MDR TB Surveillance in Uganda

# Factors leading to improved surveillance

- Good sample referral system
- Improved diagnostics
- Use of supportive tools
  - Laboratory Information System (LIS)
  - Geographical Information System (GIS)
  - Electronic delivery of results (sms, e-mail, phone calls)

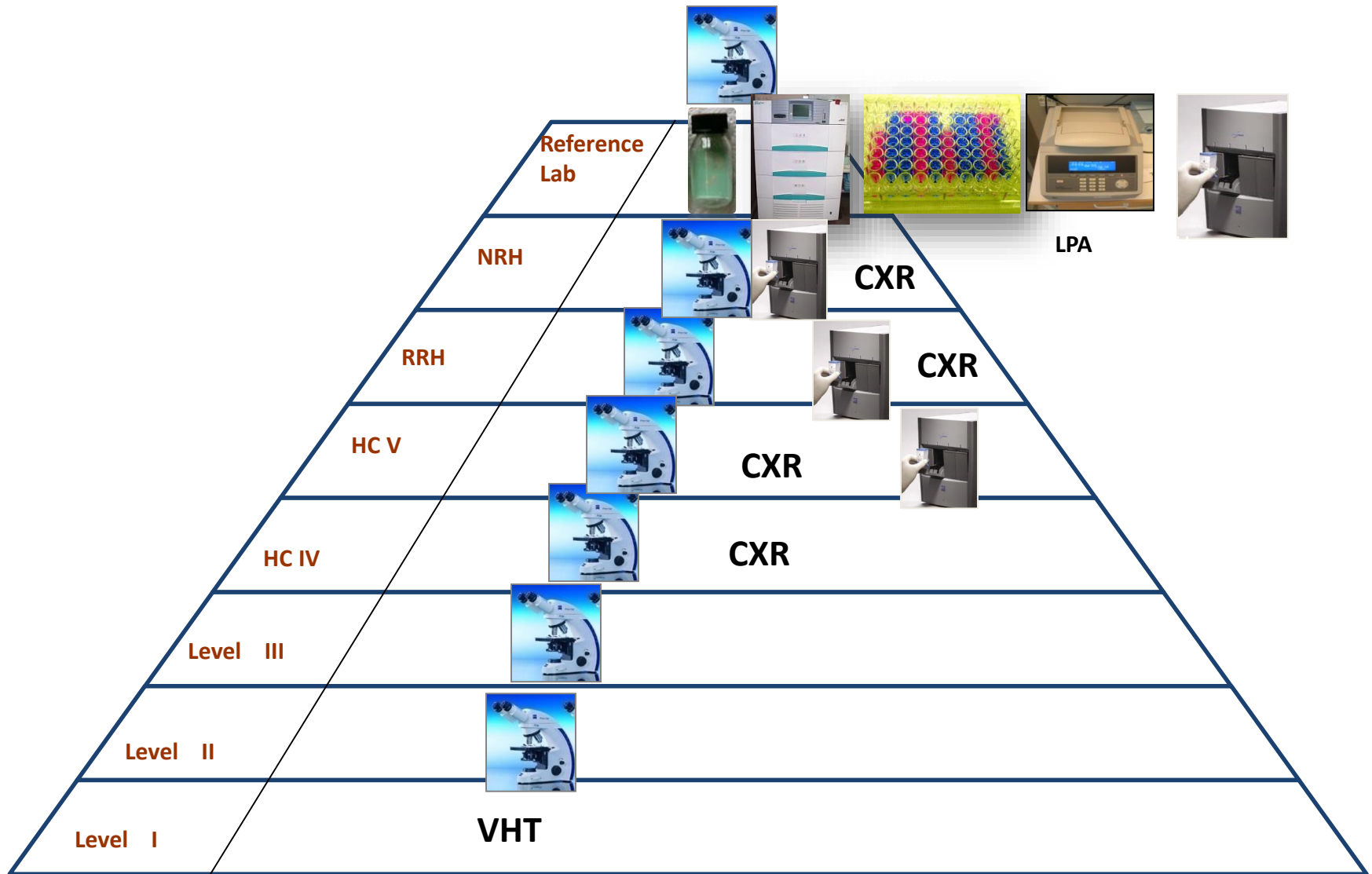
# Over view of lab set up

# UGANDA TB LABORATORY NETWORK

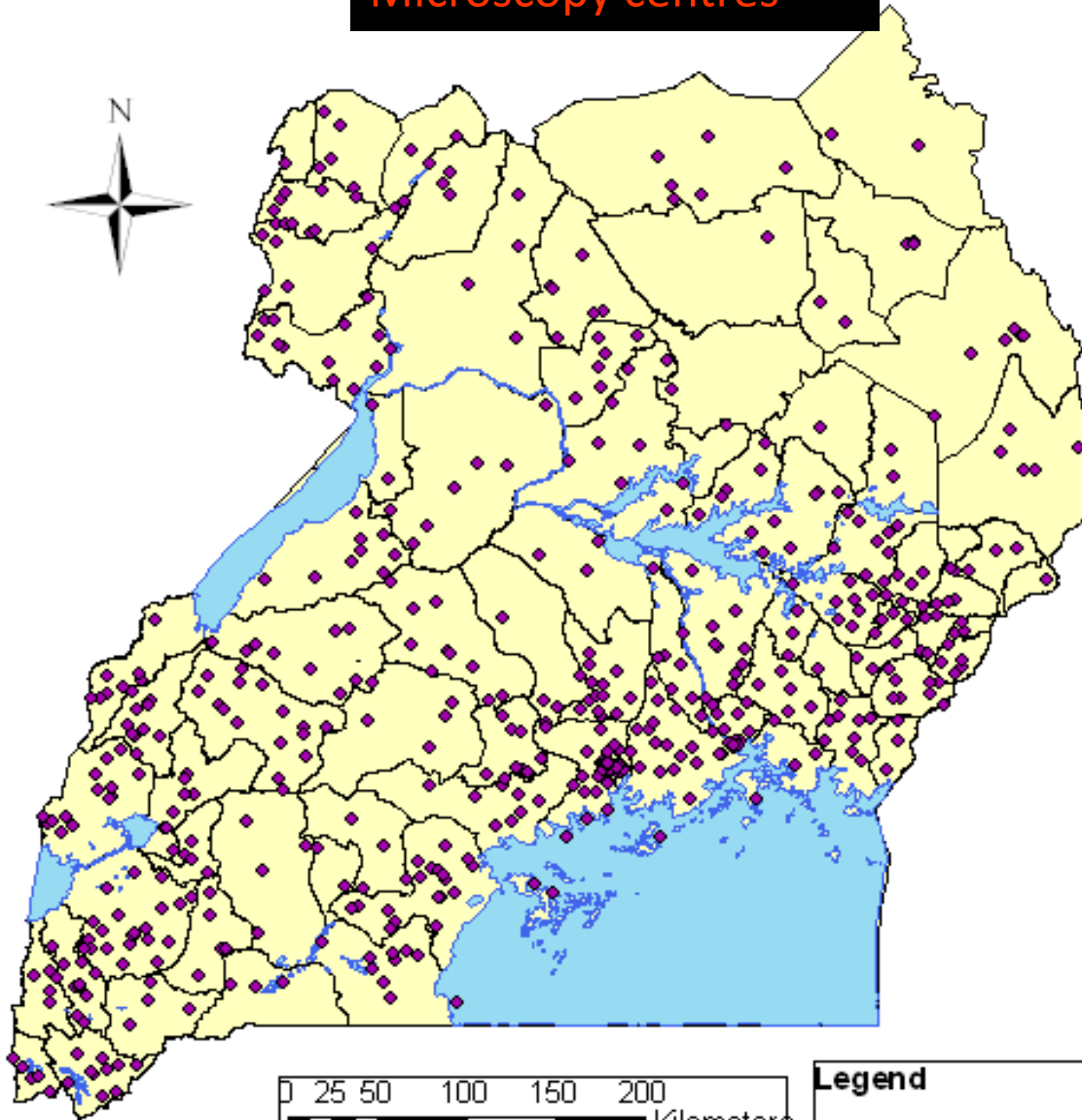




# Access to TB diagnostics in Uganda tiered health system



## Microscopy centres



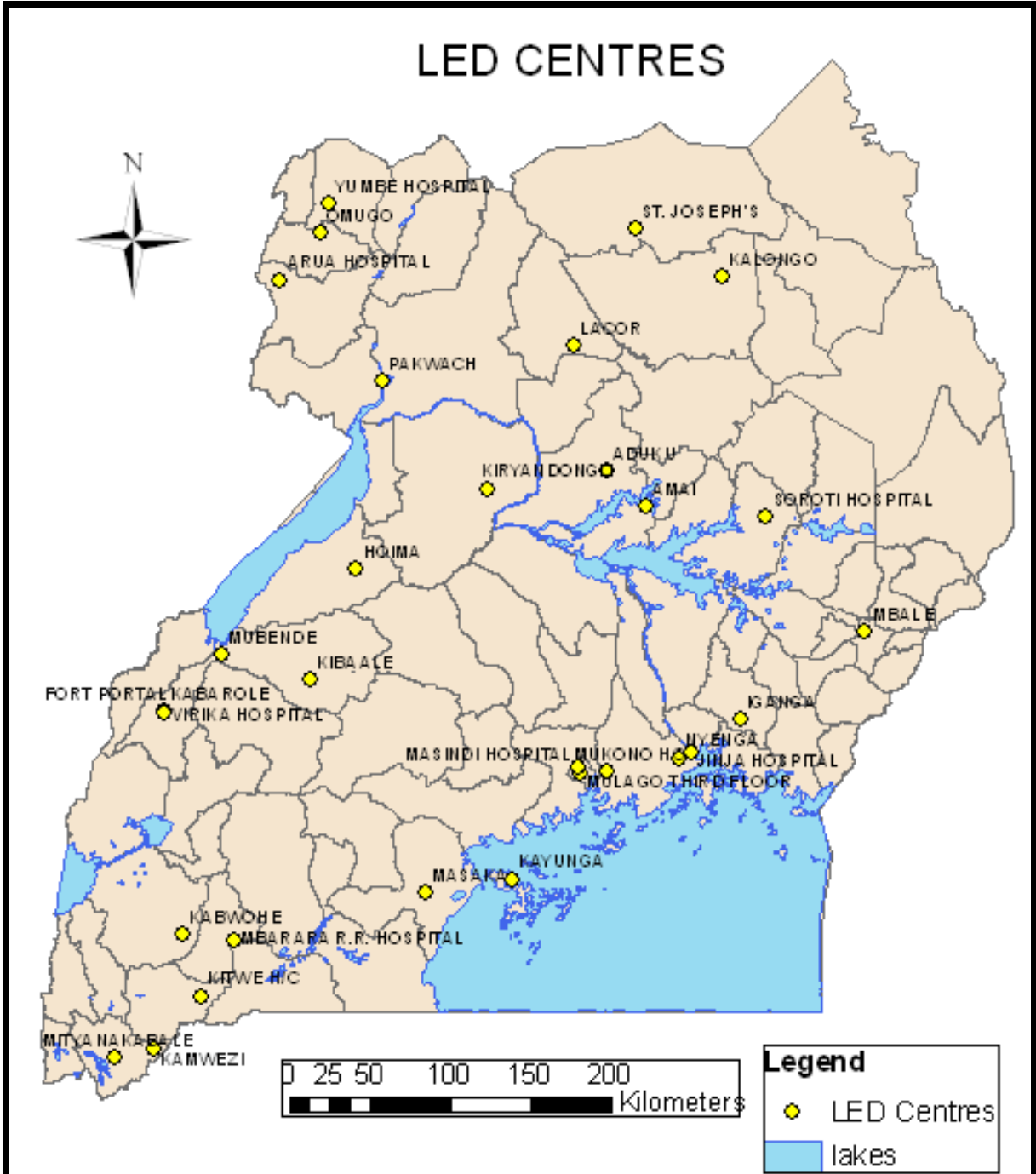
~1000 centres

0 25 50 100 150 200  
Kilometers

### Legend

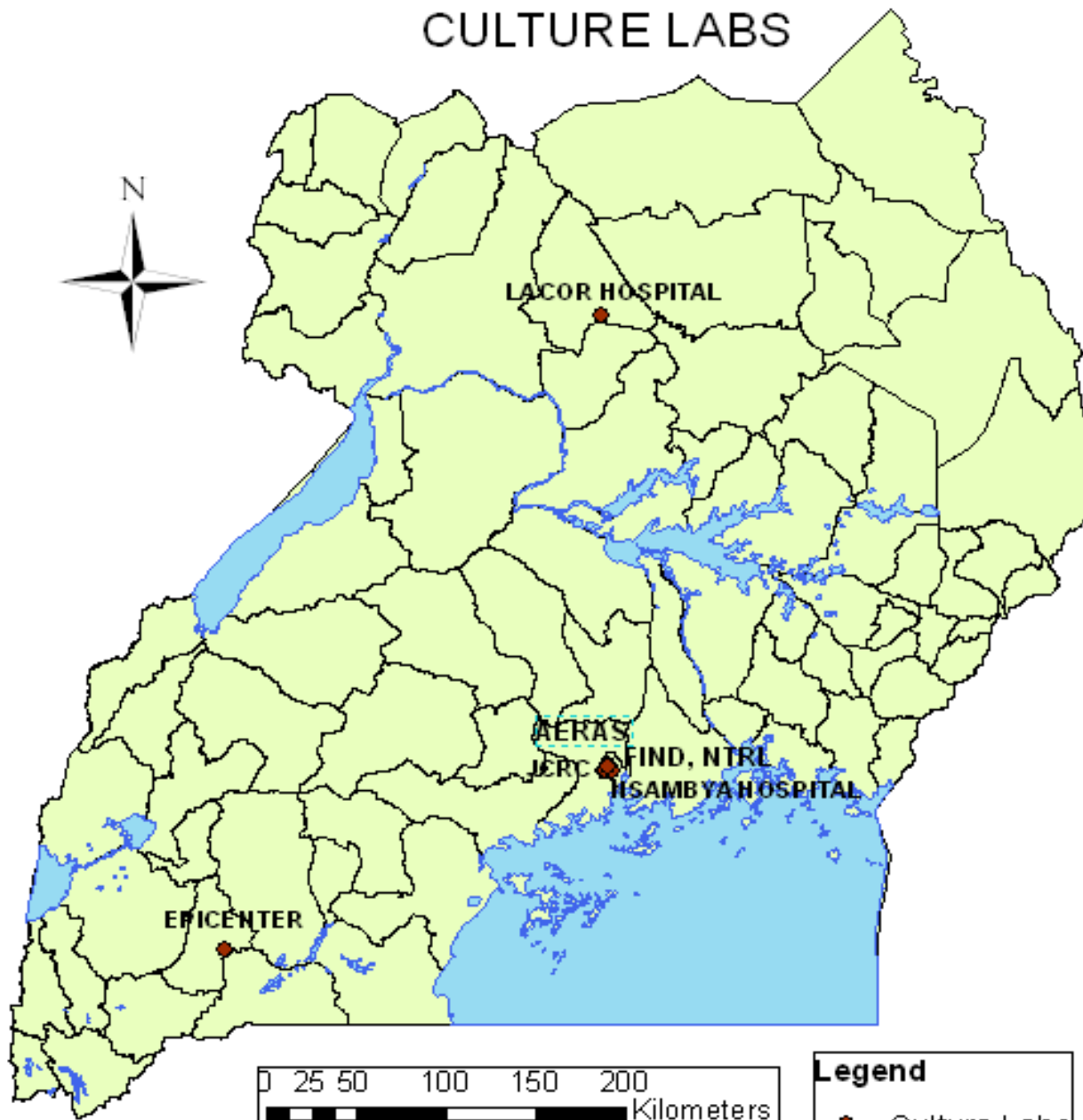
- ◆ Health Facilities
- lakes

# LED CENTRES



100 LEDs

# CULTURE LABS



## Problem:

1. Centralized testing
2. Slow diagnostics

# Solution – phase I

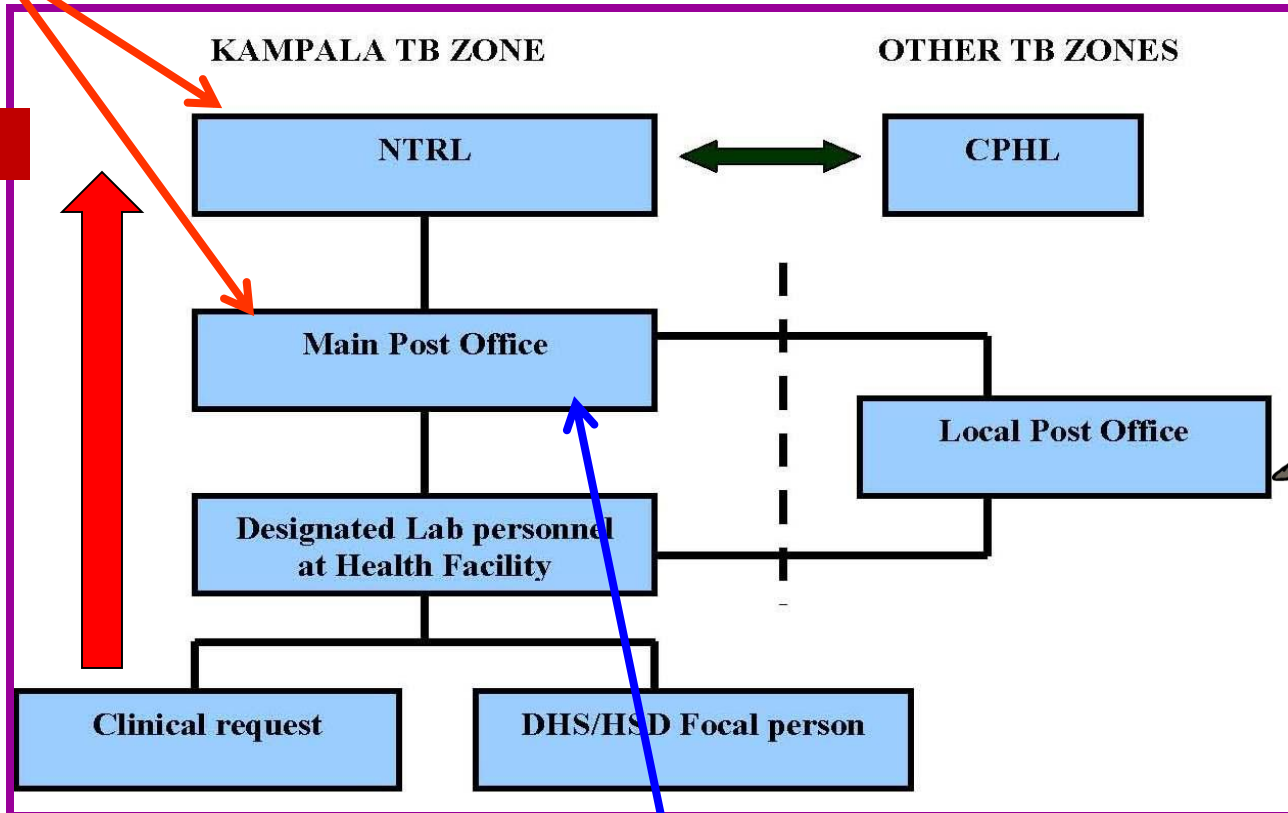
- Improve sample referral & result dispatch
- Improve diagnostics - rapid

# Rapid sample transportation and result dispatch is key



**Toll free line**

**Samples**



**LIS –  
COMPUTER  
SOLUTIONS**



**Results sent  
electronically**

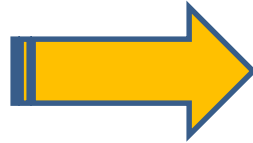
**Partnering with Post Office, member of Stop TB**

# Improved Drug susceptibility testing (DST)

Indirect proportion  
by LJ and Bactec 460

Genotype MTBDR – Rapidly Detects MDR TB

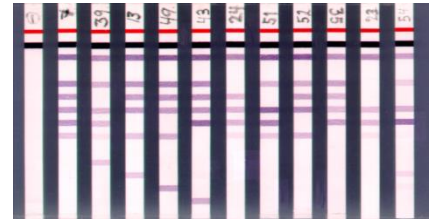
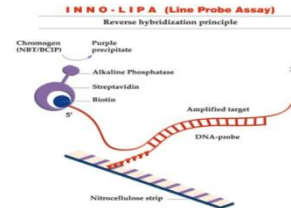
TAT 3 month



**PCR  
Detection**



**Hybridization**



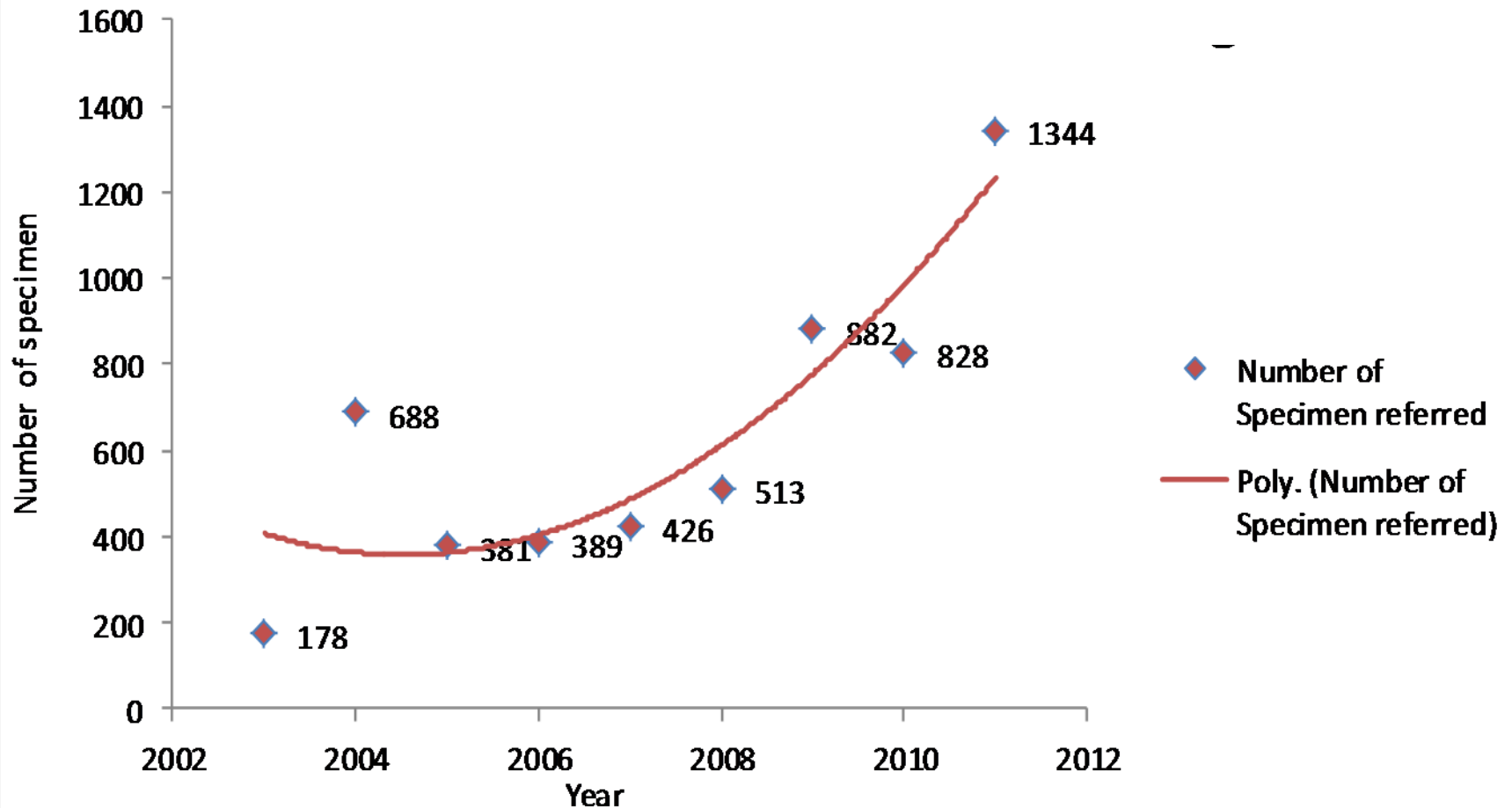
TAT 3 weeks

TAT 2 days

# Results – phase 1



# Number of Suspect MDR-TB Specimen referred



# NO.OF DAYS BETWEEN COLLECTION AND RECEIPT OF SAMPLES

Jan - Dec 2008

Days	Frequency	Cum Percent
0	8	1.2
1	8	2.4
2	19	5.3
<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8.9</b>
4	23	12.4
5	32	17.3
6	55	25.6
7	37	31.3
8	42	37.7
9	41	44.0
10	31	48.7
11	21	51.9
12- 239	315	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>100</b>

**Baseline:**

**Start of referral system**

**8.9% in 3 days: Avg 17 days**

## NO.OF DAYS BETWEEN COLLECTION AND RECEIPT OF SAMPLES

Jan-2011-Dec 2011

	No .of samples	Percent	Cumulative Percent
0	4128	71.0	71.0
1	846	14.6	85.6
2	301	5.2	90.7
<b>3</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>94.2</b>
4	101	1.7	95.9
5	45	.8	96.7
6	48	.8	97.5
7	48	.8	98.4
8	24	.4	98.8
9	15	.3	99.0
10 - 19	56	.8	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5813</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

94.2% of samples came within the set TAT of 3 days: Avg 2 days

## Time from Collection to Receipt at NTRL (All samples, Jan - Dec 2012)

Days	Freq	Cum %
0	4617	49.7
1	2695	78.7
2	749	86.7
<b>3</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>92.5</b>
4	247	95.2
5	154	96.8
6	85	97.7
7 - 27	211	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9296</b>	

## Time from Collection to Receipt at NTRL ( Outside Kampala, Jan - Dec 2012 )

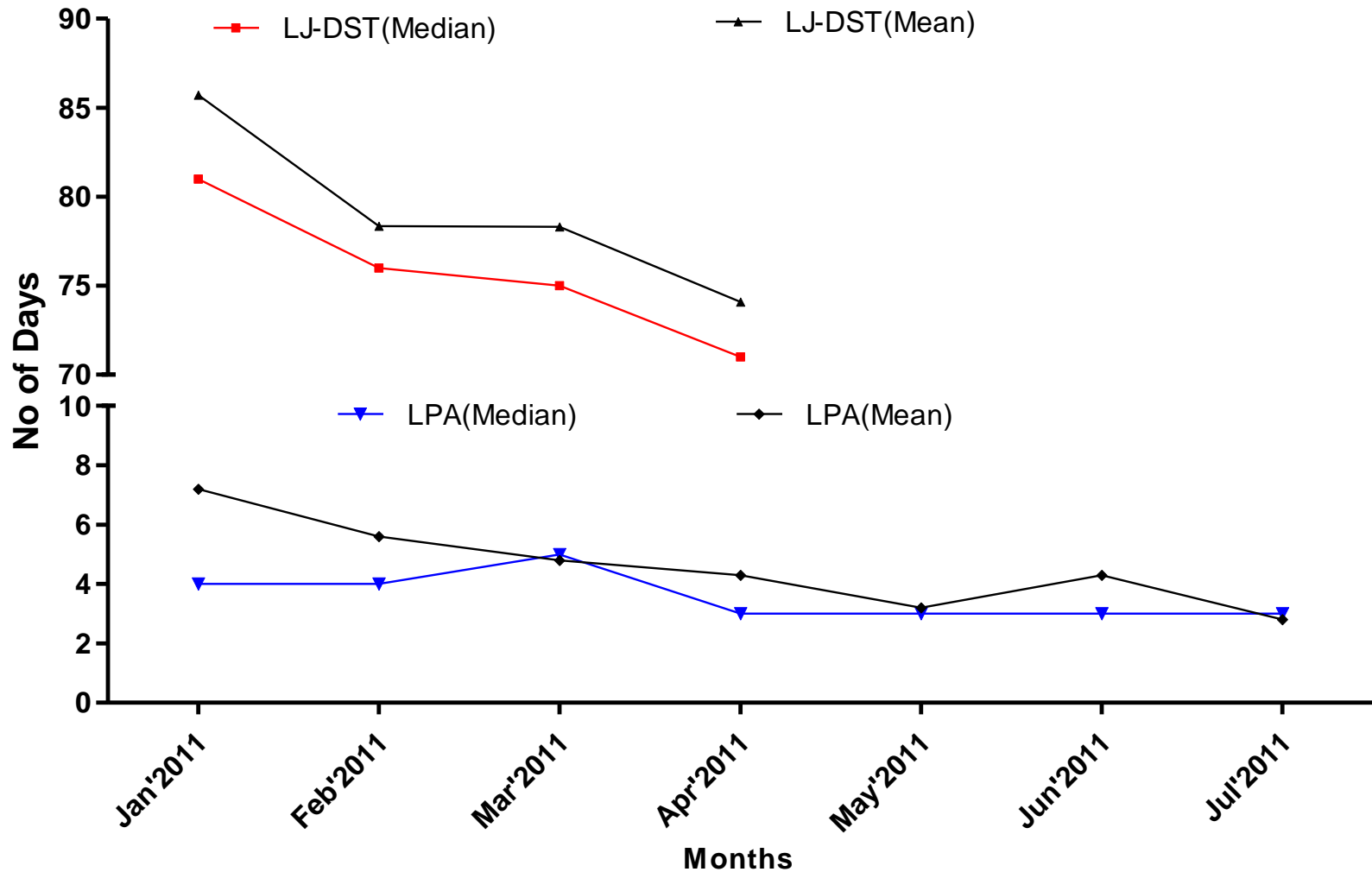
Days	Freq	Cum %
0	712	31.9
1	425	50.9
2	584	77.0
<b>3</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>84.7</b>
5	110	89.7
6	79	93.2
7	55	95.7
8 - 26	97	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2234</b>	

## Jan - Dec 2013

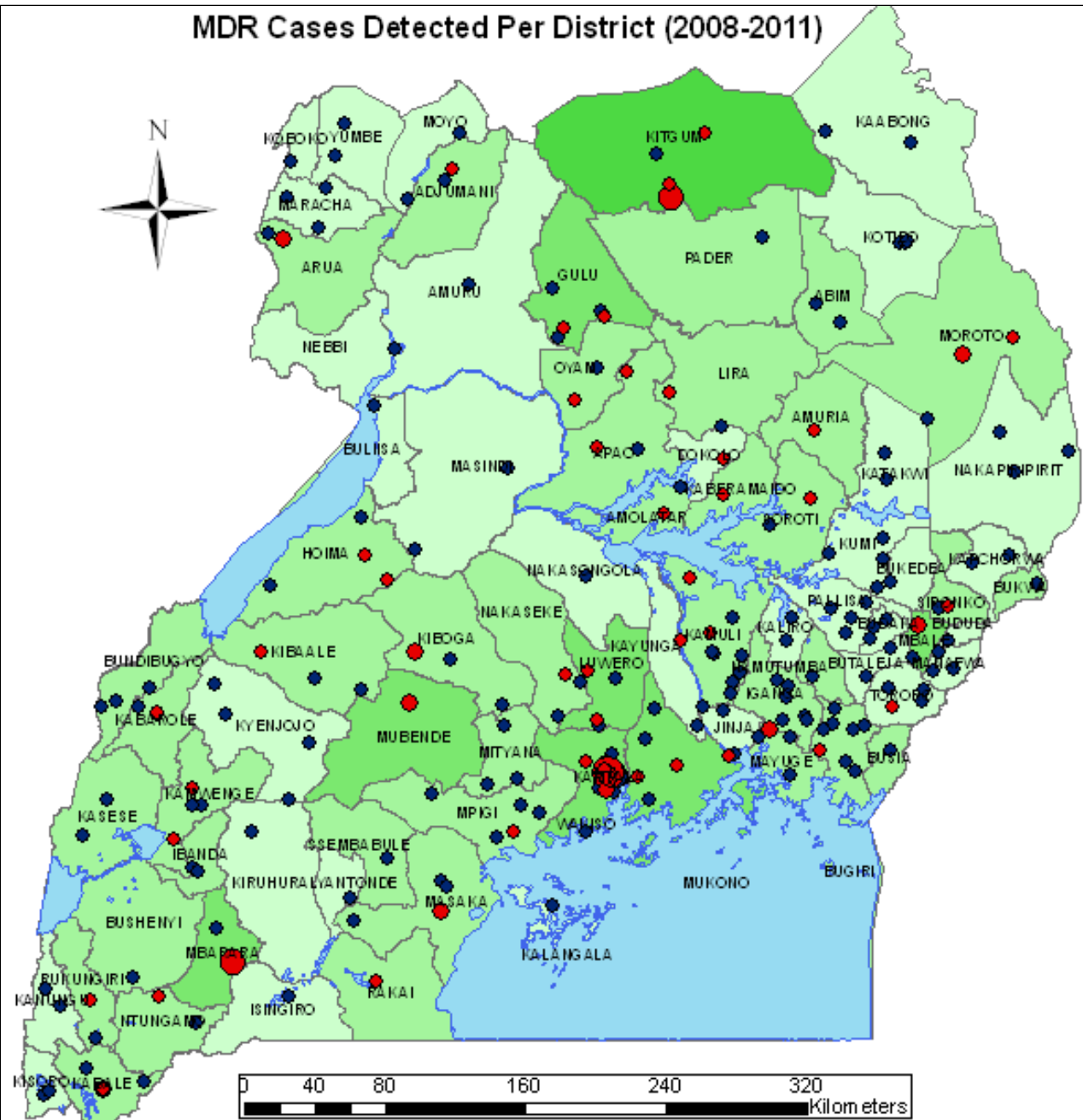
Days	Freq	Cum %
<b>0-3</b>	<b>7581</b>	<b>83.6</b>
4-7	1194	96.8
>7	290	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9065</b>	

- 70% of results are dispatched electronically

# LPA/LJ-DST TAT FROM RECEPTION TO DISPATCH FOR 2011



# MDR Cases Detected Per District (2008-2011)



**KEY**

**DISTRICTS**

**CASES**

- 0
- 1 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 and more

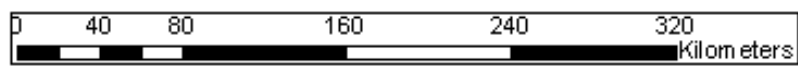
lakes

**MDR Health Facilities**

**NO.\_OF\_CAS**

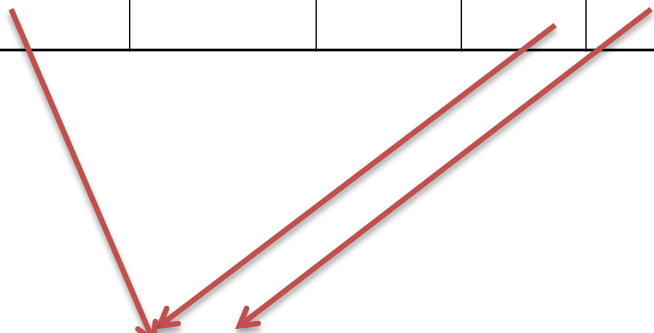
- 1 - 3
- 4 - 9
- 10 - 20
- 21 - 232

TSRS Labs



# Proportion of previously treated patients tested - 2011

PTB											Total
New M +	CDR %	New M -	NSD N	Relapse +	Relapse -	NSD R	Def +	Fail +	Other	EPTB	
25,614	57.2%	12,830	1,559	1,302	534	107	1,206	306	559	5,001	49,018


$$1344 / 2814 = 48\%$$

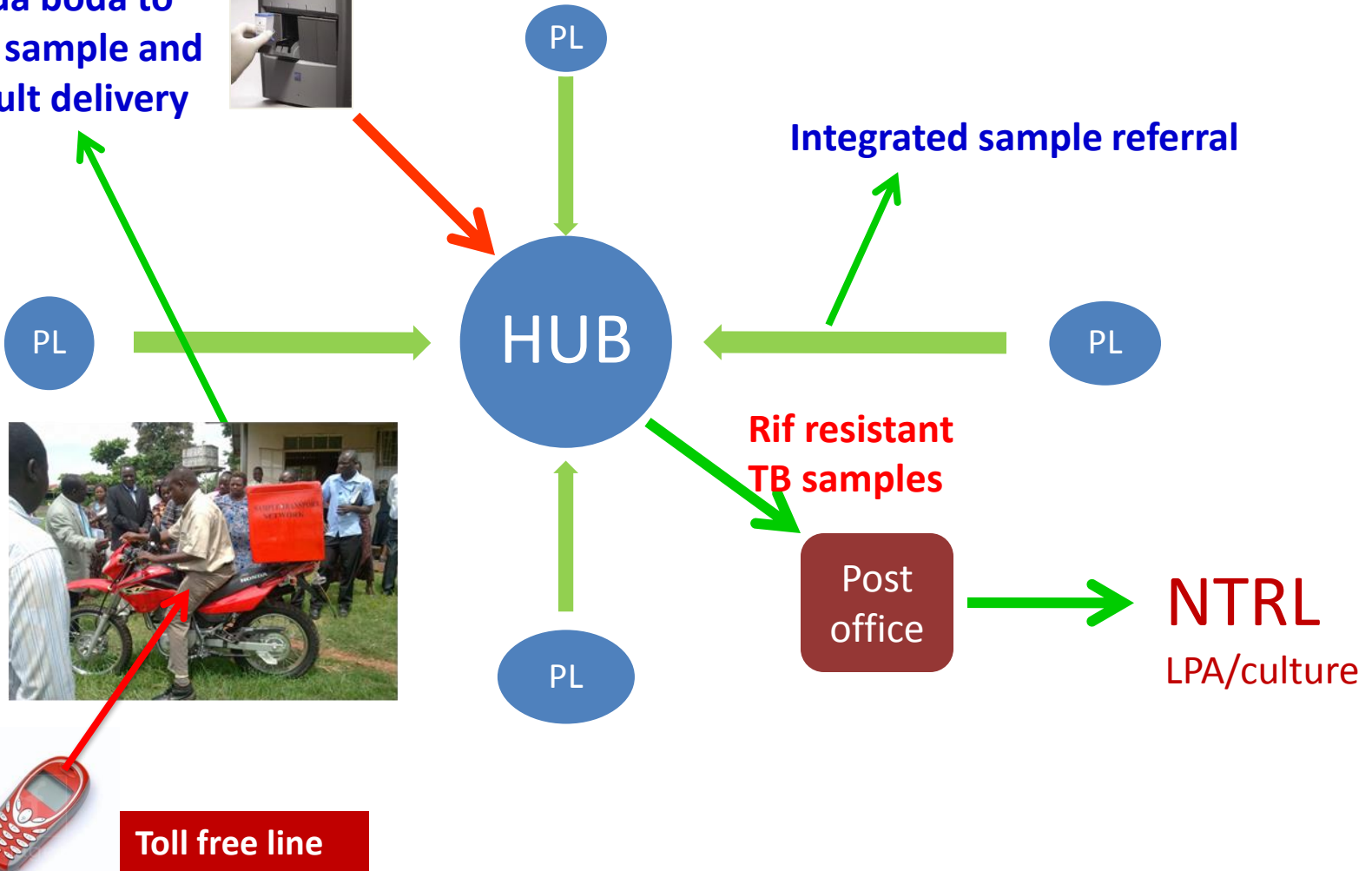
# Solution – Phase II

1. Expand & integrate referral system
  - HUB system
2. Decentralize testing

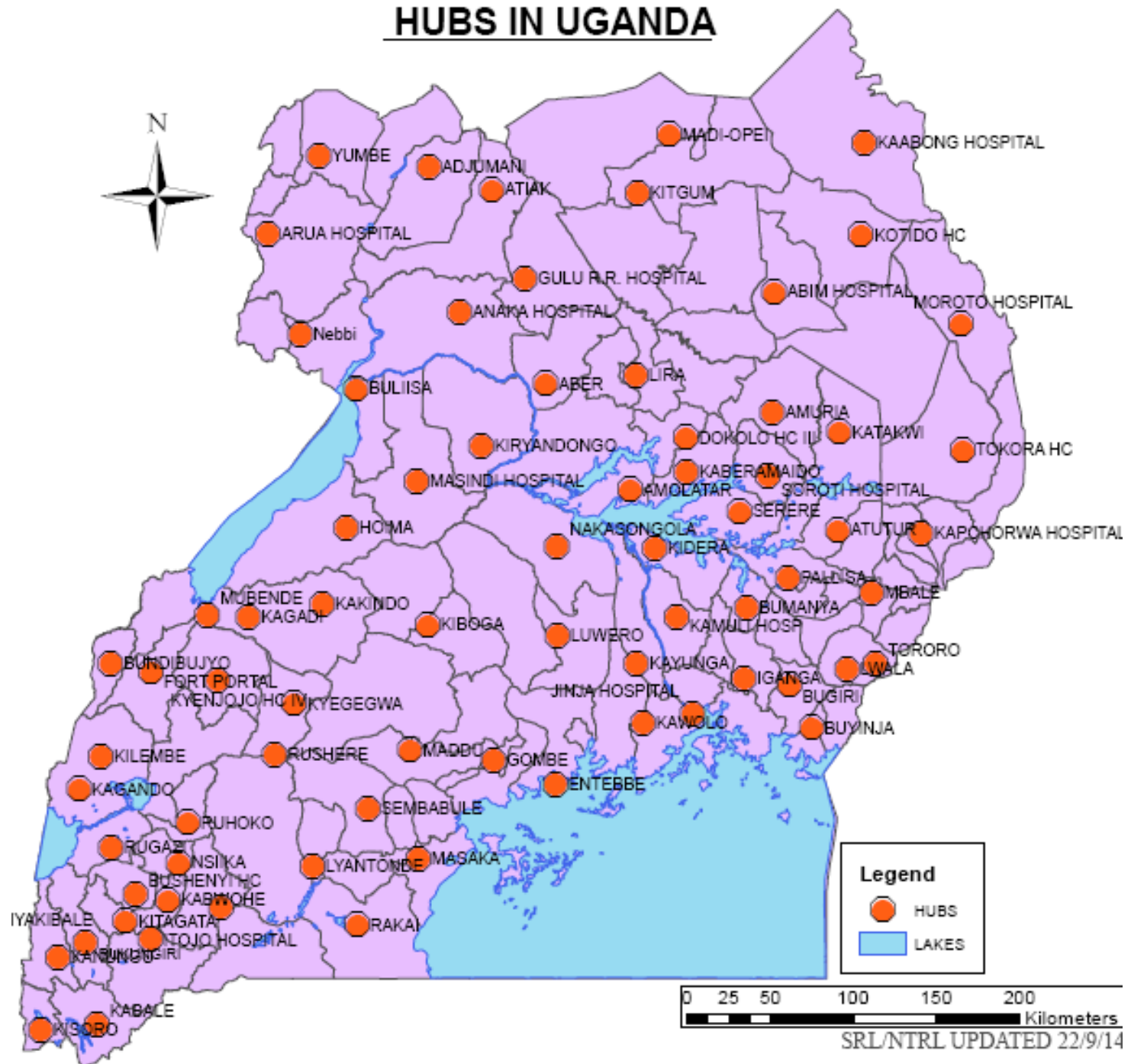


# Collection HUBs to improve access to the peripheral centers

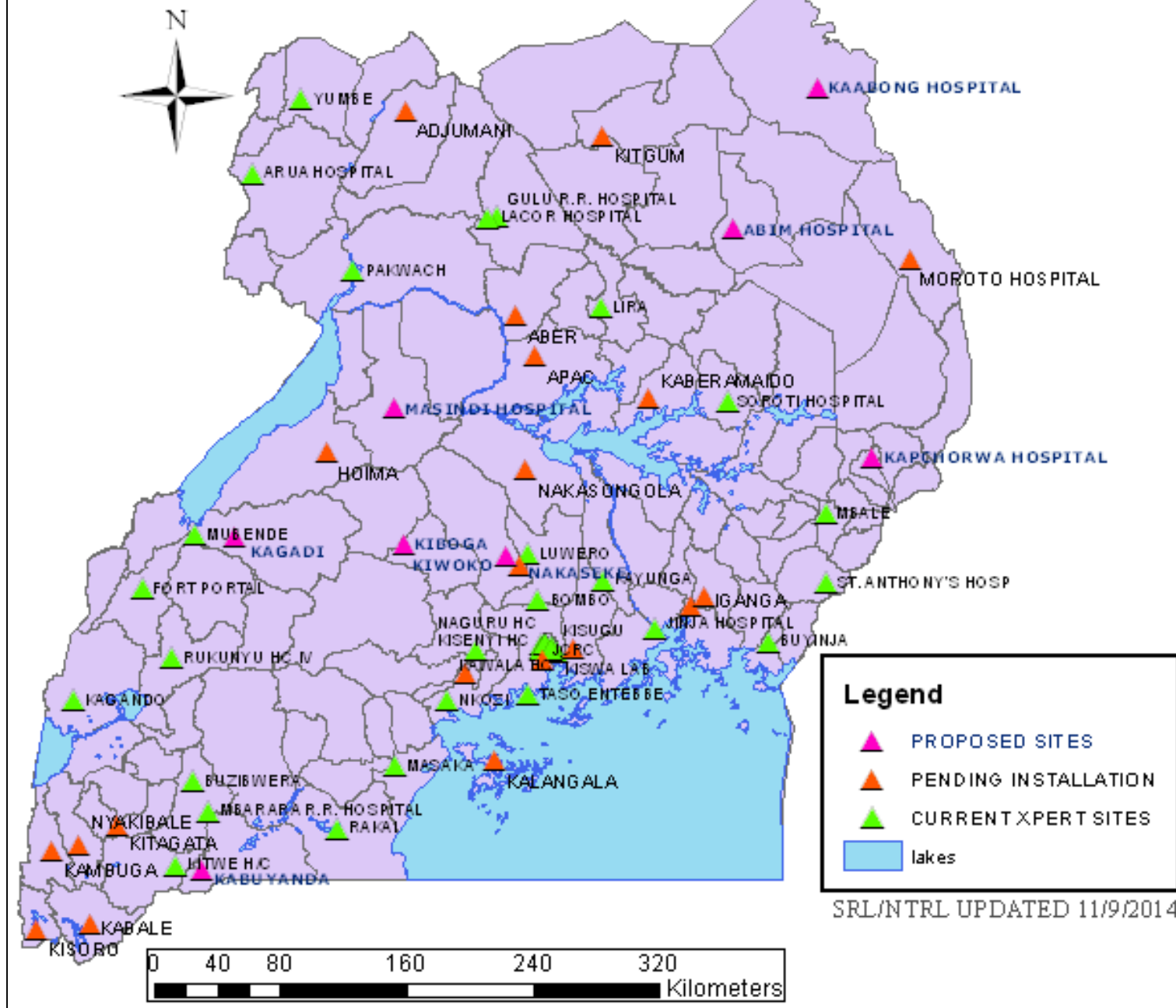
Boda boda to aid sample and result delivery



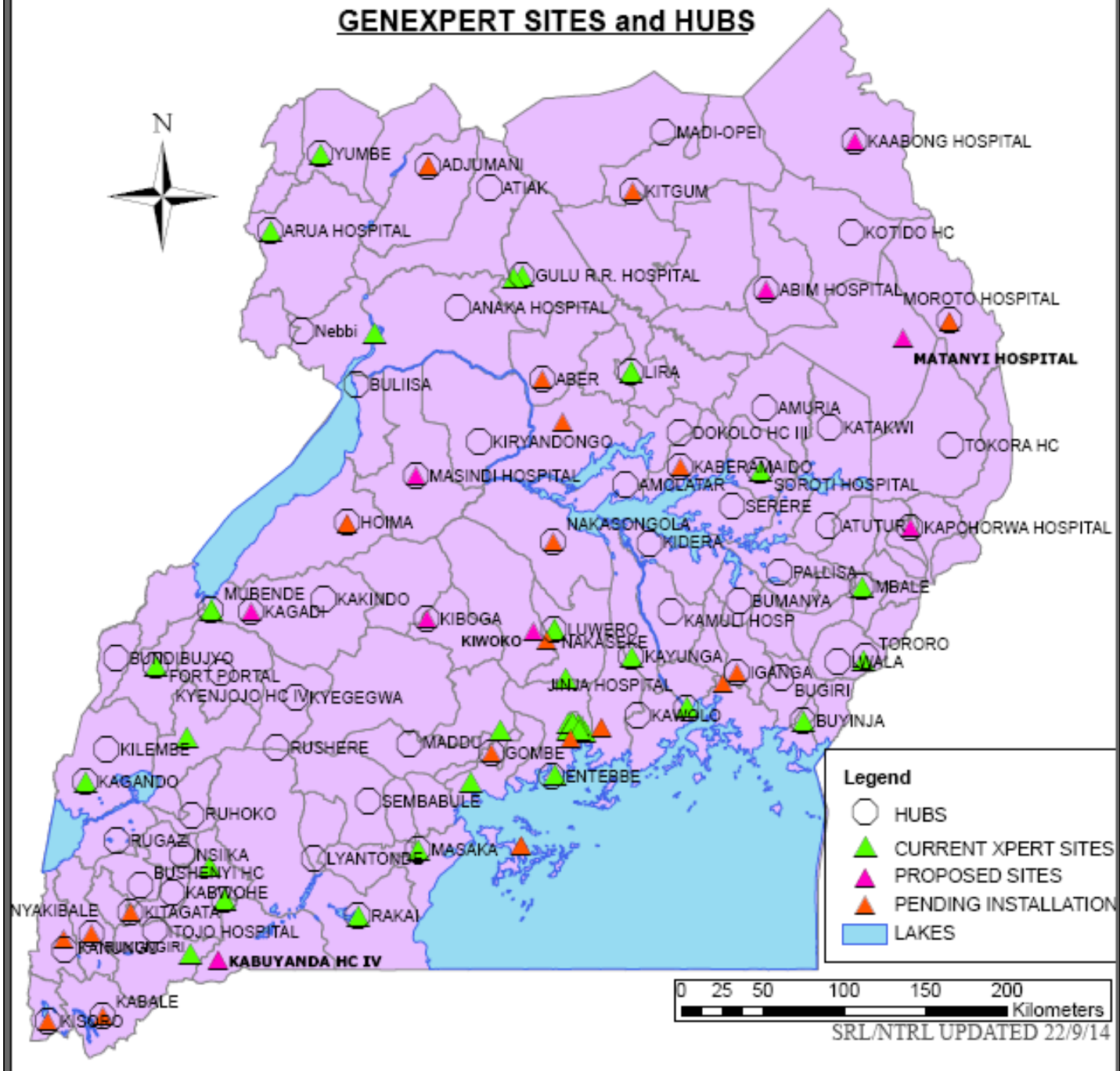
# HUBS IN UGANDA



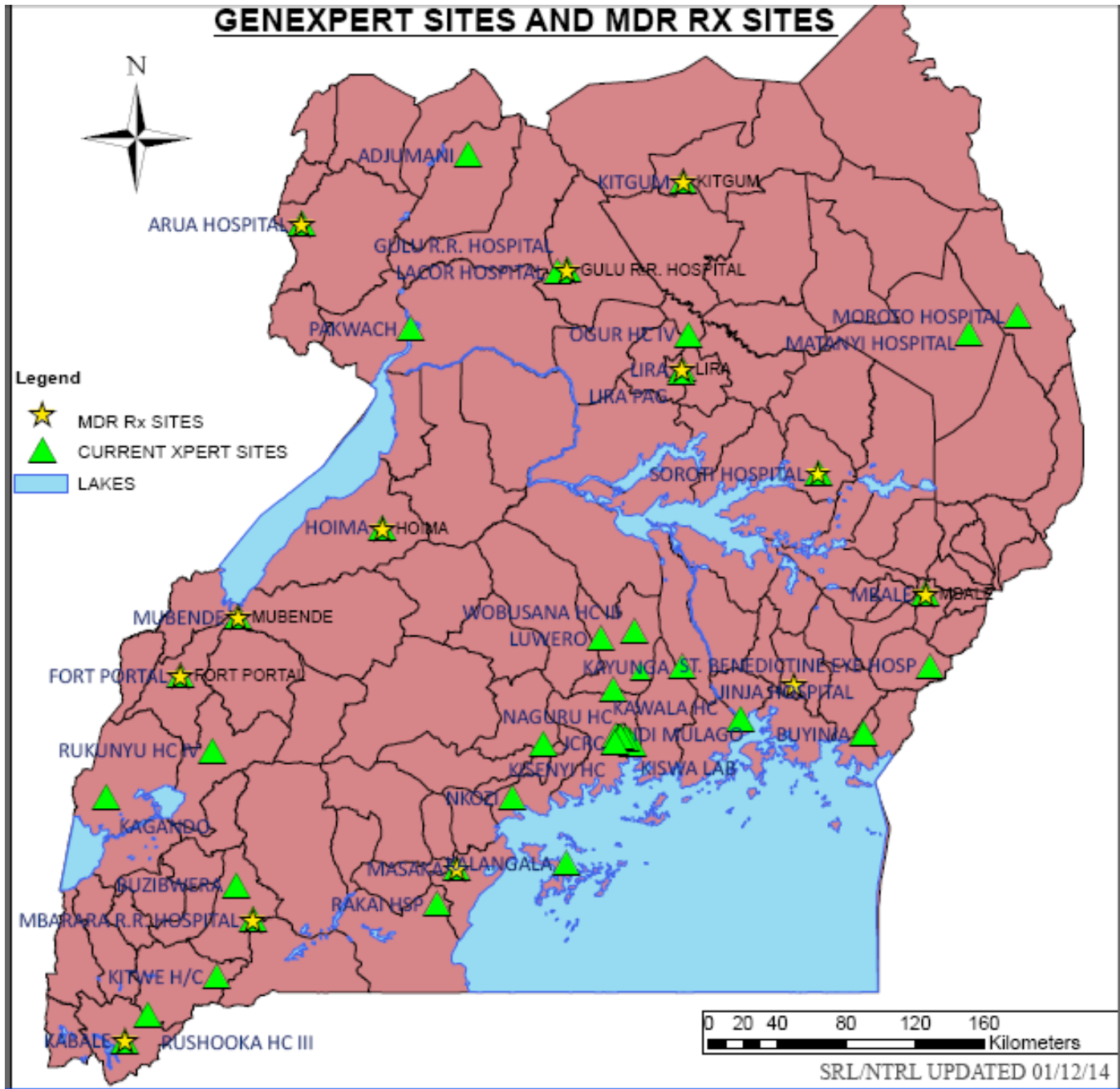
# GENEXPERT SITES



# GENEXPERT SITES and HUBS



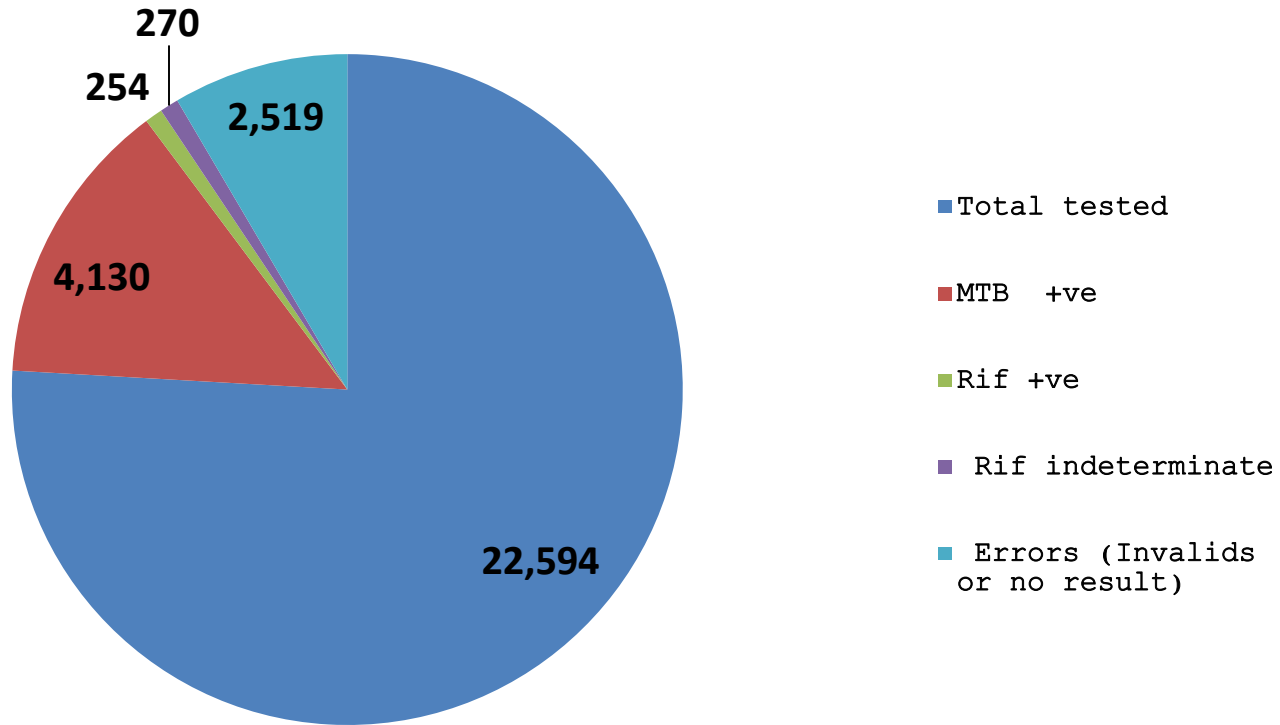
# GENEXPERT SITES AND MDR RX SITES





# GX Data from 28 of 47 sites

(Jun 2013 – Aug 2014)



60 MDR enrolled on RX in Same period

Smear negative	22,594
MTB +ve	4,130
Rif resistant	254
RIF indeterminate	270
Errors (Invalids or no result)	2,519
Rif resistance rate (%)	6.15
Pos rate (%)	18.8
Error rate (%)	11.5

# Solution – Phase III

- Data handling

Can we get better quality data, faster?

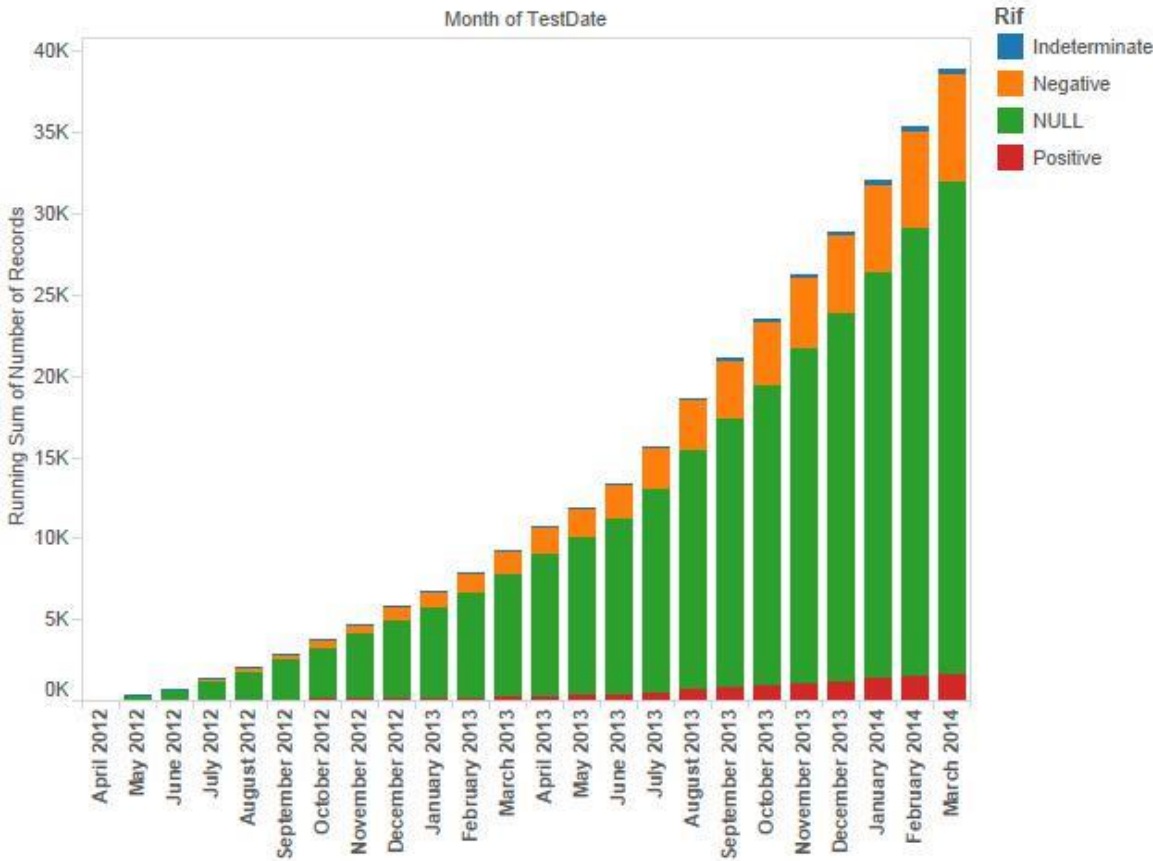
Does it lead to NTP action?

Do results get to patients?

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Can GxAlert get patients into **appropriate treatment faster?**

### Rif Results



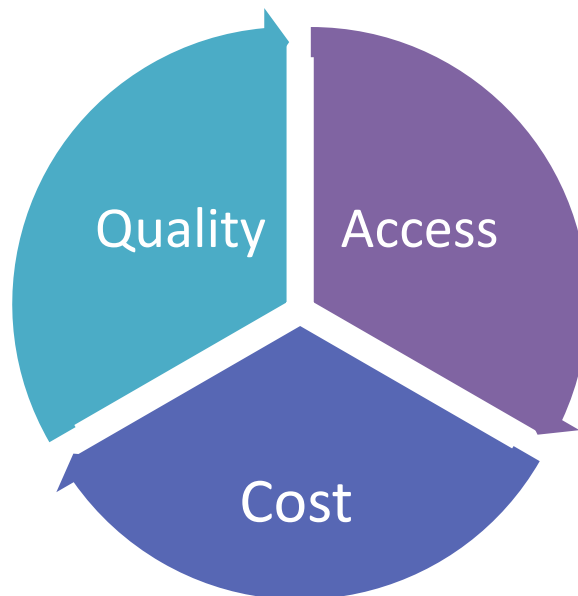
*“We saw **10x** the level of MDR we expected!”*

Working on  
“Clinician Referral”

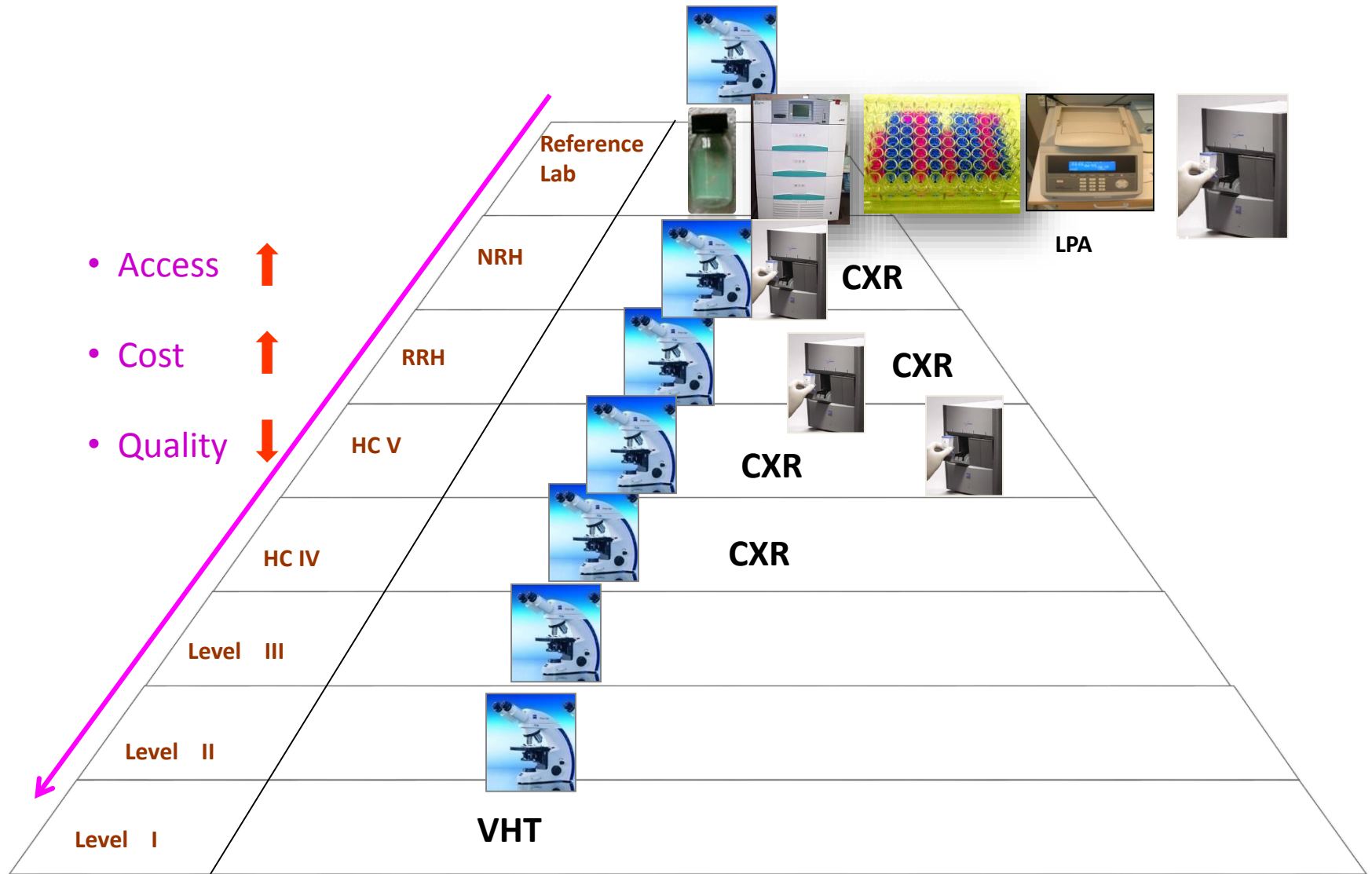


# What is the best surveillance approach?

- **Fast (TAT)** – to allow early initiation of therapy
- **Sensitive** – to detect most of the cases
- **Specific** – to minimize false treatment
- **Accessible** – to have a significant impact
- **Cost effective** – to be sustainable



# As access increases, quality could decrease



# Sample referral networks

- Maintain quality
  - At few units
- Improve access

**Thank you !!!**

**BIRD'S-EYE VIEW**

