

**TRAINING HCW'S TO INCREASE
THEIR SKILLS FOR HPV DNA
TESTING AND WORKING
TOWARDS DE-CENTRALIZING
TESTING TO EXPAND ACROSS
THE COUNTRY**

Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Performance of cervical cancer screening and treatment programme
- HPV DNA program
- Areas requiring support



Cervical Cancer in National Health Strategy (2021-2025)

- **Public Health Pillar**

- **Health Sector Priority 3.4:**

Reduced Morbidity and Mortality due to Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases

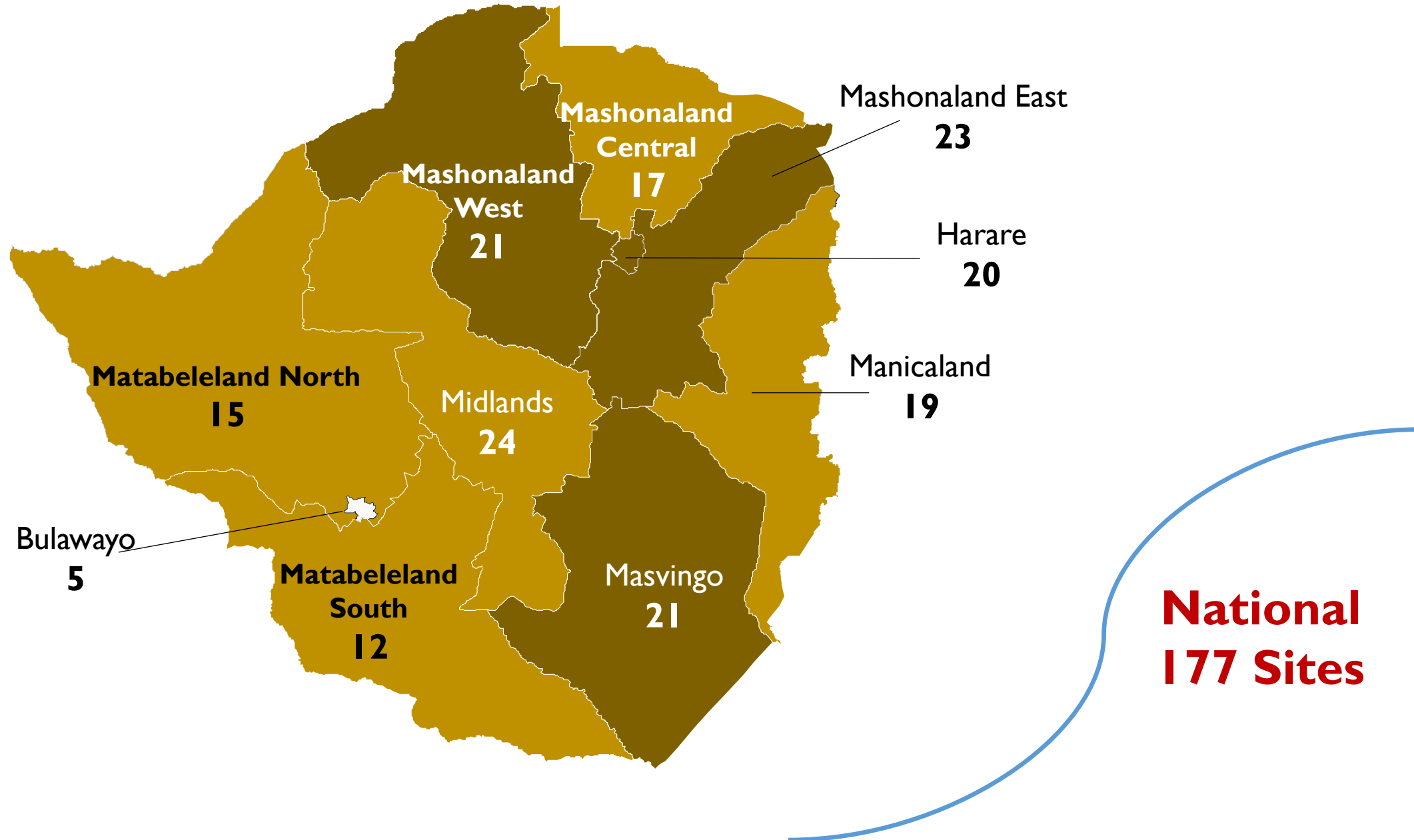
- **Indicators**

- Cervical cancer incidence 25 (2020) to 8 (2025)
- Cervical cancer mortality rate (SDG) <15% (2020) to <5% (2025)

Current Landscape

- Cervical Cancer is the most prevalent cancer in women in Zimbabwe
- Primary prevention through HPV vaccination for girls 9-14yrs, Secondary prevention through Screening using VIAC and HPV testing for women 25-49
- Confirmed cases of cervical cancer are referred to higher level facilities for further management
- Treatment options for precancerous lesions available in the public sector (Cryotherapy, Thermocoagulation, and LEEP / LLETZ).
- Algorithms in place are **Screen-triage-treat** where HPV testing is available and **Screen and treat** for VIAC.
- The program is funded by Government and development partners

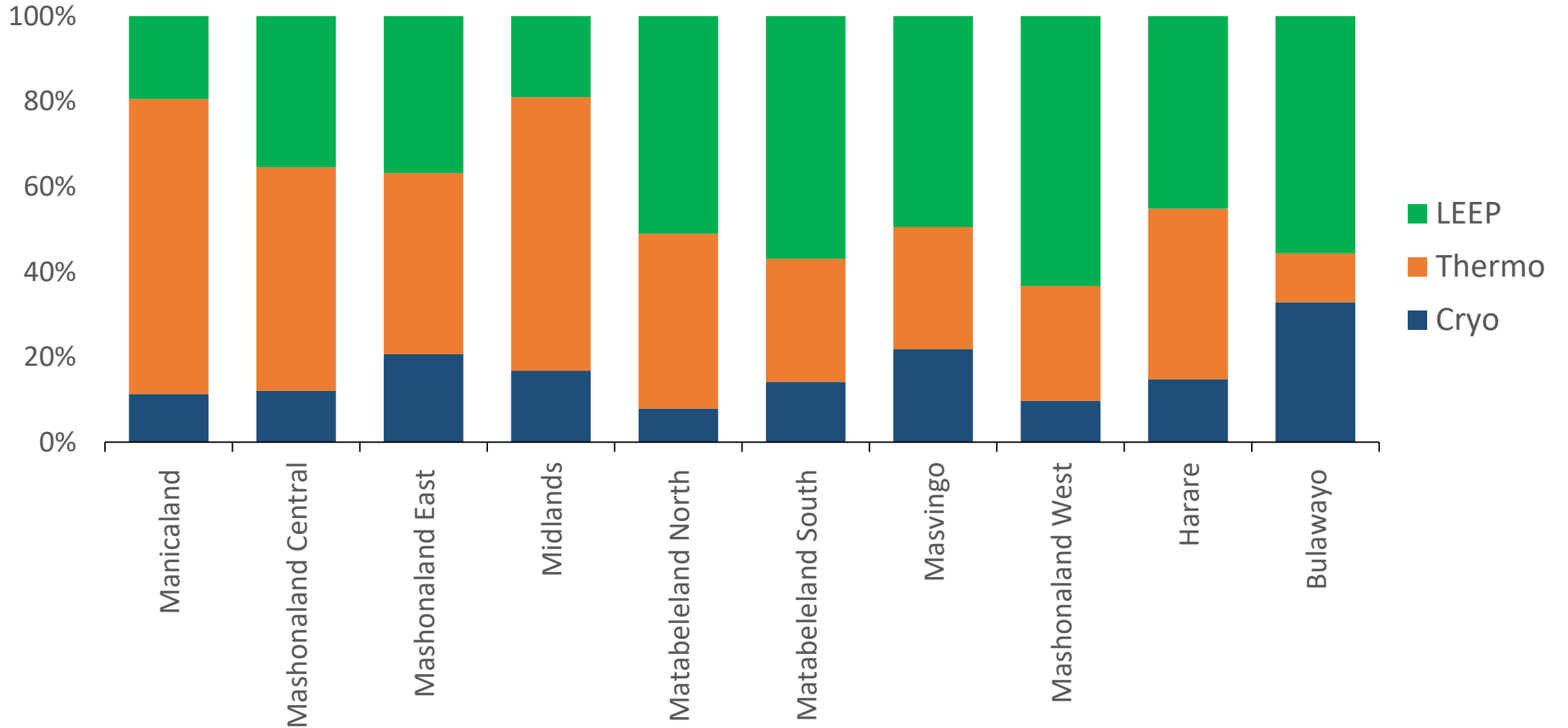
Number of Cervical Cancer Screening Sites by Province





Performance of the Cervical Cancer Programme

Treatment Method Mix by Province 2023



- Health care workers: nurses, doctors, lab, health promotion
- CHWs as the driving force for demand creation, psychosocial support and linkage to care. They carry samples to the clinic, where samples are transported using IST to the testing lab.
- Results are returned via the SMS system (result availability notification is send to client, the actual result is send to clinic phone.
- Models are:
 1. Clinic based- self collection is done at the clinic, CHWs are involved in demand generation in the community – to drive clients to come to the clinic increasing intake.



2. Community based- CHWs themselves bring the collection kits to client's homes- door to door model

- the country has already laid out the pathway to leverage existing HIV investments to offer HPV testing, as outlined in the DNO. 25-49
- DNO is a Diagnostic Network Optimisation which was done by Directorate of Laboratory Services to map the capacity of our laboratories and optimize IST (Integrated Sample Transport)

Finalisation of the Revised CACX Register

Activity	Support Status
Register was revised in 2023	CHAI
T5 summary sheet for MoHCC was revised in 2023 to include new variables for reporting – HPV DNA	WHO
Pilot of the register and T5 planned for 1 – 31 March 2024 in Mash West where HPV DNA is being provided	No support (\$5,000)
Sensitisation to piloting sites conducted in February 2024	CHAI
After pilot register will be adjusted based on user feedback (meeting)	No support (\$4,000)
Printing and distribution of register – 750 copies	No support (\$11,250)
Sensitisation will be decentralised to provinces (RHO, PHIO, M&E)	No support (\$10,500)
Cascading of sensitisations to facility level	Through other programs/ platforms

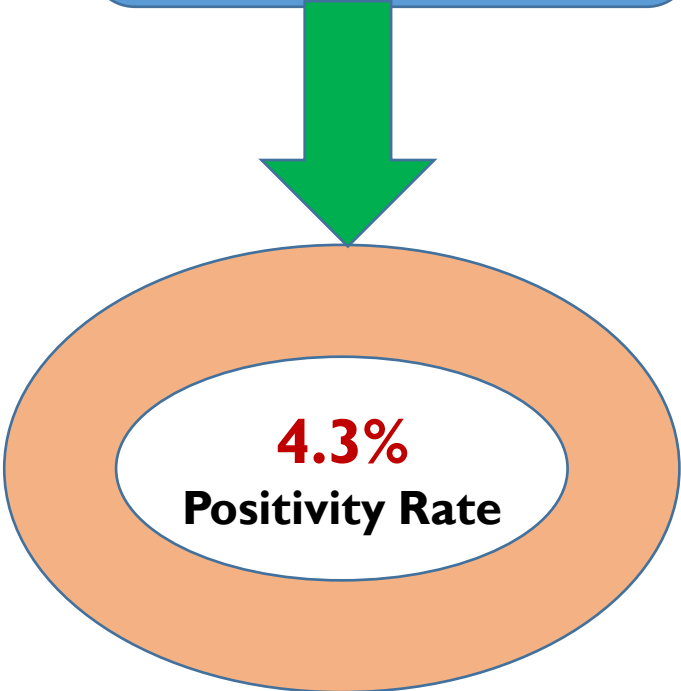
2023 In Summary



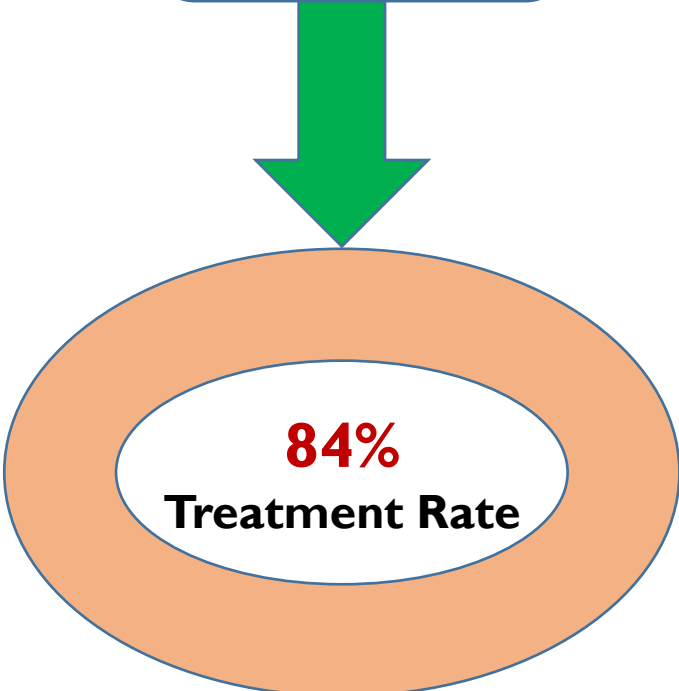
269,627
Women
Screened

**2023 Target:
290,000**

11,698
Women positive,
eligible for treatment



9,792
VIAC positive
women treated



Areas Requiring Support

- HRH support (staff attrition, low morale and burnout - turnover) remains the major factor militating against better programme performance
- Continued commodities and consumables support, (cervical cancer screening packs)
- Equipment support to replace old malfunctioning units as well as for expansion, (cryotherapy sets, Thermocoagulations, LEEP machines, cameras)
- Training of service providers in Non-PEPFAR supported districts
- Rolling out of HPV DNA as a primary screen
- Printing of the cervical cancer screening register
- Sensitisation of the revised register to facilities
- Finalisation of the Cervical Cancer Screening Register
- Finalisation of the Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment Guidelines



THANK YOU

