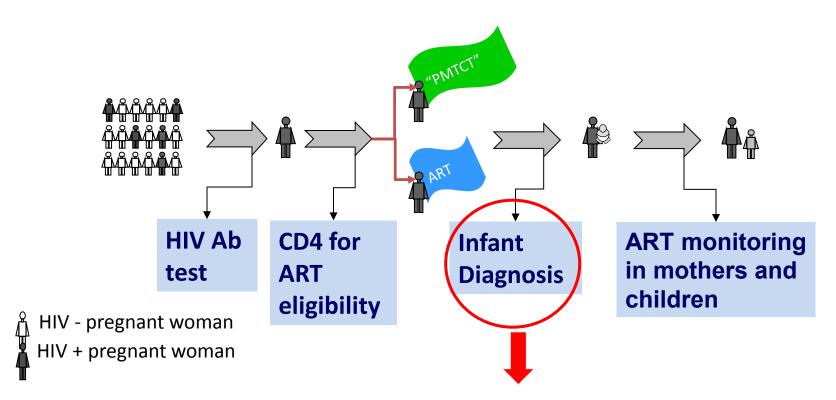
Update on EID testing: Global Progress & Emerging Challenges

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Lab testing is important all along the pediatric HIV prevention and treatment continuum, but EID is a critical component

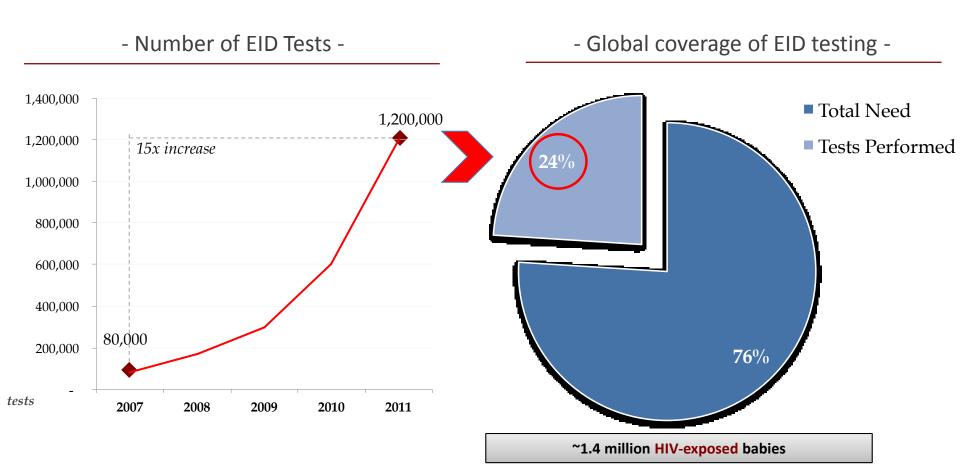


Infant diagnosis is important for **PMTCT program monitoring** but *essential* for **identification of infected infants for ART**

However, there are challenges to scaling up the service and translating that service to better outcomes

Challenge: Over 75% of exposed infants never even receive an EID test

EID has been scaled up from around 80K in 2007 to >1.2m in 2011. ~24% of need
The remaining 76% represent HIV+ mothers that were never tested, infants known to be HIV exposed but LTFU or incident maternal HIV infection during pregnancy and BF

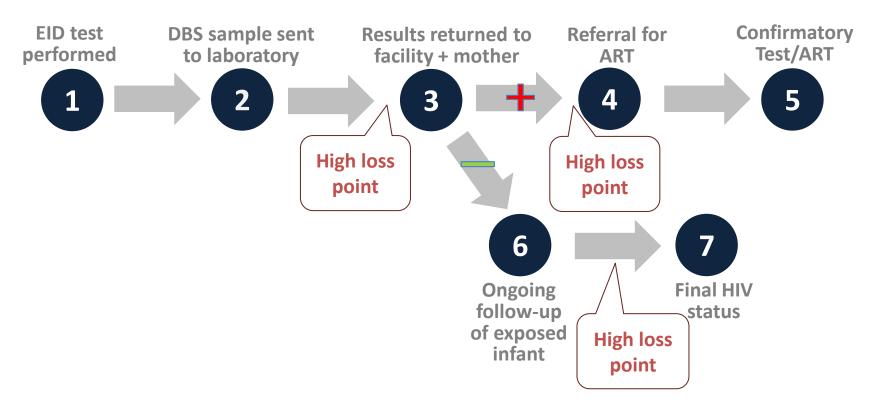


Solution: Build maternal HIV testing and exposed infant EID testing into the entire care continuum

- **Delivery of EID Promote** Offer birth HIV results at 10 HIV testing testing to women uptake at who never tested week EPI visit ANC before or who tested neg in ANC 6-week Birth 10-week **Pregnancy**
 - Repeat offer of HIV test to women who never tested before or who tested neg in ANC
 - Identification of mothers needing prophylaxis/treatment: prevents transmission to HIV-exposed (but still negative) infant and improves her health and survival
 - Provide EID testing for all exposed infants
 - Identified HIV-positive infants can be immediately referred for pediatric ART

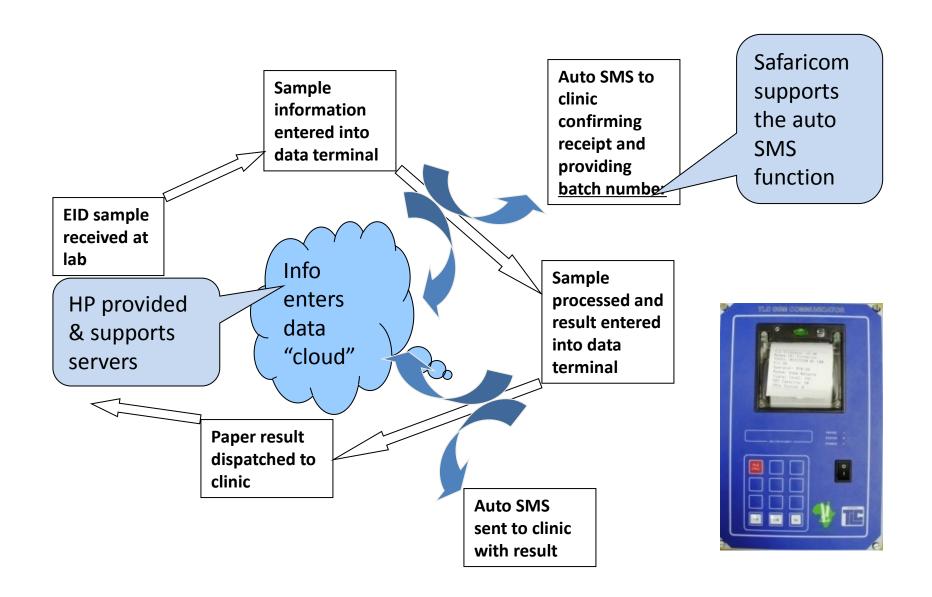
Source: CHAI Zambia

Challenge: For the 24% that <u>DO</u> get a test, a large proportion are lost along the continuum of care



The highest points of loss continue to be in getting positive results returned to mothers [50%], getting infants referred for ART [40%] and following infants for confirmatory testing if initially negative

Solution: In Kenya, a partnership with HP has helped to create a national automated results return system linked to SMS printers



Results are posted in real time into an online database



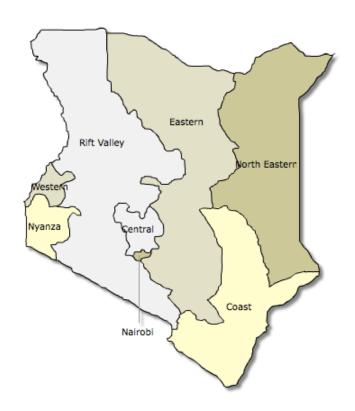
Overall | Regional | PCR Confirmatory | Other Indicators | Testing Trend | Lab Performance | Kits | Reports | Partner LogIn | PASCO LogIn | Facility LogIn

2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |

* Refine your view by clicking on Year and/or Month

Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec

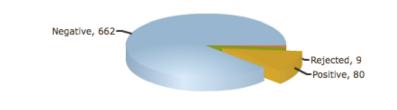
Kenya EID Summary for Dec-2012



National Statistics

No. of All Infants Tested	744
No. of first DNA PCR test	730
No of Antibody confirmatory tests	13
No. of All Infants Tested (< 2 months)	433
Average Age of Testing	3.6 monti
Total Number of Health Facilities	8706
Total Number of PMTCT Facilities	3634
Active EID Sites (Ever Sent a Sample)	2678
EID Sites Sending Samples in (<u>Dec-2012</u>)	111

EID Results

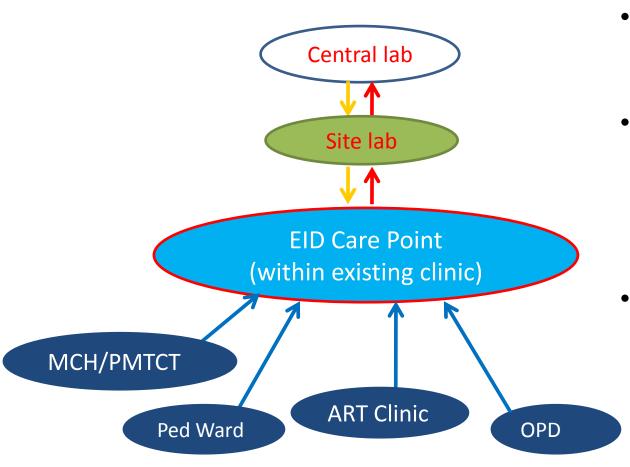


Average Age of Testing



- * Hover over the Map to view Provincial Statistics.
- * Click on a Province to view Detailed Statistics

Solution: In Uganda, establishing an **EID care point** has helped to ensure that exposed infants receive adequate care and follow-up



- Each site chooses the location of EID care point
- The EID care point is equipped with a PERSON, MEDS, TEST EQUIPMENT and TOOLS
- Caregivers return to EID care point for every follow-up visit until no longer exposed

A range of complementary tools and aides simplifies work at the EID care point

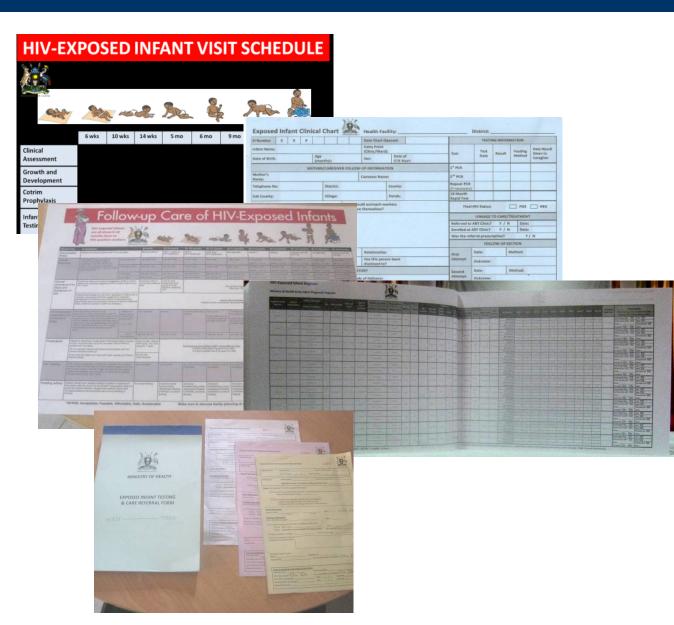
Visit Schedule

Exposed Infant Clinical Chart

Exposed Infant Care Guidelines

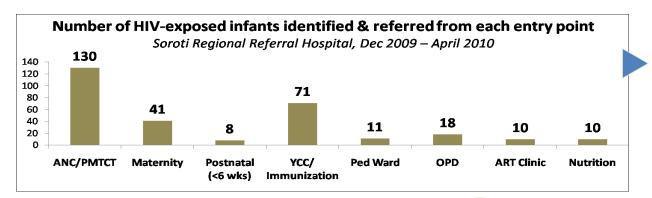
Exposed infant registers

Triplicate referral forms



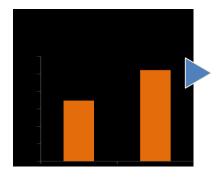
Results of the pilot suggest significant improvement in a number of areas





Exposed infants now being picked up earlier and from many health departments, not just PMTCT program

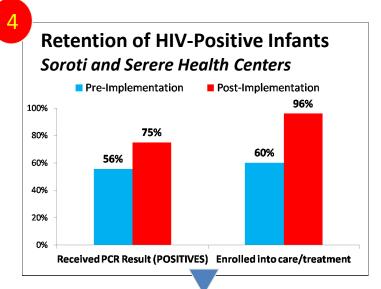
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DBS testing volumes have increased by almost 50%

3 80% 90% 93% 94% 99% 20% Dec Jan Feb March April

The percentage of exposed infants initiated on CTX increased to 99%



75% received results and 96% of positive infants were enrolled at an ART clinic

Solution: PoC testing enables same day results and so may reduce LTFU

	Product Name	Test Type	Turnaround Time	Max Throughput
	Northwestern	Qualitative EIDGag p24 antigen detectionHeel-prick blood	 40 minutes per test 	 16 tests per day
	Alere NAT	 Qualitative EID, Quantitative VL NAT-based test Finger-stick or venous blood 	• 60 minutes per test	• 5-10 tests per day
O BBSS O	SAMBA EID and VL	 Qualitative EID, Semi-quantitative VL Isothermal amplification Blood or plasma 	• 60 minutes per test	• 25-30 tests per day

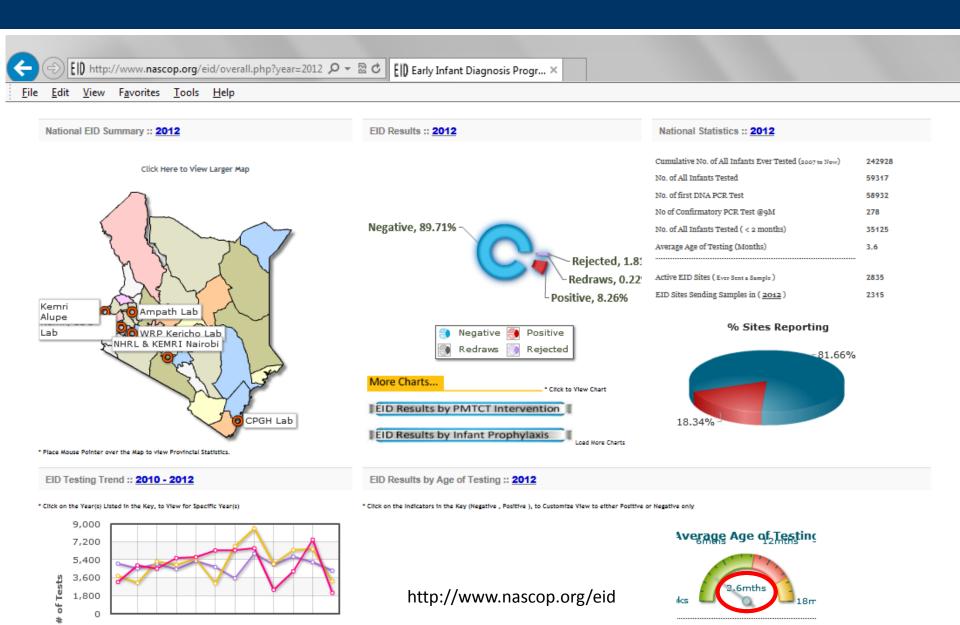
In Mozambique CHAI with MoH evaluated Alere NAT PoC against traditional PCR for EID



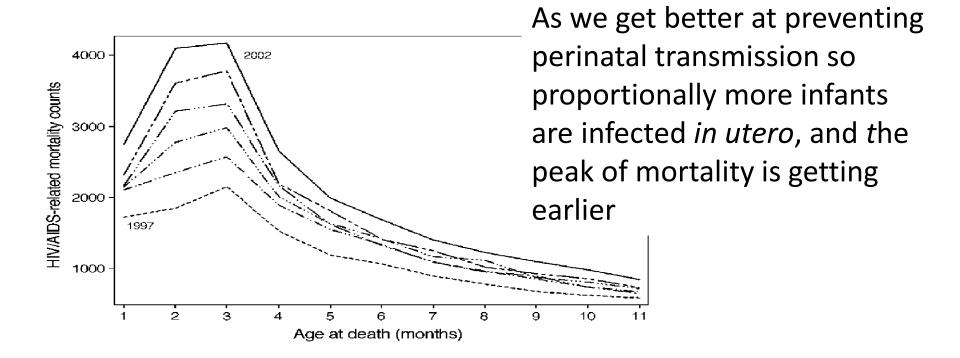
PoC testing performs as well as conventional DNA PCR



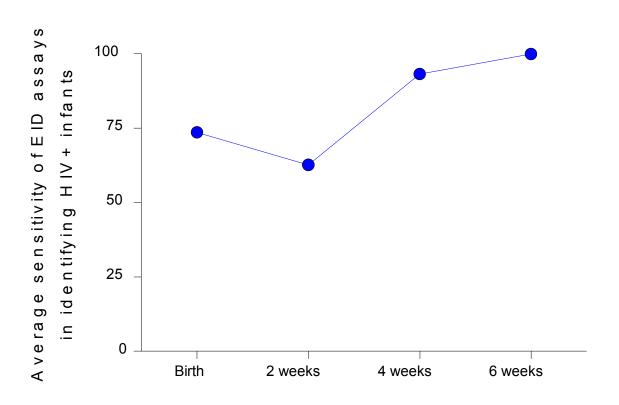
Challenge: Infants that get a test are getting it late



The peak of infant mortality due to HIV is well before median age at testing

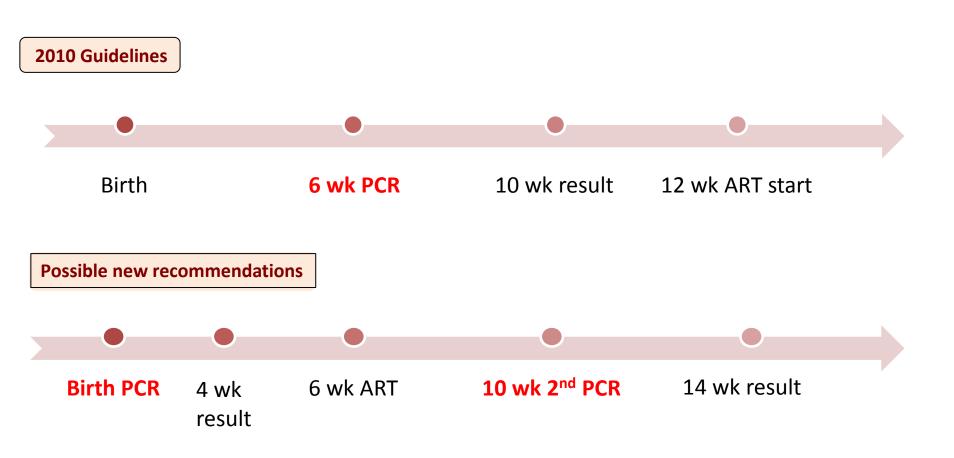


In the age of maternal ART and infant prophylaxis we may have lower sensitivity than we think, especially at 2 weeks



Time of visit and testperformed

Solution: A possible change to the EID testing algorithm?



Take Home Messages

- Given the complexity we have made huge progress and established new paradigms for sample transport/ result return
- We are missing many many opportunities to identify HEI and need to expand access to screening and EID – not just at PMTCT but also at EPI and other clinical settings
- There is poor retention across the continuum in fact, most children are lost. Simple approaches such as identifying focal points, improving tools for follow up, and PoC EID need to studied
- The peak of mortality is earlier than when we are testing....should there be a change in the guidance?
- Money is a problem. Much of the progress and scale up has happened because of UNITAID's commodity and programmatic funding – what happens next?