





# AFRICA LABORATORY MAPPING PROGRAM

Advancing diagnostic capabilities through optimization of laboratory networks

## Why Laboratory Mapping?

- ✓ Improve functionality of national and regional laboratory networks by mutualizing existing resources
- ✓ Increase diagnostic testing capacity and surveillance coverage of laboratory networks
- ✓ Prepare for and respond to disease outbreaks



## Providing Tools for Mapping Laboratory Capacity

Mapping Building Blocks: For Laboratory Managers, Planners and Policy Makers



#### **Data Collection Tools**

Templated digital forms and tools for assessing laboratories



### **Laboratory Registries**

Manage, update, share and visualize the data



### **Analysis and Planning Tools**

Report data and simulate optimized laboratory networks

## Who Should Join

- ✓ Managers and supporters of laboratories
- ✓ Stakeholders willing to share laboratory inventories and data to inform health interventions
- ✓ Those needing tools for planning laboratory networks and systems

### **Get Involved**

Contact us for a consultation

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# Join the Mapping Program to Access:

## 1. Digital Forms

Template forms make data collection as easy as possible and are supported on many widely used mobile devices. Current forms include:

- 1) SLIPTA checklist
- 2) Laboratory Capacity Assessment Checklist

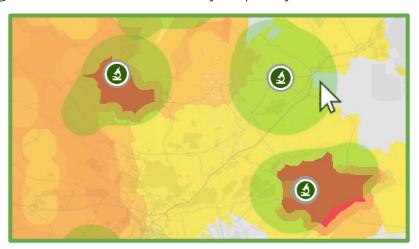
## 2. Resource Map

Once data are available or collected, ASLM also provides a laboratory registry to manage, update, share and visualize the data. This includes:

- 1) Registry designer and administrative functionality
- 2) Website to maintain data over time
- 3) Public portals for sharing data
- 4) APIs, .CSV Downloads, and Audit Tracking

## 3. Planwise - A Geospatial Planning Tool

Using Data to Place Laboratory Capacity Where it is Needed



Planwise is open-source software that helps planners determine the most impactful location to add a new service, complete a training, or purchase equipment. Planwise was developed using industry best practices in geospatial modeling and optimization. PlanWise allows you to:

- Determine the catchment area of laboratory facilities in your network, based on population demographics and travel times
- Compare the most impactful ways to increase the coverage and quality of diagnostic services through the laboratory network and make smarter decisions about resource allocation
- Evaluate the projected cost to scale-up a new diagnostic test or service

### About the role of ASLM

ASLM's role in the laboratory mapping program is to propose solutions for the standardized collection, storage and analysis of geo-located data on laboratory capacity, and to support the establishment of public and country portals in accordance with national requirements for data sharing.