# LARC Capability Maturity Model

#### **LARC Program Goals**

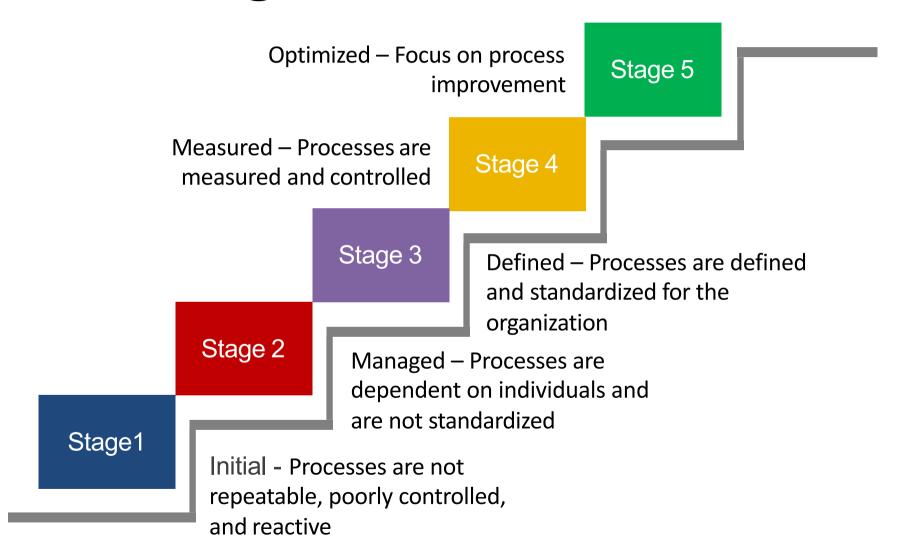
- To strengthen the viral load cascade to achieve better patient result (i.e., viral load suppression)
- To improve institutional capability for viral load scale-up

Prog	ram Goals	Measures	
a	Did the changes implemented it each site improve service lelivery?	Facility-specific aims and metrics	
С	Vas the institutional apability for viral load scale- up enhanced?	Capability Maturity Model (CMM)	

#### **Capability Maturity Model**

- Developed by Carnegie-Mellon University
   Software Engineering Institute (1987)
- Introduced a process for assessing software capability through a structured, sequential manner
- Described the maturation of each function according to a linear scale of increasing capability
- Can be adapted to evaluate an organization (or regional initiative) capability

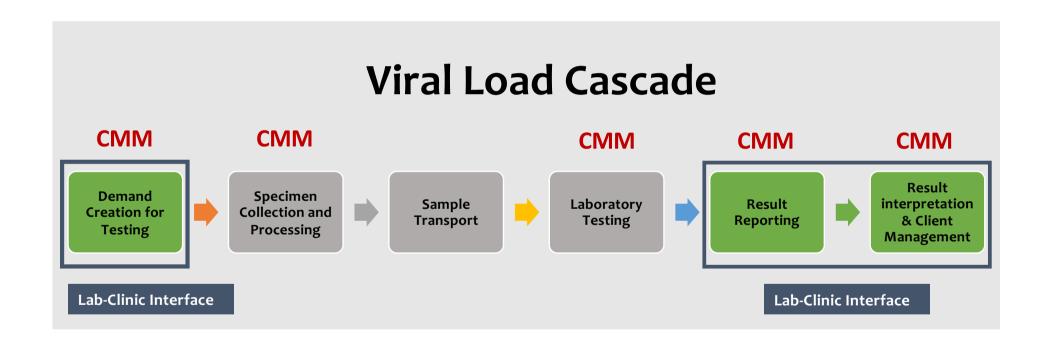
#### **CMM Stages**



#### Organizational Assessment with CMM

- Establish core functions in which capability is required
  - Based on the organizational goals, identify the essential functions
- Describe sequential stages of maturity of each function
  - Progression is step-wise and linear
  - Characteristics that define each maturational stage
  - Progress from one stage to the next reflects a meaningful improvement in a key function
  - Sets a clear path of achieving maturational goals

## The LARC CMM tool covers 5 of the 6 phases in the viral load cascade.



### Demand Creation for Testing

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Clinicians unaware of access to viral load testing and have not been educated on its role in ART monitoring  Community leaders/CSOs unaware of access to viral load testing and have not been educated on its role in ART monitoring  Clients unaware of access to viral load testing and have not been educated on its role in ART monitoring  No standard operating procedures for viral load testing and education	Increased awareness of VL testing in clinicians, however minimal information is shared with clients  Clinicians occasionally order viral load testing for clients  Community leaders /CSOs have an increased awareness of viral load testing and its role in ART monitoring  Clients have an increased awareness of viral load testing and its role in ART monitoring  Standard operating procedures for viral load testing and education are in development	Clinicians routinely educate clients about viral load testing and its benefits  Clinicians routinely order viral load testing inline with national guidelines  Community leaders /CSOs play an active role in educating their community about knowing their viral load status  Clients are aware of and actively seek viral load testing  Viral load testing and education standard operating procedures are established and implemented across the organization	Organization reviews routinely collected program data to measure performance in relation to standard operating procedures and national guidelines for clinician use of viral load testing and education of clients  All stakeholders (e.g., clinicians, client groups, community leaders, etc.) play active role in community education about VL testing and promote campaigns for all individuals to know their VL	Organization uses rigorous evaluation procedures and findings to demonstrate effectiveness and improve the process of demand creation for viral load testing

#### Specimen Collection and Processing

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
□ No client access to viral load testing /specimen collection □ No standard supply chain system for specimen collection commodities (e.g., DBS bundles) so supplies limit ability to collect specimens □ Clinicians/personnel not trained to complete specimen requisition forms □ No standard operating procedures for appropriate viral load specimen collection and preparation	□ Viral load specimens are collected occasionally and only on certain days, limiting client access to testing and increasing burden for clients to return for VL sample collection □ Increased capacity for supply chain system for specimen collection commodities, however not standardized □ Increased awareness in clinicians/personnel for properly completing requisition forms □ Standard operating procedures for appropriate viral load specimen collection and preparation are in development	□ Viral load specimens are collected routinely with few barriers for clients □ Standardized supply chain system for specimen collection commodities □ Clinicians/personnel complete specimen requisition forms accurately and completely □ Viral load specimen collection and preparation standard operating procedures are established and implemented across the organization	Organization reviews routinely collected program data to measure performance in relation to standard operating procedures and national guidelines for specimen and collection preparation  All stakeholders (e.g., clinicians, personnel, clients, etc.) play active role in appropriate viral load specimen collection and preparation to facilitate clients to know their VL	Organization uses rigorous evaluation procedures and findings to demonstrate effectiveness and improve the process of specimen collection and preparation

#### **Laboratory Testing**

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Inadequate lab infrastructure for viral load testing (i.e. space/storage/ equipment/reagents/kits for viral load testing)  Laboratory staff are not properly trained nor competent to test viral load specimens  Laboratory has little or no capacity for viral load testing  No standard operating procedures or competency standards for laboratory viral load testing	Improved laboratory infrastructure, however, laboratory is only able to receive and test viral load specimens occasionally or must refer to another laboratory  Laboratory staff are trained, however, competencies are minimal  Laboratory is has minimal capacity and viral load testing is occasionally completed in a timely manner  Standard operating procedures and competency standards for laboratory viral load testing are in development	Laboratory is able to regularly receive and test viral load specimens in timely manner  Laboratory has appropriately trained and competent staff  Laboratory is working at capacity and viral load testing is completed in a timely manner  Laboratory viral load testing standard operating procedures and competency standards are established and implemented across the organization	Organization reviews routinely collected program data to measure performance in relation to standard operating procedures and national guidelines for viral load specimen testing	Organization uses rigorous evaluation procedures and findings to demonstrate effectiveness and improve the process of laboratory viral load specimen testing

#### Results Reporting

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Results are not received in a timely manner at the clinic from the laboratory  Results are not recorded in the client's chart in a timely manner  No standard operating procedures for results reporting and documenting results in the client's chart	Results are occasionally received in a timely manner by the clinic from the laboratory  Results are occasionally recorded in the client's chart in a timely manner but often not returned to clients  Standard operating procedures for results reporting and documenting results in the client's chart are in development	Results are regularly received by the clinic in a timely manner from the laboratory  Results are regularly recorded in the client's chart in a timely manner and returned to the client regularly  Results reporting and chart documentation standard operating procedures are established and implemented across the organization	reviews routinely collected program data to measure performance in relation to standard operating procedures and national guidelines for results reporting  Clinic ensures a facility-based person is accountable for timely recording of VL results in client charts and notification of clients with VL>1000 to return to clinic prior to scheduled appointment	Organization uses rigorous evaluation procedures and findings to demonstrate effectiveness and improve the process for results reporting

#### Results Interpretation and Client Management

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
□ Viral load results are difficult to read and interpret and requires laboratory assistance □ Clinicians are not properly trained to interpret viral load results □ Clinicians are uncomfortable integrating viral load results into ART care □ Clients do not understand their viral load results □ Clinicians have no backup person to call to discuss difficult cases or clients who require 2 <sup>nd</sup> line treatment □ No standard operating procedures for result interpretation and client management	□ Viral load results are occasionally readable and interpretable and requires minimal laboratory assistance □ Increased awareness of result interpretation by clinicians □ Few clinicians are comfortable integrating viral load results into ART care □ Clients have a limited understanding of their viral load results □ Intermittent availability of consultation for 2 <sup>nd</sup> line treatment □ Standard operating procedures for result interpretation and client management are in development	□ Viral load results are consistently readable and interpretable by clinicians □ Clinicians are adequately trained in viral load result interpretation □ Clinicians regularly discuss VL results with clients □ Clients understand their viral load results and can repeat their understanding back to the clinician □ Standardized system in which all providers have a designated POC/referral system in place to consult for management of VL results and switch to 2 <sup>nd</sup> line □ Result interpretation and client management standard operating procedures are established and implemented across the organization	☐ Organization reviews routinely collected program data to measure performance in relation to standard operating procedures and national guidelines for client management  ☐ All stakeholders (e.g., clinicians, personnel, clients, etc.) play active role in client management and their viral load  ☐ Clinic has ability to identify missed opportunities for ensuring VL results are integrated with client management	Organization uses rigorous evaluation procedures and findings to demonstrate effectiveness and improve the process of client management