

ZIMBABWE CONTEXT - HIV VIRAL LOAD UPDATE

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MOHCC- NMRL

The Why – Importance

The Who – Stakeholders

Where are we now? – Current
DATA

Expected Outcomes (Big
Picture) – in terms of DATA

The Coaches Training

Scale-up Plan

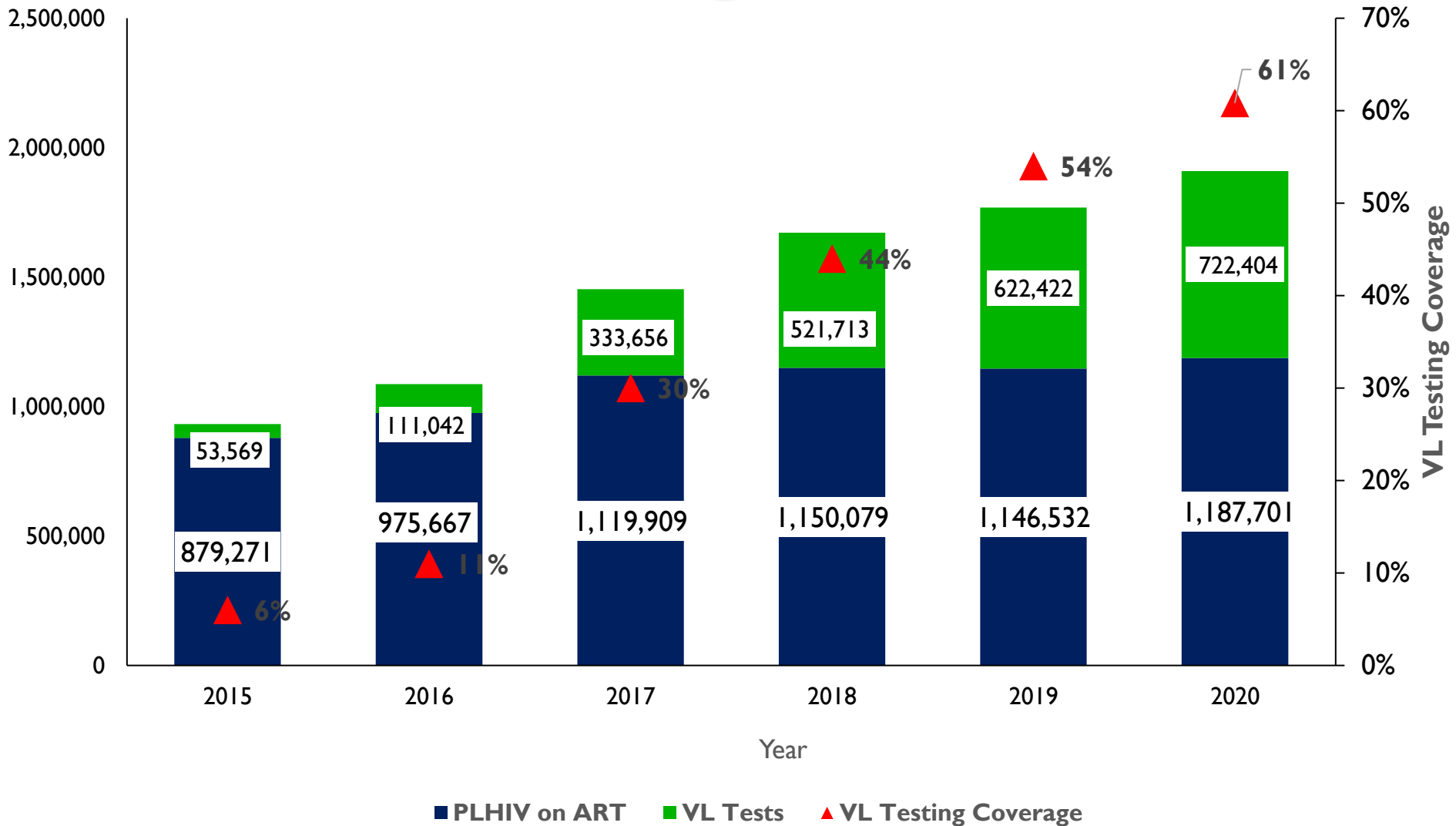
WHY LARC?

- Zimbabwe is lagging behind in terms of viral load scale up
- LARC Identified as one of the innovations to assist successful scale up.
- Data driven , process improvement to enhance viral load service delivery through multidisciplinary teamwork.
- Uses a quality improvement approach
- Zimbabwe is lagging behind in terms of viral load scale up

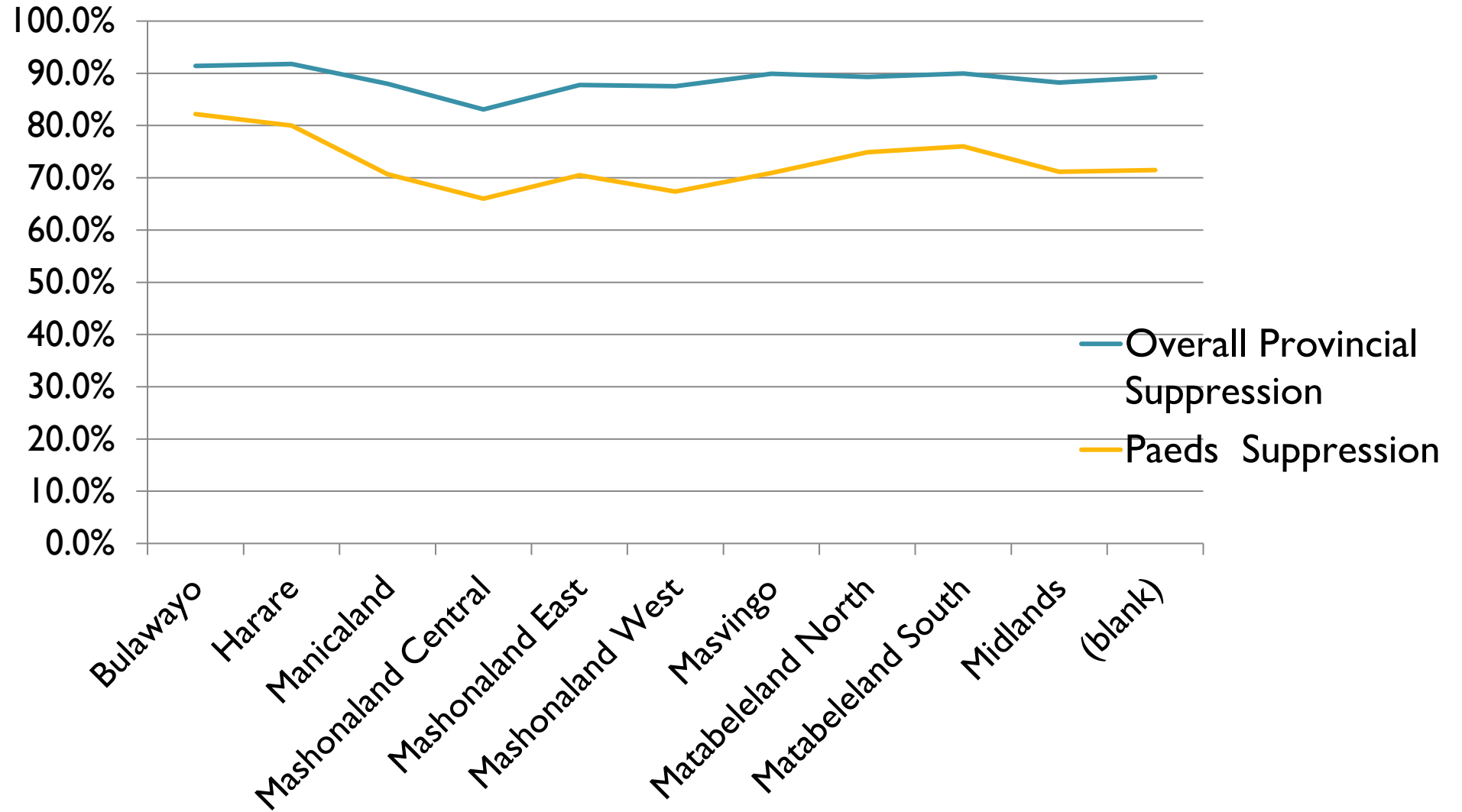
The Who – Stakeholders

- MOHCC
- Implementing Partners
- Donor agencies- CDC USAID
- Consultants
- Civil society
- ART Facilities

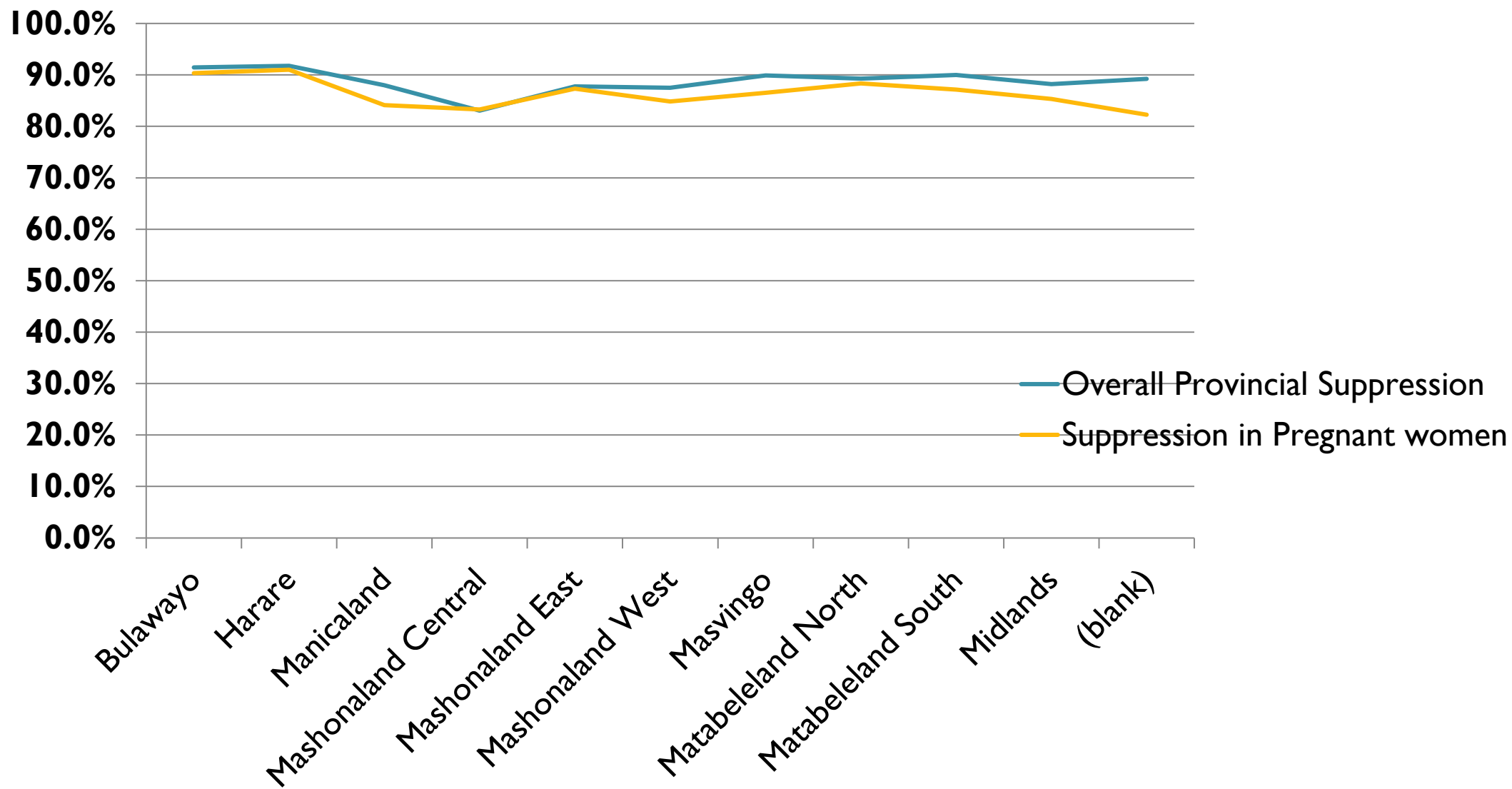
Where are now? -Estimated Viral Load Coverage



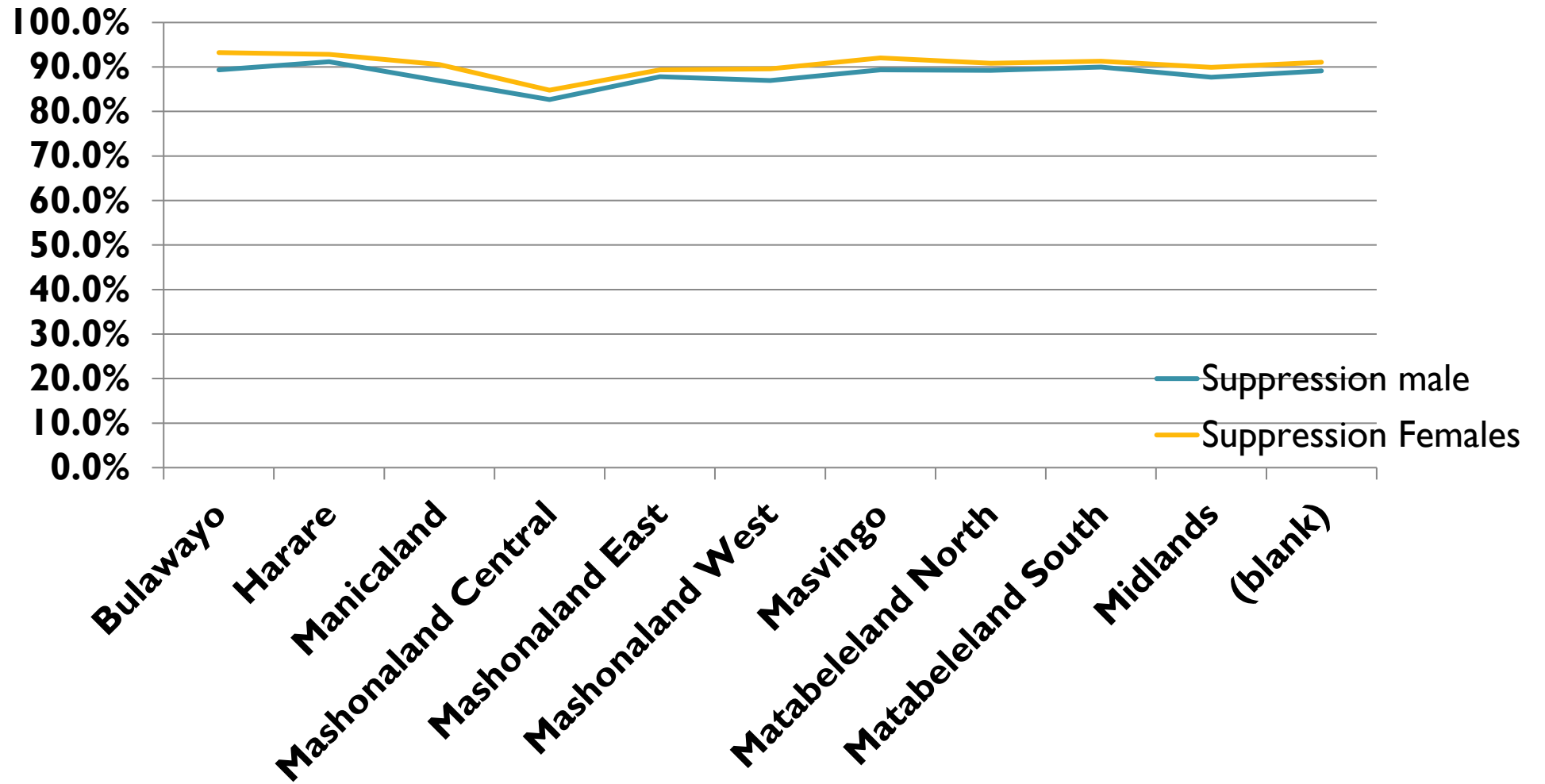
Where are we now? -2020 Provincial and Paeds VL SUPPRESSION



Where are we now?-Provincial and Pregnant VL Suppressions



Where are now ? –Adult Viral load Suppression by sex



Where are we now?- Viral Load Testing Cascade Challenges



Demand Creation for Testing

-Poor systems to identify and ensure VL tests are requested, COVID effects

Specimen Collection & Processing

-inadequate skill to collect DBS specimens, shortage of consumables.

Sample Transport

-suboptimal sample and results transportation-

Laboratory Testing

-power outages
-reagents stock outs
-HR(data entry clerks and Lab scientists-

Results Reporting

Inadequate result transmission and tracking system and documentation

Results Interpretation by Clinician & Client Management

-Inadequate utilization of High VL results

Expected Outcome-

- To strengthen the viral load cascade for achievement of better patient outcomes- viral suppression.
 - We will not know if patients are suppressed if we have not tested them, therefore viral load testing coverage is KEY!
- To improve institutional capability for viral load scale up
- Ultimate goal is to reach the 95-95-95 UNAIDS Goals through leveraging on the institutional capability for viral load scale up

Coaches Training - Overview



Pre-Training:

January 2021

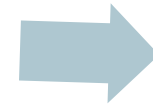
- Coaches selected
Meets Coaches' Criteria
Prerequisites Complete –
IHI, LARC
- Curriculum - Defined
- 60-Day Project - Baseline
DATA



Training:

February - April 2021

- Webinars – Bi-weekly
- LARC Videos
- 60-Day Project
- Deliverables
DATA Collection
- Site Visit – Mentor & Evaluate
Coach (by IP)



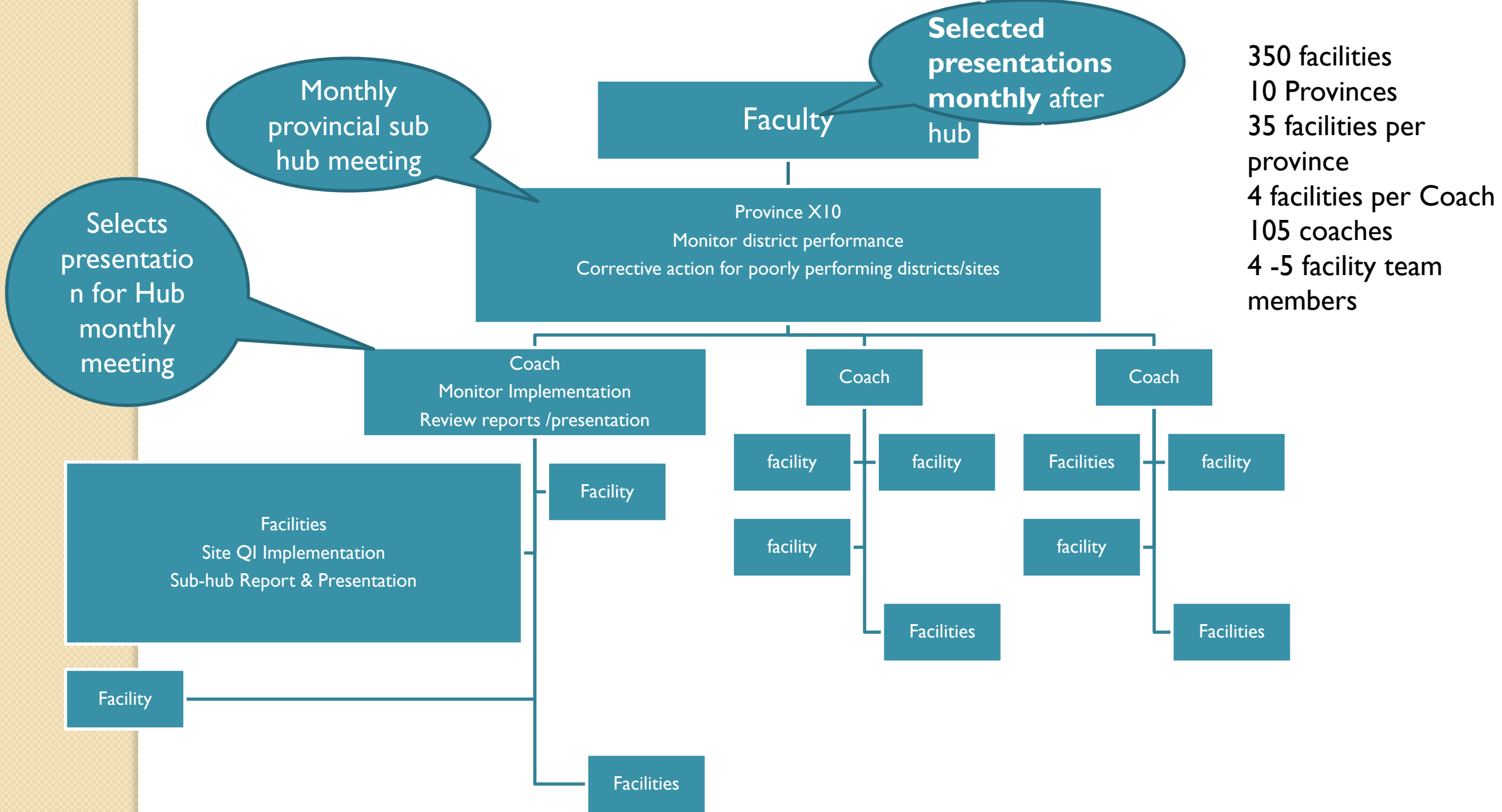
Post Training:

May - December 2021

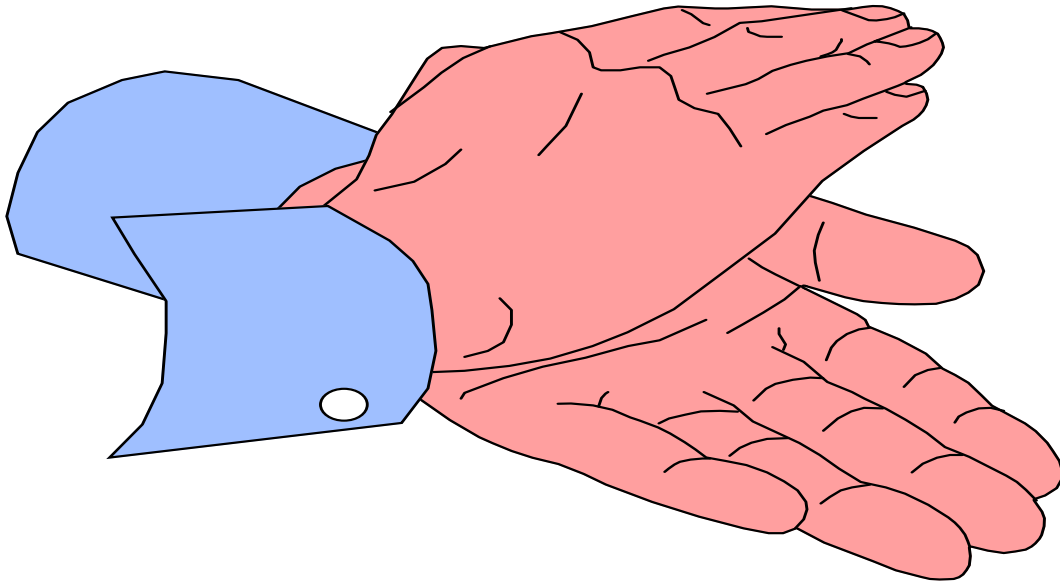
- Coaches Implement
Review site deliverables / Provide
feedback
Conduct Site Visits
- Faculty Mentoring Coaches
- DATA Collection



SCALE UP PLAN



Thank you!!!



- **Tatenda!!!**
- **Siyabonga!!!**