

## Chefferie Testing Strategy:

### Engaging traditional authorities for improved HIV testing among men

<b>Country</b>	Cameroon
<b>Partner</b>	ICAP
<b>Target Population(s)</b>	All men
<b>Cascade Stage(s) Addressed</b>	Testing, linkage

## Summary

### **Intervention Objectives**

- To improve HIV testing and treatment access for men in the northern regions of Cameroon by engaging traditional authorities in community sensitization and mobilization.

### **Implementation Setting**

- The intervention operates in areas with historically low male HIV testing rates.

### **Implementation Approach**

- Traditional leaders facilitate community outreach HIV testing in easily accessible venues like the chief's palace or local gathering points.
- Integrated services include HIV counseling and testing, NCD screening, STI treatment, and health education.

### **Demand Creation Approach**

- Community mobilization led by traditional authorities to encourage men's participation in HIV testing and care.

## M&E Approach

Routine data collection via customized registers, with quarterly analysis and feedback. Indicators include the number of individuals tested, identified as HIV-positive, linked to ART, and receiving other health services.

### **Metrics/Indicators**

- Number of persons tested for HIV (by age, sex)
- Number of HIV-positive persons identified
- Number linked to ART
- Number of STI screenings

### **Data Collection Process**

- Data is collected quarterly through customized Excel sheets and entered on the national health systems (DHIS2 and DAMA).

## **Results**

### **Quantitative**

- 80,973 individuals accessed HIV testing (41,912 men, 39,061 women) between Q1 FY2021 and Q2 FY2023
- 3,365 new HIV-positive cases identified (1,271 men, 2,094 women)
- 9.0% of total HIV tests and 12.6% of new HIV-positive cases identified through this strategy.

### **Qualitative**

- Positive unintended impact: Women and children were also engaged in testing, with a significant number of new cases of HIV identified.

## **Available Tools & Resources**

- Testing registers
- Job aids for health staff
- HIV testing and referral protocols
- Training materials for health staff

## **Resource Requirements**

### **Staffing**

- Mobile outreach teams with necessary medical equipment

### **Training**

- Specific training on the Chefferie testing approach and community engagement
- Regular HIV management and community outreach training for health staff

### **Infrastructure**

- Community venues for outreach

### **Stakeholder Engagement/Collaboration**

- Local traditional authorities lead community sensitization and mobilization efforts.
- Health districts coordinate outreach activities and provide administrative support.

### **Other Considerations**

- The strategy has been adapted in different districts based on local community needs and geographic considerations.