

Lab strengthening ECHOs Globally



Addressing the needs of laboratories to succeed

Supporting laboratorians is another area of growth for teleECHO programs.

Every week there are laboratorians participating in laboratory ECHOs mainly in Africa.

Tanzania and Uganda pioneered using the ECHO model™ to train HIV Rapid Testers (RTCQI). Tanzania is now expanding their RTCQI ECHO to testers around the country. Kenya was the first in Africa to launch an Antimicrobial Resistance ECHO, followed by Ethiopia and Pakistan. South Africa is connecting 10 universities with laboratory ECHO programs.

The African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM) connects eleven African countries in monthly sessions creating a laboratory community of practice (LabCop) around topics on the HIV Viral Load Cascade. Countries participating in these sessions are beginning to start their own lab strengthening ECHO programs at the national level.

Partners:

- African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM)
- American Society for Microbiology (ASM)
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and various country offices
- Ministries of Health in Tanzania and Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia
- Sandia National Laboratories



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