

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS for

RFP #20180201 for LABORATORY TO CONDUCT SAMPLE TESTING

in support of

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QUESTION 1:	What testing is required for: b) Provide resistance testing when necessary
ANSWER 1:	b) HIV Genotyping resistance testing
QUESTION 2:	What testing is required for: f) Microbiology/serology test for accurate biology diagnosis and sensitivity:
ANSWER 2:	f) Microscopy, culture and sensitivity for diagnosis of sexually transmitted diseases, Chlamydia serology test, VDRL
QUESTION 3:	Do you have specific test platforms in mind or is WHO approved testing platforms the only requirement?
ANSWER 3:	WHO approved testing platforms and External Quality Assurance program.
QUESTION 4:	How many specimens will be processed for EGPAF for each test below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV-1 Viral Load testing services of Dry Blood Spot (DBS) samples • HIV-1 resistance testing • HPV PCR testing
ANSWER 4:	Please note that we have requested a unit price per test, because the number of specimens to be processed will vary. The Foundation's intent is to enter into an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC), with set rates per test, and then will issue task orders to the selected vendor(s) as requirements are realized for the Foundation's country offices in Southern Africa. The number of specimens will vary by task order. For illustrative purposes, we have provided an estimate number of samples for the following tests requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV-1 Viral Load testing services of Dry Blood Spot (DBS) samples: <i>estimated 2,378</i>, but the number will likely increase • HIV-1 resistance testing: <i>estimated 150</i>, but the number will likely increase