
Subject: Mozambique AIS 2009

Posted by [SKujawski](#) on Wed, 09 Dec 2015 23:01:04 GMT

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Hi,

I am interested in knowing how the HIV tests were done (rapid tests or DBS) in the 2009 Mozambique AIS and whether results were returned to participants. From the "Key Findings" document, it says that "A VCT component was included in the survey to ensure that participants...could learn their HIV status should they so desire." I assume then that rapid tests were performed? Were results returned to all participants or only if they asked?

In addition, is there an English version of the actual Mozambique AIS survey that was performed? I am relying on the codebook (.MAP) for the questions, but that file does not provide the full question and how the questions were asked.

Thank you,
Stephanie

Subject: Re: Mozambique AIS 2009

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 16 Dec 2015 12:19:25 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Bernard Barrere:

1) In the 2009 Mozambique AIS, dried blood spots (DBS) were collected and sent to a central lab to be tested using ELISA and Western blot. The test was anonymous and no results were returned. However, survey participants (as well as any other people in the survey area) were offered home-based counseling and testing (VCT): a special VCT team visited each cluster just after the survey team and stayed several days in the cluster. They offered rapid test (and provided results + counseling) at home or in a central place to all residents who wanted to know their HIV status.

2) The questionnaire and final report are only available in Portuguese.
