

**HRSA Global AIDS Program
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(CLASS)
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Introduction

CLASS Overview

- Goals and Objectives
- Assessment Phases/Components

Patient Retention

- Partnerships
- Retention Lessons Learned

CLASS: Goals

- Determine transition readiness by assessing administrative, clinical, and financial capacity of USG-supported HIV/AIDS programs
- Inform HRSA and partners of existing technical assistance needs and identify available resources to address needs
- Support successful and sustainable transition of programs to local leadership

Objectives (1)

- ❑ Ensure that organizational systems, policies, and procedures are in place to accomplish program goals and objectives;
- ❑ Assess the organization's capacity to provide the funded services and manage funding;
- ❑ Identify program strengths/weaknesses and provide appropriate consultation;

Objectives (2)

- ❑ Specify areas of system strengthening to enable organization to enhance and sustain their HIV service delivery; and
- ❑ Assess organization readiness to fully assume prime or other roles supporting local treatment facilities to provide high quality health care and services.

CLASS: Phases



Team Member Roles

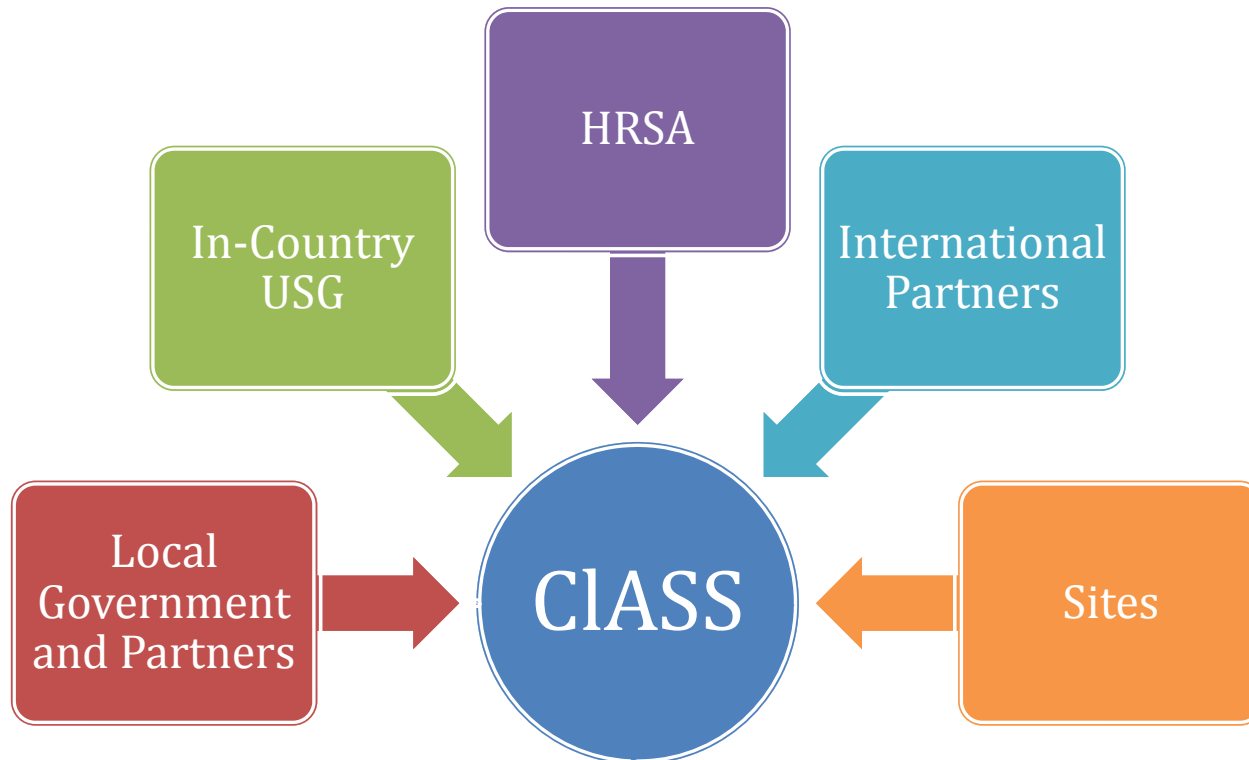
- Clinical Reviewer
- Administrative Reviewer
- Financial Reviewer
- Track 1.0 and other International Partners
- CDC in-country
- Ministry of Health

Data Collection Methods

- Staff interviews (individual and group)
- On-site document review
- Comments will not be attributed to individual staff
- May request management, international or local partners to excuse themselves during staff interviews

CLASS: Partnerships

CLASS is an adaptable and participatory approach that involves partners at all levels.



Patient Retention Strategies and Partnerships

- Health Care Workers (All)
- Community Health Workers/Volunteers (Nigeria, Zambia)
- Treatment Support Specialists (Nigeria)
- Daily patient tracking (Kenya)
- Prioritize strategies to maximize resources (Kenya)
- Satellite clinics (Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria)

Patient Retention Strategies and Partnerships

- Family testing (Nigeria)
- Couples counseling and testing (Nigeria)
- Saturday clinics (Zambia and Kenya)
- Integration of HIV into primary care services (Zambia)
- Support groups (All)

Discussion/Questions

