

Abstract

SWOT - Implementing Quality Management in Major Laboratories in Resource Limited Countries

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CLSI, in support of the PEPFAR program, is well into its third year of providing direct assistance in Sub-Saharan Africa to combat the scourge of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. Barriers to progress at times seem insurmountable, but with the implementation of each component of a quality management system, the infrastructure required to build capacity and create a sustainable laboratory system, comes together. Awareness, one of the greatest strengths a country can have, paves the way for many opportunities, and in time can conquer the weaknesses and threats that tend to abound. Join us for an overview of the **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats as they apply to implementing a quality management system in five zonal laboratories in Tanzania. As well, experience an exotic safari in the Serengeti including a close-up view of the migration of hundreds of thousands of wildebeests, a glimpse of the spice island of Zanzibar.....and much more.