# When will I get my test results?

You will receive the results of your HIV test on the same day. If you are the parent/guardian of a child below the age of 2 and you give your permission for your child to be included in the survey, your local clinic will give you the results of your child's HIV test after a few weeks.

# How is the HIV test done?

The HIV testing is done by collecting a small amount of blood from your arm. The staff are trained to take this sample. A heel prick or finger stick will be used to collect blood from children under the age of 2.

# What time of day will the survey staff come to my house?

The survey staff will find a time when you are at home. They can make an appointment with you to come back and conduct the interview if this will be more convenient for you.



The survey teams will be conducting outreach and information sessions in the towns and villages they visit. You can also speak to your traditional leader, regional counsellor or other local leader if you would like more information about the survey.

## YOU CAN ALSO DIRECTLY CONTACT:

Ministry of Health and Social Services NAMPHIA Principal Investigator Mr. Nicholus Mutenda Email: <u>mutendan@nacop.net</u> Telephone: 061 203 2436

More information about the survey will be given on radio, television and in the newspaper. You can also find out more information on the MoHSS website.







A NATIONWIDE SURVEY TO ASSESS HIV PREVENTION, CARE AND TREATMENT SERVICES IN NAMIBIA

## What is NAMPHIA?

NAMPHIA is a nationwide survey to assess HIV viral prevention, care and treatment in Namibia. NAMPHIA will help the government, its partners and the public to know how many people are currently infected with HIV (HIV prevalence), how many people have new infections (HIV incidence) and how many people with HIV are on effective treatment (HIV viral load suppression). This information will help the government and its partners to target programs and resources to the people most in need of services. If you are part of the survey, you will learn about your own health in the convenience of your home, or wherever you choose to complete the survey.

# Who is conducting the survey?

The Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) is leading the NAMPHIA survey in collaboration with the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) and the Namibia Institute of Pathology (NIP). The survey is supported by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



#### How is the survey conducted?

The survey will involve over 12,000 households. The households will be selected at random from all over Namibia. This means that all households in Namibia have a chance to be part of the survey. Overall approximately 26,000 people will be part of the survey.

The people conducting the survey will have an identification card to show they have been trained to collect information for the survey. All of the survey staff have been trained to keep the information they collect confidential.

## Can any person be part of the survey?

If your household is selected to be part of the survey, you can take part if you are between the ages of 0-64. If you are aged 18 or older, you must give your permission to take part. If you have a child aged 0-9 in your household, the parent/guardian must give permission for the child to take part in the survey. If you have a child aged 10-17 in your household, the parent/guardian and the child must give permission for the child totake part in the survey. There is no charge for any of the services provided.

### What will happen to the information I give?

The information you give, including the results of your HIV test, is private. The information will be used for the survey and will not be used for anything else. Your information will not be shared with other people in your community or with other people conducting the survey. Your name will not be included in the results of the study.

# Why should I take part in the survey?

You will be tested for HIV in the privacy of your own home. You will be given information about HIV prevention, care and treatment.

If you are HIV positive you will also have your viral load and your CD4 count tested. You will be given information about treatment and care and you will be given a referral form so that you can choose a health facility to go to for care, if you are not already doing so.

## Do I have to take part in the survey?

Taking part in the survey is voluntary. But being part of the survey will help you, your family and Namibia.

If you and your family take part in the survey, each family member will learn about his or her HIV status. You and your family will also be given information about prevention, care and treatment of HIV.

By being part of the survey you can share your experience of the health system. This information will help to improve health services for all people in Namibia

