



# IMPROVING ACCESS TO VIRAL LOAD TESTING FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

## TWO NEW PRACTICAL RESOURCES TO OPERATIONALIZE HIV VIRAL LOAD TESTING



### A 80-PAGE GUIDE

- 60 lessons learned
- 60 recommendations and implementation tips
- 4 summaries of the in-countries results

### + 1 COMPLETE TOOLKIT

- 6 thematic packages on all the steps required to implement viral load testing
- 90 tools accessible and downloadable for free online

### WHY A NEW TOOLKIT AND A GUIDE FOR IMPLEMENTING VIRAL LOAD TESTING?

HIV viral load measure is a key monitoring tool for people living with HIV/AIDS.

UNAIDS selected it as the 3<sup>rd</sup> key indicator to end the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, with the goal that 90% of patients on ARV therapy should have a permanent viral suppression.

However, effective access to it remains a challenge, particularly in West and Central Africa.

**The objective of this Toolkit and Guide** is to share the richness of experience gained from six years of implementation of the OPP-ERA project in the Republics of Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. All these resources

will be useful to all the actors involved in the operationalization of HIV viral load testing in the sub-region and worldwide.

These tools are the result of a collective reflection between the project coordination teams and the teams mobilized in the field, and of cross-fertilization between several disciplines. Beyond the establishment of laboratories, HIV viral load testing operationalization is based on a systemic approach, as presented in this Toolkit and Guide. The challenges of making HIV viral load measurement accessible and sustainable today lie in the implementation of this complex and multidisciplinary score.

**Everyone has a role to play in making quality care a reality for all people living with HIV. These resources are there to help.**

Access the Toolkit online, in French:



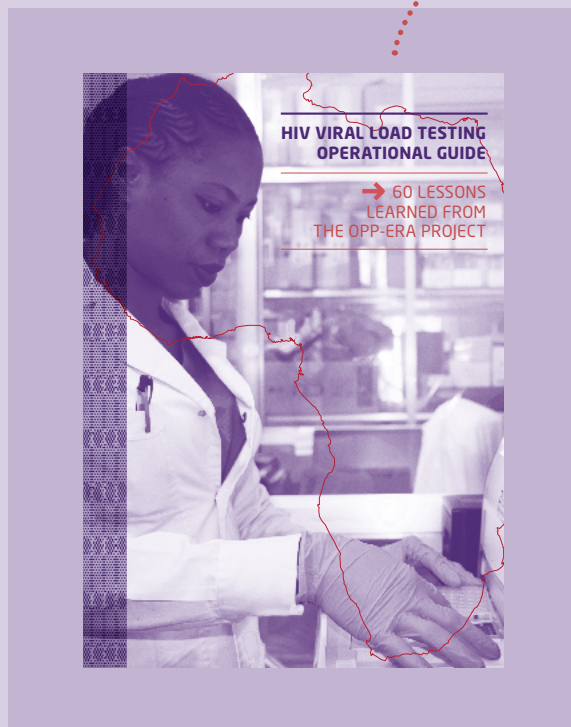
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toolkit-chargevirale-oppera.solthis.org/](https://toolkit-chargevirale-oppera.solthis.org/)

Discover the HIV Viral Load Testing Operational Guide, in French and English:

[https://  
chargevirale-oppera.solthis.org/en/practical-tools/](https://chargevirale-oppera.solthis.org/en/practical-tools/)

## HIV VIRAL LOAD TESTING OPERATIONAL GUIDE

### 60 LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE OPP-ERA PROJECT



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### 5 KEY THEMES ON VIRAL LOAD TESTING:

- HIV viral load strategy
- Laboratory
- Procurement and supply management
- Patient care
- Economy

+ 4 summaries of the OPP-ERA results per country

### PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FIELD

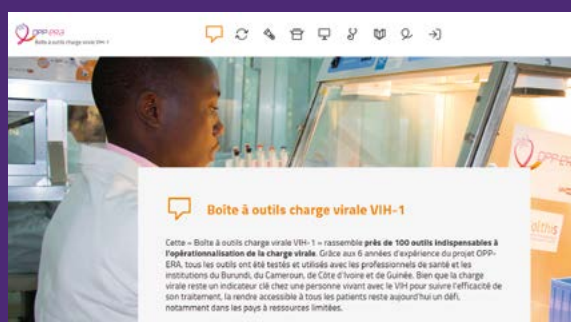
60	60 lessons learned
	20 tips and solutions for operational implementation
	40 programmatic considerations for National HIV/AIDS Programs and funding partners
	Some elements specific to OPP platforms, the rest of the Guide being common to all the techniques used
	Links with the HIV Viral Load online Toolkit.

## TOOLKIT FOR VIRAL LOAD IMPLEMENTATION:

### 90 PRACTICAL TOOLS DOWNLOADABLE FOR FREE IN FRENCH



<https://toolkit-chargevirale-oppera.solthis.org/>



→ QUICK SEARCH FOR AVAILABLE TOOLS

Among one of the 6 thematic packages or by keywords

→ EASY AND FREE DOWNLOAD OF THE TOOLS

One by one or grouped by sub-sections or thematic

### 1<sup>ST</sup> AS COMPLETE TOOLKIT IN FRENCH LANGUAGE

- 50 tools for the laboratories: implementation, sample management and analysis, biosecurity
- 20 tools for procurement and supply management: quantification, purchasing, transportation, storage and maintenance
- 20 tools for sample collection, data management, patient care and national strategy
- A list of tools developed by other viral load actors



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