

As a follow up on activity from the subregional Laboratory Quality Management System (LQMS) training workshop provided in November 2012, a team composed of laboratory experts together with WHO staff, visited key laboratories in Egypt and Yemen in May and June 2013 respectively. In each location, laboratories were reviewed for their implementation of a LQMS.

To assess the full process, samples were followed from patient receipt to reporting of results. Feedback and recommendations specific to each laboratory were provided during the visits, and guidance continues to be provided by the laboratory experts through the review of documents. Plans are now underway to establish twinning of these laboratories with specialized public health laboratories in developed countries with a view to exchanging information, sharing experiences and undertaking specific collaborative projects.

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