# HIV COMMUNITY TESTING MONITORING IN SPAIN

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#### INTRODUCTION

Approximately 150,000 people are estimated to be living with HIV in Spain, 25% of them are unaware of their serostatus. This situation does not allow them to benefit from early treatment and increases the risk of transmission.

Community-based voluntary counseling and testing (CBVCT) allows scaling up of the offer of the test, especially in outreach programmes, providing information and advice and enabling the linkage to care.

## **OBJECTIVES**

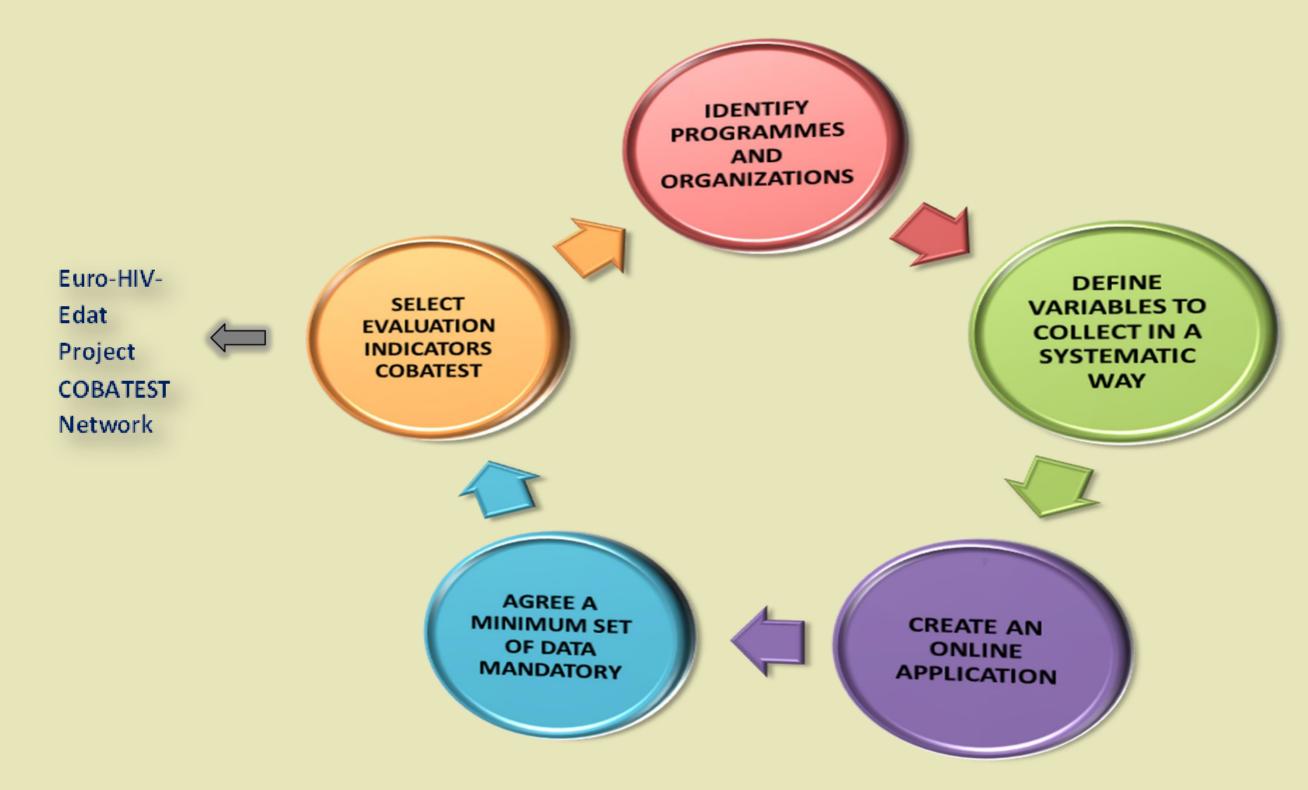
RESULTS

- 1. Develop a tool to localize CBVCT in Spain that facilitates access to the test. (Mapping Project)
- 2. Develop a network to monitor community HIV diagnosis programmes, develop common procedures and tools for collecting information, obtain assessment indicators, and promote the exchange of good practices. (RedCoVIH Project)

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Mapping Project: a form was created with the variables: name, address and telephone. An active research of internet data was carried out and subsequently validated by the Autonomous Regions and the NGO Advisory Committee. Finally, GPS localization software for georeferencing was applied.

**RedCoVIH Project:** CBVCT programmes were identified. An online application was developed with the following variables: programme type, socio-demographic data of the users, previous tests, reasons for testing and usual sexual practices. A minimum set of data was defined and the evaluation indicators of the Cobatest project were selected



448 centers were identified: 257 pharmacies, 136 NGOs, 15 STI / HIV Centers and 40 others, (Youth Centers, Town Health Centers and Primary Care Centers with community testing programmes). The RedCoVIH on-line tool is in pre-production phase.

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CONCLUSIONS

These tools will contribute to improve the accessibility of CBVCTs and provide test performance information monitoring. Also, will promote the implementation of good practices and help to a better contextualization of the interventions in the community HIV prevention programmes.