Ghana Key Issues

• Ghana started field operations on the 4\textsuperscript{th} of March, 2013
• Four teams
• Three teams on the field at any point in time.
• Currently completed 11 Cluster operations and 87 to go
• So far the major challenge is laboratory capacity and data management
Laboratory challenges

• 1. Inadequate number of laboratory technicians
• Reduce laboratory workload by cutting back on MGIT

• 2. Data entry
• Rotate data entry for lab technicians

• 3. On time reporting of positive results for case management
• More frequent and effective communication between central lab, field teams, survey coordination and cluster level health system
Laboratory challenges cont.

- Work schedule
- Supervision
  - Technical supervision
  - Supportive supervision
- Feedback mechanisms
Data challenges

• Adhering to eligibility criteria for sputum exam
• This can be solved by creating more data checks in the data base
• Having data verification or a data checker in the field
Electronic data

- Secure ownership by obtaining the source codes from the developer
- Technology transfer by building capacity for local transfer
- Backup off site
- Avoid duplication by introducing unique identifiers nationwide