Lessons for Malawi
Quality Survey Operations

Emphasized the need for;

- Presurvey visits; crucial in identifying and finalizing logistical issues e.g. accommodation, water sources, provision of information about the survey etc.

- During these visits needs will be identified requiring central level support, for example mattresses (TZ), renting out people’s houses, issues of food

- Team work; doing things together to encourage team cohesion
Field Practices -

• Strong team leaders and assistant team leader
• At the beginning combine the teams for consistent and survey operation experience, then split the teams as planned
• Use of conventional x-rays not digital. Issues of films and chemicals procurement
• Privacy for clients especially when changing for X-Rays, submission of sputum specimen
• Use of separate data checker (another team member)
Data Management

• Use a single form that has different sections i.e. personal information, symptoms screening questions, Radiology information, Laboratory information

• Use of an a volunteer to take the client through all the areas until the end

• Use of ID numbers plus client names

• Data strengthening in the laboratory may be necessary by allocating a data officer to help in entering laboratory data in CRL data base

• Population information reliability needs to be verified; important to look at this. Last national census done in 2010
Next Steps

• Update the protocol and SOPs to reflect the recommendations and suggestions – May 15th
• X-ray items procurement – May 15th
• Refresher training staff for survey 3rd Week of May
• 2nd pre-visit – 4th week of May
• TA visit- 1st full week of June