

Case Study # 1

The Departments work collaboratively to address the stubborn issue of HIV in their region. It appears that while HIV incidence and prevalence rates are significantly being lowered nationwide, the same cannot be said for the region since incidence has begun to steadily rise during the past 15 months. Howard University (HU) was asked to investigate this matter and help identify the causative factors and develop a region-specific intervention.

Prior to investigating the matter, the HU Principal Investigator contacted her colleague from the National Government Surveillance Project (NGSP) for assistance in helping to design and implement the formative, process and outcome evaluations for this endeavor.

One expected outcome from this effort is additional funding for the region to help thwart this unexpected growth.

Case Study # 1: Discussion Questions

1. Which data collection methods would best suit this investigation?

HU, with guidance from NGSP was able to unearth the following:

1. Two settlements to accommodate refugees from south east Asia and the Congo were established in both Maryland and Delaware during the past year.
2. These refugees all speak and understand English well.

It appears that based on zip-code level data from the health departments, that the settlement areas are the hot-spots for the increased regional numbers.

2. As HIV care providers, when faced with a public health issue such as this, what considerations are paramount to addressing the needs of these communities?