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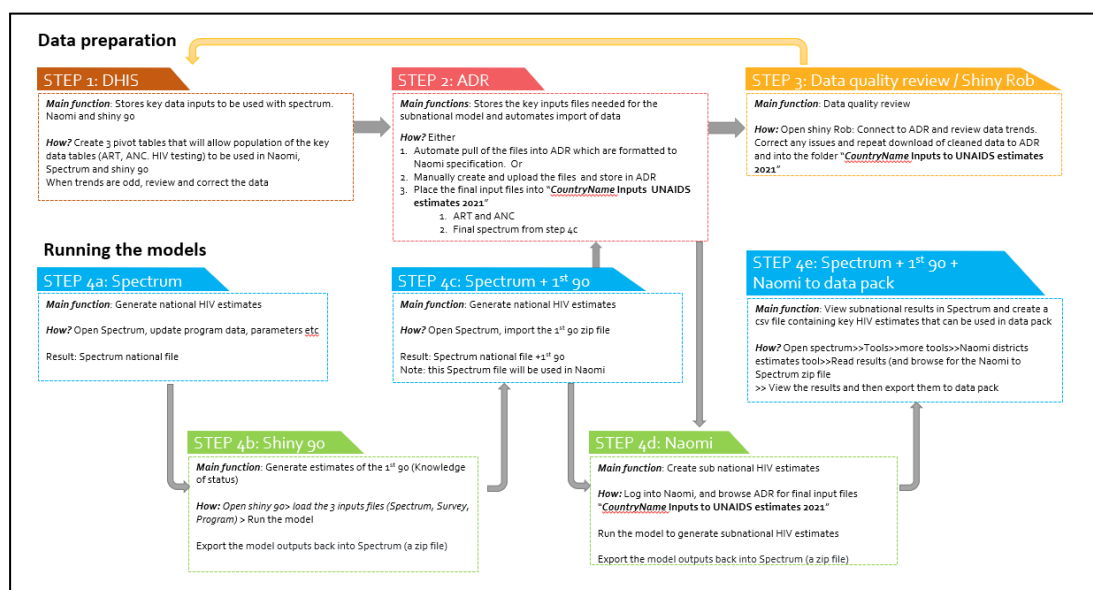
Data preparation

Prior to using the Naomi Model

The generation of subnational estimates using Naomi is one of the last steps in the process of HIV estimation. Ensure that you have a finalised Spectrum file, as well as validated your subnational program data (numbers on ART and ANC prevalence). If you use DHIS, the generation of the ART and ANC program data can be automated through the AIDS Data Repository (review training presentations). If you do not use DHIS or do not want to automate the process through ADR please compile the data as per the Naomi specifications. The templates with the indicator definitions and required specifications are available here <https://adr.unaids.org/en/pages/inputs-unaids>.

Populate your Input Data Package in ADR for your 2022 estimates.

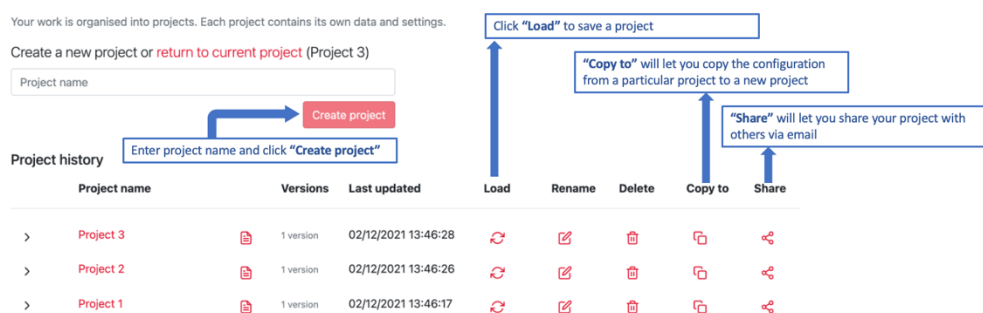
- There are 6 required input files used in the Naomi model:
 - Geojson:** Defines boundaries of your national and subnational geographical areas.
 - Population:** By five-year age groups and sex and district.
 - Survey:** Prevalence from your population-based survey and if available, incidence and ART coverage.
 - ART programme data:** number receiving treatment Men, women, children.
 - ANC programme data:** HIV prevalence, ART coverage among pregnant women.
 - Updated Spectrum AIM file:** Countries with subnational Spectrum files need to use the tool in Spectrum to create a 1 zip file for Naomi. (Tools>More tools>Naomi district estimates tool>Generate district results>add the subnational Spectrum files and click open. It will create a zip file in the same folder as your final Spectrum files. Upload this file into ADR.
- A prepopulated folder called “CountryName HIV Estimates 2022” within your ADR country page containing items 1-3 has been created for you. You will need to add in files 4-6 above (your program data and your final Spectrum file).
- We strongly recommend that once this package is created you use the ShinyRob application to review and ensure the quality and consistency of the ANC and ART data (review training presentations). Make any improvements to the ANC or ART data based on your review.



Running the Naomi Model

Creating a project within the Naomi application

Open and login to the Naomi application (Naomi.unaids.org). If you do not have an account, please request one using [this form](#). Once you are logged into Naomi, you will need to create a **project** or if you had previously created a project then you can load an existing project. Name your **project** and click “Create project” button.



Note you can have **multiple projects**. This is primarily for users that have been granted access to view multiple countries or if a country would like to try different model runs for comparison. On the 'Projects' page, you can see a list of all your projects and manage them.

Step 1: Upload input data

Either upload the 6 country input files manually from your computer or connect to your ADR by entering your ADR access key to directly pull in the 6 required input files from your **HIV estimates 2022 ADR** folder. We strongly recommend the second option as this ensures that everyone on the national HIV estimates team is using the same set of input data. It also allows for a more transparent estimates process and facilitates continuity and a well-documented handover between successive estimation teams. Start by clicking “get access key from ADR” link.

Project: CountryName v1 v1
Last saved 11:59 ✓

ADR access key none provided [add / get access key from ADR](#)

ADR access key Save cancel

ADR access key ***** remove

Select ADR dataset

Browse ADR Datasets

Antarctica HIV Estimates 2022

Browse ADR Datasets

Kenya HIV Estimates 2022

Use latest data ☒ Select a release ☐

Releases

Select...

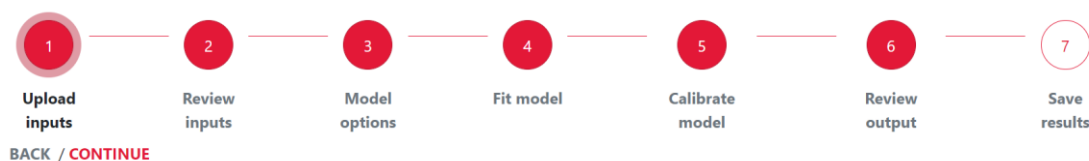
Import Cancel

Spectrum file ✓ ADR
Country: Malawi
File: demo_mwi2019.pjnz remove

Select new file Browse

- Copy your API Key by clicking the button.
- Click ‘add’ and paste your ADR access key and click “Save”.
- After saving your ADR access key, click “Select use latest data”, browse to the dataset you want, select it and click “Import”.
- When your data sets are correctly imported, you will see a red check mark next to your files.

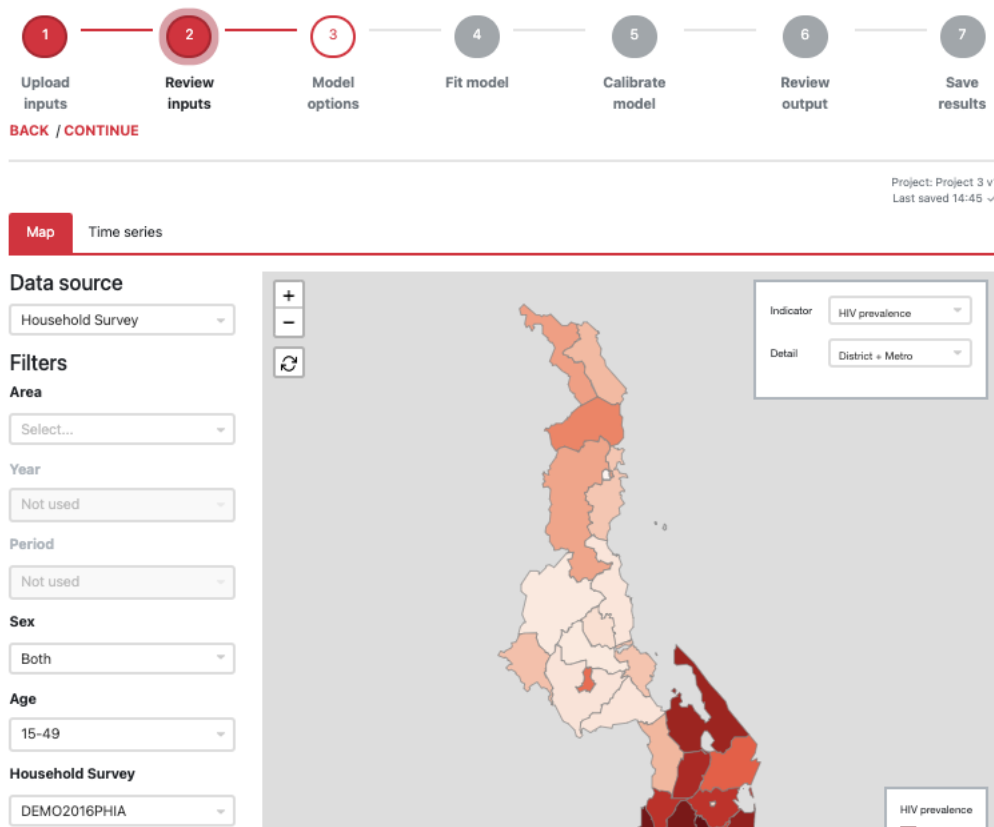
Once you have connected to a dataset in ADR you will need to go through the following 7 steps. To advance through the steps, click ‘Continue’. If “Continue” is greyed out, it indicates that there is a requirement that has not been fulfilled and you will not be able to advance until that is addressed first.



Step 2: Review the input data

You can now review your data. Use the filters on the left-hand side to select the indicator, disaggregates and area of interest.

Trends can be viewed over space by selecting the **Map** tab:



Or over time by selecting the **Time Series** tab:



Step 3: Model options

Use the following parameters for the Naomi model. These fall into 5 categories.

A. General

- **Area Scope:** Ensure the country is selected.
- **Area level:** Select the lowest level of your geography/area hierarchy for which you have **programme** and **population data**. In this example it is the health district.
- **Calendar quarter to generate estimates:** Select the last quarter of the year for which data are available. As we are generating estimates up to the end of 2021, select "December 2021"
- **Calendar quarter to generate short term projection:** Allows generation of estimates in the future. By default, this is set to September 2022

General	
Select general model options:	
Area scope (required)	Malawi - Demo x
Area level (required)	District + Metro
Calendar quarter to generate estimates (required)	December 2021
Calendar quarter to generate short-term projection (required) ?	September 2022

B. Survey

- **Calendar quarter at midpoint of survey:** Use the default which is set to be the midpoint of your most recent population-based survey
- **Prevalence:** Use the default which is your most recent population-based survey
- **ART coverage:** If any population-based survey in your country has measured ART coverage, select the most recent population-based survey.

Survey	
Select which survey to use for each indicator and whether to run the model with survey ART coverage or VLS.	
Calendar quarter at midpoint of survey (required)	March 2016
Prevalence (required)	DEMO2016PHIA x
ART coverage	DEMO2016PHIA x

C. ANC

This section allows you to include HIV prevalence from antenatal clinic attendees to inform the subnational estimations. For 'Prevalence Time 1', select the year matching the midpoint of the survey and for "Prevalence Time 2", select the Year you are running your estimate for. Note: If you do not have accurate ANC data at time 1 you can select a more recent year for which you have accurate ANC data. Similarly, incorporate the proportion of ANC clients already on ART. This is used to inform the spatial pattern of ART coverage in the model.

Time 1: Year of the population-based survey or most recent year for which they have reliable ANC data (in this example it is 2017).

Time 2: Year of HIV estimates (up to December 2021)).

For each year selected, choose the number of months included in reporting. Ideally this will be a full year reporting (12 months). But for example, if 2020 data are only available for January through September, choose '9' months.

ANC

Optionally select which years of data to use at time point 1 and 2

Data year to calibrate number of ANC clients ?	Time 2 ?	
	2020	
Months included in ANC reporting for ANC clients ? (required)	12 months	
Prevalence among ANC attendees	Time 1 ?	Time 2 ?
	2018	2020
ART coverage prior to first ANC	Time 1 ?	Time 2 ?
	2018	2020

D. ART

Ensure that you include the number of people receiving ART as reported through programmes by indicating yes. The uploaded programme data will be interpolated to align to the quarters selected for the survey midpoint (Time 1) and the quarter to generate estimates (Time 2) selected above.

Note: If you do not have accurate ART data at time 1, we suggest that you leave time 1 blank

Also, in this section we are recommending that you turn on the adjustment for people receiving ART in neighbouring districts (by selecting "Yes").

ART

Select whether to include ART data or not in model run

Include ART data	Time 1 ? (required)	Time 2 ? (required)
	Select...	Select...
Estimate neighbouring district ART attendance ? (required)	Yes	
Time-varying neighbouring district ART attendance ? (required)	Yes	

E. Population calibration options

To ensure that the Spectrum file and the Naomi results are aligned, the Naomi results will be calibrated to match the national results. Ensure you calibrate to the National level. This calibration to Spectrum's population will be completed **before** the model fitting.

Population calibration options

Options for calibrating to Spectrum population size. If national Spectrum file, 'National' and 'Subnational' options will return the same result. Calibration to Spectrum population is completed before model fitting.

Adjust to Spectrum population size ? (required)	<div>Select... None ✓ National Subnational</div>
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F. Advanced: Keep the default advanced options as shown below

- **Awareness of HIV status:** If you uploaded a Spectrum file that did not have a shiny 90 file in it you can run the model but will have to select “No” in order to proceed.
- **Use aggregate survey dataset:** Set to yes if your survey dataset only has prevalence values for the broad 15-49 age group category. This includes Benin, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Niger.
- **Proportion recently infected:** For this round of estimates please do not use this option. Keep this blank.

Advanced ^
Advanced model run options

Output 'awareness of HIV status' indicators (required) Yes

Maximum iterations (required) 250

Number of simulations (required) 1000

Simulation seed 28

Permissive (required) No

Logit prior mean for neighboring district attraction (required) -4

Use aggregate survey dataset (required) No

Use survey data on proportion recently infected Select...

Survey design effect - HIV prevalence Use Kish ESS (required) Yes ESS Scaling Factor (required) 1

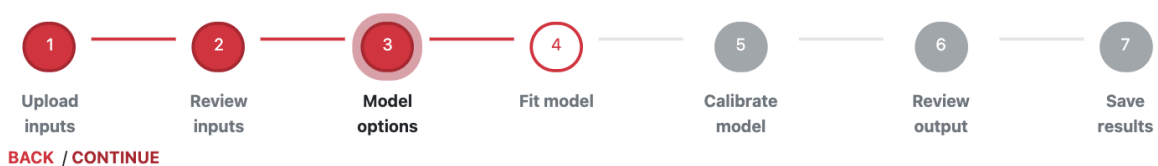
Survey design effect - ART coverage Use Kish ESS (required) Yes ESS Scaling Factor (required) 1

Survey design effect - Proportion recently infected Use Kish ESS (required) Yes ESS Scaling Factor (required) 1

At the end of the page, click “Validate” to validate all the selected options. When everything is validated, you will see a red check mark before proceeding. Click ‘Continue’ to fit the Naomi model.

Validate

Options are valid ✓



Step 4: Fit the model

Click ‘Fit the model’. It will take between 2 minutes to 1 hour depending on your country.

Step 5: Calibration

Calibrate your Naomi results to your Spectrum file. This is to ensure that the mean aggregate subnational estimates from Naomi are consistent with the national estimates from Spectrum. This should be done for the following four indicators: PLHIV, ART, aware of HIV status and new infections. All of these indicators should be adjusted to match your Spectrum file at either the national or sub-national Spectrum level with the following age sex stratification: sex and age <15 /15+ years.

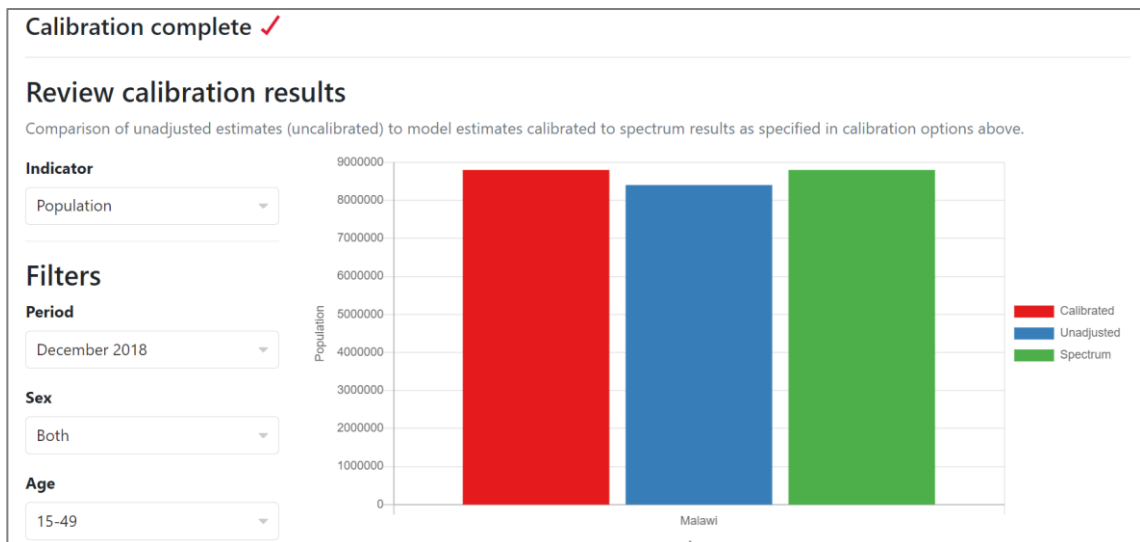
Calibration options

Options for calibrating to Spectrum outputs. If national Spectrum file, 'National' and 'Subnational' options will return the same result. Some calibrations will invalidate model inference to survey, ART programme, and ANC testing data. If calibration adjustments are large, it is recommended to review Spectrum results and Naomi input data rather than accept large calibration adjustments.

Adjust to Spectrum PLHIV	Level [?] (required) National	Stratification [?] (required) Sex and age <15 / 15+
Adjust to Spectrum number on ART	Level [?] (required) National	Stratification [?] (required) Sex and age <15 / 15+
Adjust to Spectrum number aware of HIV status	Level [?] (required) National	Stratification [?] (required) Sex and age <15 / 15+
Adjust to Spectrum number of new infections	Level [?] (required) National	Stratification [?] (required) Sex and age <15 / 15+
Calibration method (required)	Logistic	

Calibration method: Select logistic as the default calibration method. This will scale estimates of prevalence, ART coverage, proportion unaware, and incidence on the logit scale within each district / sex / age stratum in order to match to Spectrum. This ensures that ART coverage does not go above 100% in any district / sex / age stratification.

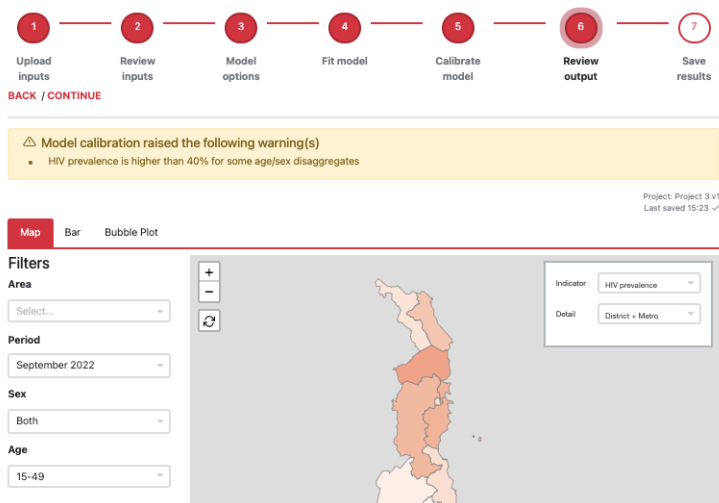
Once calibration completed you can review your calibrated estimates alongside your uncalibrated estimates to compare scale of the adjustment to Spectrum totals. This can be viewed for a number of indicators by age and sex disaggregates:



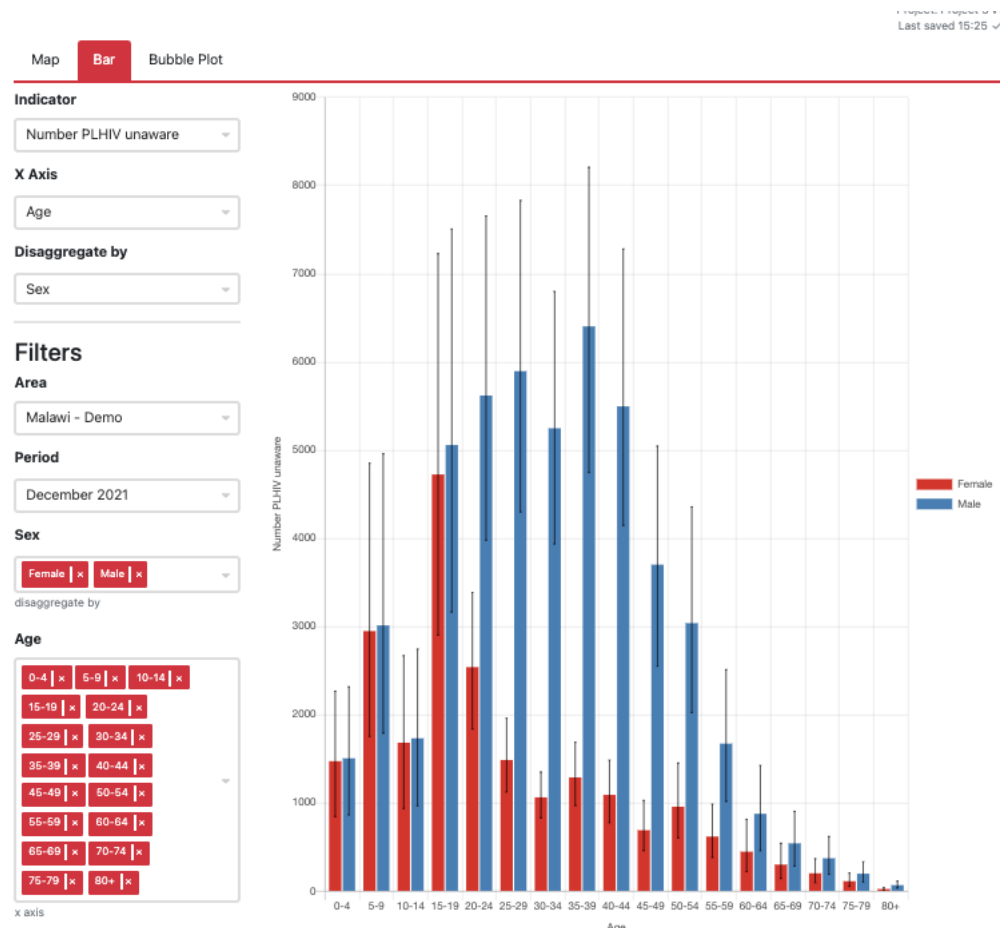
Step 6: Review the output

Before downloading final outputs, estimates can be reviewed for implausible estimates including:

- ART coverage values that are implausibly high or over 100%
- HIV prevalence values that are implausibly high
- Outlying estimates compared to most other districts or to other quarters/years



You may receive a warning for implausible estimates and should review your data inputs and/or calibration options before proceeding to download final outputs. Estimates should be reviewed across fine age and sex disaggregates to identify outliers and implausible estimates:



Step 7: Download the results

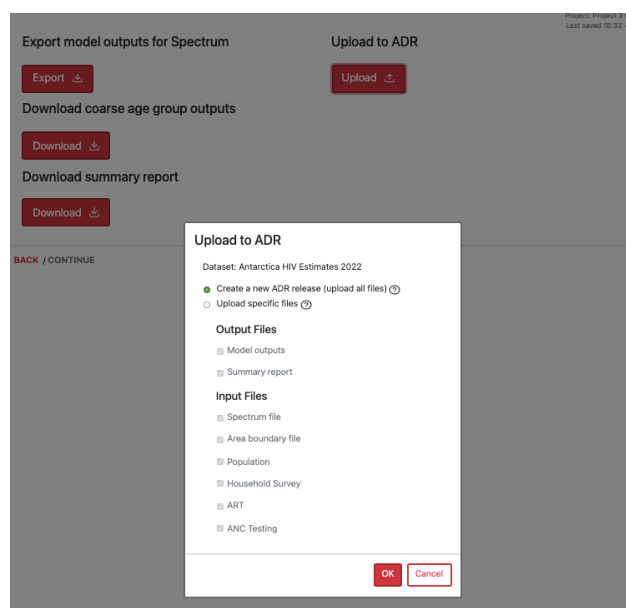
Local download of Naomi outputs:

There are 3 options available for output downloads:

1. **Export model outputs for Spectrum:** Use this option to download a zip file which can then be uploaded into Spectrum and used to create a Data pack. You can also use this file to view the results on a Naomi-Spectrum viewer available at Naomi-Spectrum.unaids.org. This provides some additional viewing options and a table format of the data both at district and province level.
2. **Download coarse age group outputs:** This will produce a similar output zip folder as described above with outputs filtered to include only coarse age group estimates.
3. **Download summary report.** This option provides a summary of your results which you can share with key stakeholders.

Automatically transfer outputs to the Aids Data Repository:

If you have reviewed your estimates and would like to transfer them to your country specific estimates package on the Aids Data Repository, you may can do so by selecting “**Upload to ADR**”:



Here you will be given the options to update specific Naomi output files in addition to the data inputs used to generate your estimates

Note: If you encounter any issues using these options, kindly let us know what the issue is and share your project with your facilitator so we can review your model inputs and model run.

Share project

This will create a copy of test for the given users.

Please enter the email addresses you would like to share this project with. Press Enter to add a new address. These email addresses must be already registered with Naomi.

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