



# Instructions for using the Naomi model

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# Data preparation

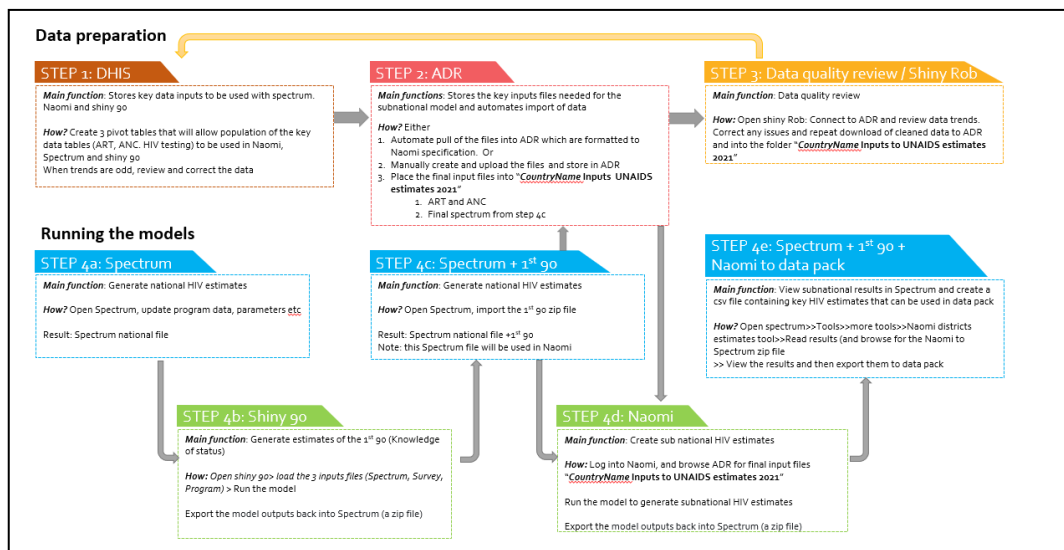
## Prior to using the Naomi Model

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 program data (numbers on ART and ANC prevalence). If you use DHIS, this step can be automated through the AIDS Data Repository (review training presentations). If you do not use DHIS see the templates for formatting these data on ADR

<https://adr.unaids.org/dataset/unaids-inputs-2021-templates>.

Populate your Input Data Package in ADR for your 2021 estimates.

- There are 6 required input files used in the Naomi model:
  1. Geojson file that defines the boundaries of your national and subnational geographical areas.
  2. Population file by five-year age groups and sex and district.
  3. Survey data that has the data from your most recent population-based survey on prevalence and, if available, incidence and ART coverage.
  4. ART programme data – number receiving treatment Men, women, children.
  5. ANC programme data – HIV prevalence, ART coverage among pregnant women.
  6. **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 Inputs UNAIDS Estimates 2021” 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. Update your Spectrum file.
- Be sure the program data reviewed in step 3 (diagram below) match the values in Spectrum AIM.



# Running the Naomi Model

Open and login to the Naomi application (Naomi.unaids.org). 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.

Your work is organised into projects. Each project contains its own data and settings.

Create a new project or [return to current project](#) (Liberia 3)

Project name

Enter a project name and click “create project.” [Create project](#)

“Share” will let you share your project with others via email.

“Copy to” will let you copy the configurations from a particular project to a new project.

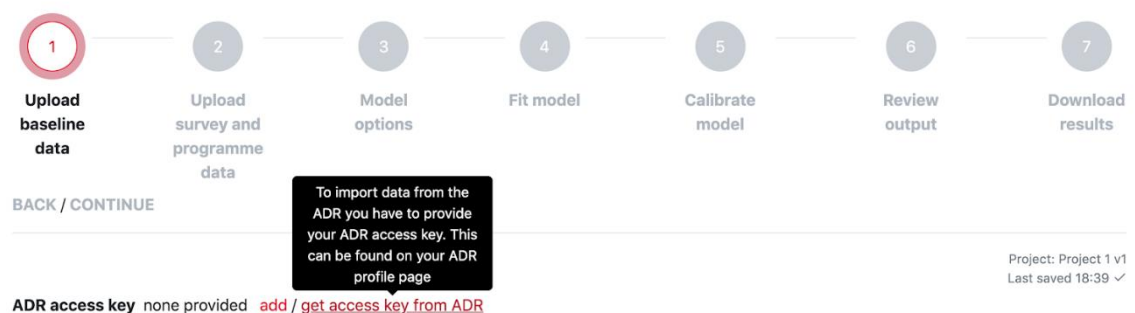
Click ‘Load’ to load a saved project.

**Project history**

	Project name	Versions	Last updated	Load	Rename	Delete	Copy to	Share
>	Liberia 3	1 version	28/11/2020 17:31:31					
>	Angola survey only	1 version	27/11/2020 11:34:22					
>	Liberia 2	1 version	26/11/2020 19:23:44					
>	Project 1	1 version	26/11/2020 19:22:31					

## Step 1 and 2: 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 country ADR page. 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.



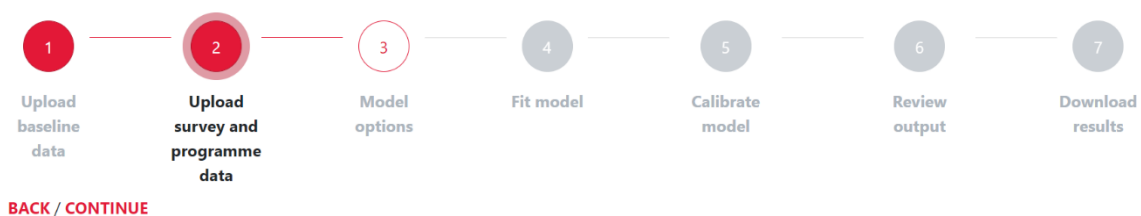
Copy your API Key by clicking the button.  
Click ‘add’ and paste your ADR access key and click “Save”.

add

Enter key

The screenshot shows the 'ADR key' field with a red asterisk indicating a required field. Below it is a red button labeled 'Select ADR dataset'. To the right, the 'Browse ADR' dialog is open, showing a search bar with 'Select...' and a list of ADRs. The first ADR is 'Antarctica Inputs UNAIDS Estimates 2021' with the path '(antarctica-inputs-unaids-estimates-2021) Imperial College London'. The second ADR is 'Liberia Inputs UNAIDS Estimates 2021' with the path '(liberia-inputs-unaids-estimates-2021) Liberia'. The 'Liberia' ADR is highlighted.

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 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 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 2020, select "December 2020"

*Calendar quarter to generate short term projection:* Allows generation of estimates in the future.

### B. Survey

*Calendar quarter at midpoint of survey:* Use the default which is the midpoint of your most recent population-based survey

*Prevalence:* Select the most recent population-based survey for the prevalence value

*ART coverage:* If any population-based survey in your country has measured ART coverage, select the most recent population-based survey.

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for the Naomi model. It is divided into two main sections: 'General' and 'Survey'.

**General Section:**

- Header: **General**
- Instruction: Select general model options:
- Area scope (required): A dropdown menu with 'Burundi' selected.
- Area level (required): A dropdown menu with 'District Sanitaire' selected.
- Calendar quarter to generate estimates (required): A dropdown menu with 'December 2020' selected.
- Calendar quarter to generate short-term projection (required): A dropdown menu with 'September 2021' selected.

**Survey Section:**

- Header: **Survey**
- Instruction: 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): A dropdown menu with 'December 2016' selected.
- Prevalence (required): A dropdown menu with 'BDI2016DHS' selected.
- ART coverage: A dropdown menu with 'Select...' selected.

### 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 2020)).

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 ?
	2017	2020
ART coverage prior to first ANC	Time 1 ?	Time 2 ?
	2017	2017

#### 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)
	Yes	Yes
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)

Select...

- None
- ✓ National
- Subnational

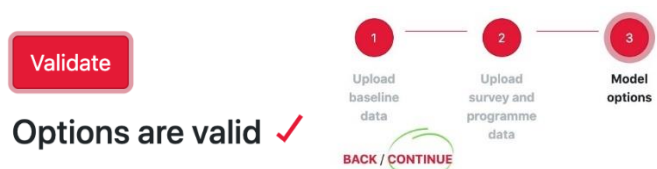
**F. Advanced:** Keep the default advanced options as shown below

**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.

**Proportion recently infected:** For this round of estimates please do not use this option. Keep this blank.

Output 'awareness of HIV status' indicators ⓘ (required)	Yes ▼	
Maximum iterations ⓘ (required)	250	
Number of simulations ⓘ (required)	1000	
Simulation seed ⓘ	28	
Permissive ⓘ (required)	Yes ▼	
Logit prior mean for neighboring district attraction ⓘ (required)	-4	
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.



## Step 4: Fit the model

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

Fit model
Model fitting complete

## Step 5: Calibration

Calibrate your Naomi results to your Spectrum file. This should be done for the following four indicators (PLHIV, ART and new infections). This is to ensure that the mean aggregate estimates from Spectrum and Naomi are consistent.

**Adjust to Spectrum PLHIV:** PLHIV should be adjusted to match your Spectrum file, either from your national or sub national Spectrum files.

**Adjust to Spectrum number on ART:** ART should be adjusted to match your Spectrum file, either from your national or sub national Spectrum files.

**Adjust to Spectrum number of new infections:** New infections should be adjusted to match your Spectrum file either the national or sub-national Spectrum files

**Stratification:** Please use as below (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) <input type="text" value="National"/>	Stratification ⓘ (required) <input type="text" value="Sex and age &lt;15 / 15+"/>
Adjust to Spectrum number on ART	Level ⓘ (required) <input type="text" value="National"/>	Stratification ⓘ (required) <input type="text" value="Sex and age &lt;15 / 15+"/>
Adjust to Spectrum number of new infections	Level ⓘ (required) <input type="text" value="National"/>	Stratification ⓘ (required) <input type="text" value="Sex and age &lt;15 / 15+"/>

Calibrate

## Step 6: Review the output

In the maps and in the tables available through the Download function. Review coverage estimates for values that are over 100% or implausibly high; review prevalence and incidence data for values that are not realistic (e.g., outlying compared to most other districts or to other quarters/years).

## Step 7: Download the results

There are 3 options

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.
3. Download summary report. This option provides a summary of your results which you can share with key stakeholders.

**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.

OK Cancel

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