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A health worker administers a malaria rapid diagnostic test, allowing a patient to know their malaria status in as little as 15-20 minutes and receive immediate treatment.

TANZANIA

POLICE AND PRISONS

Police and Prisons is a five-year activity which aims to improve HIV and TB prevention, treatment, care, and support services within 32 prison healthcare facilities. The United States and Tanzania work with many projects to mitigate the impact and spread of Tanzania's generalized HIV epidemic. However, among prisoners in mainland Tanzania HIV prevalence is significantly higher than in the general population. Prisoners are also at greater risk of acquiring tuberculosis (TB), with many prison health facilities having limited ability to deliver comprehensive HIV and TB services. Police and prison staff also face higher risk than the general population due to their frequent relocations among other factors.

In response to these challenges, Police and Prisons has two objectives:

1. Improve access to and quality of HIV and TB prevention, care, and treatment services.
2. Strengthen systems for delivering quality HIV and TB prevention, care, and treatment services.

PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

Police and Prisons' interventions include:

- Increasing the number of inmates aware of HIV status through targeted testing services
- Increasing awareness of HIV/TB risk and uptake of services within police and prison settings
- Strengthening anti-retroviral therapy (ART) and management of TB, TB/HIV, and STIs
- Encouraging health providers to regularly screen for intimate partner and gender-based violence (GBV)
- Eliminating mother to child transmission of HIV among female inmates
- Scaling up continuous care interventions to improve treatment outcomes.
- Continuously improving quality of performance and service delivery
- Using technology to increase accountability and quality assurance.
- Addressing gender dynamics to create prison and community environments that increase protection against HIV and TB
- Providing exit health education to released prisoners on the importance of continuing care and collaborating with the community to facilitate released prisoners' reentry.

BUDGET \$19.8 million

DURATION

August 2020 – August 2025

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nationwide

IMPLEMENTER

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EXPECTED RESULTS

By the end of the activity, the following results are expected:

- 95% of police, prison staff, and prisoners know HIV status and 95% of HIV+ police, prison staff, and prisoners initiated on ART.
- Uninterrupted treatment services and 100% availability of HIV and TB supplies, commodities, and medicines.
- Increased number of healthcare workers certified as HIV testers and greater number of certified HIV testing sites.
- Up to date database on trained healthcare workers and annual training plan