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USG PEPFAR Annual Budget for South Africa

- 2013 = \$484 million
- 2014 = \$459 million
- 2015 = \$413 million
- 2016 = \$350 million
- 2017 = \$250 million

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Overview

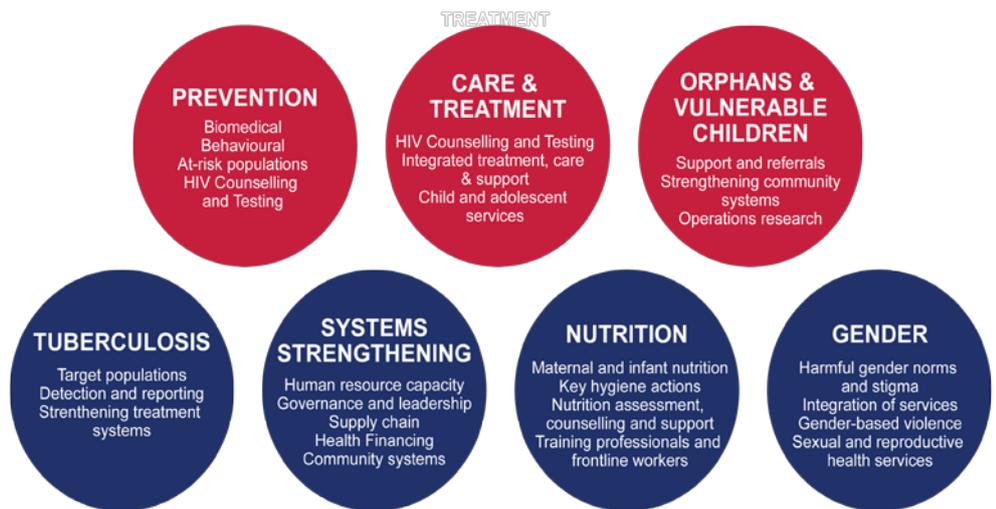
USAID works with the South African Government, the private sector and civil society to strengthen the country's systems and improve health outcomes for all South Africans. USAID's health program in South Africa is one of USAID's largest. Through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the program helps build the capacity of South Africa to address both the drivers and impact of HIV and AIDS.

South Africa has the highest burden of HIV/AIDS in the world, with an estimated 6.8 million people living with HIV. South Africa is at a critical moment, when the course of the epidemic can be changed by working together to scale up high-impact interventions in the communities that are hardest-hit by HIV/AIDS, to save more lives and prevent HIV transmission.

South Africa also faces one of the world's highest incidence rates of tuberculosis (TB), along with many other social challenges that impact on the health and well-being of its people. USAID supports South Africa to reduce this burden and care for those infected and affected.

Improving Health Outcomes

The Health Office works with partners across sectors, employing an integrated and evidence-based approach that targets key at-risk populations and supports the effectiveness of the country's own health interventions. This work is guided by the joint United States and South African Governments' *Partnership Framework in Support of South Africa's National HIV and AIDS and TB Response (2012 – 2017)*. The related Partnership Framework Implementation Plan (PFIP) outlines joint investments of PEPFAR and the South African Government through 2017 to further reduce HIV infections and strengthen health systems through the provision of technical assistance and targeted service delivery.



Toward an AIDS-free Generation

Although progress has been made in the response to HIV, AIDS and TB, there is much still to be done to achieve the vision of an AIDS-free generation. USAID's health program in South Africa will build on this progress and continue to support the country's capacity to improve health

outcomes for all. The latest PEPFAR program implemented by USAID is DREAMS – the U.S. government’s vision that girls be given an opportunity to live **D**etermined, **R**esilient, **E**mpowered, **A**IDS-Free, **M**entored and **S**afe lives – helping prevent new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women.

Partners for Health

South Africa manages the world’s largest antiretroviral treatment (ART) program. The number of individuals receiving treatment services increased from 500,000 in 2009 to more than 28 million in 2014. Since 2004, PEPFAR has collaborated with South Africa to increase access to antiretroviral drugs by expanding the number of treatment sites, developing treatment policies, training health care providers, procuring and strengthening the delivery of treatment commodities, and monitoring and evaluating programs.

USAID works with its partners to strengthen the ability of the National TB Control Program (NTCP) to meet its challenges. This partnership includes technical assistance to strengthen TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment programs, including integration of TB/HIV services through capacity building, policies, research, monitoring and evaluation. It also includes systems strengthening interventions including training for healthcare workers, improved reporting for better data quality, and accelerated implementation of the World Health Organization’s ‘three I’s’ (intensified case finding, isoniazid preventive therapy, and TB infection control for people living with HIV) across facilities.

Under the PFIP, signed in 2012, the PEPFAR transition of services to the South African government is a continuation of the robust partnership that has allowed both governments to jointly respond to the HIV, AIDS and TB pandemics. PEPFAR funding is gradually decreasing over the next few years, while South Africa is expanding its investment in the HIV, AIDS and TB response. Data indicate that total South African government spending on HIV/AIDS has increased significantly and now accounts for about 80 percent of the national response. PEPFAR will now begin to Focus for Impact, focusing PEPFAR resources geographically and programmatically to support HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment in high burden areas. Both PEPFAR and USAID’s TB activities will support efforts to achieve 90-90-90 goals.

Under PEPFAR, USAID and the other participating U.S. government agencies enhance the South African government’s multi-sectorial response by working with key departments at the national level and in all provinces. These include the Departments of Health; Social Development; Basic Education; Higher Education and Training; Correctional Services; Defense; Public Service and Administration; National Prosecuting Authority; and the National Treasury. In addition, PEPFAR engages with the South African National AIDS Council, SANAC (which includes and coordinate civil society representation), and the private sector.

USAID works with more than 52 diverse prime partners and several hundred sub-partners, of which approximately 70 percent are South African organizations. Since 2004, PEPFAR has invested more than \$4.5 billion dollars into fighting HIV and AIDS in South Africa.

Progress achieved in South Africa through the partnership of PEPFAR and NDOH is as follows:

- 2,831,906 individuals have received antiretroviral treatment;
- 2,409,647 HIV+ individuals have received care and support (including for TB/HIV);
- 558,351 orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) have received support; and
- More than 324,473 men have received voluntary medical male circumcision.

During 2014:

- 1,012,932 pregnant women with known HIV status received services;
- 224,621 HIV+ pregnant women received antiretroviral prophylaxis for prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV;
- 7,939,292 individuals received HIV counseling and testing; and
- 258,884 males were circumcised as part of the voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) for HIV prevention program.

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