



## REGIONAL HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

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USAID's Regional HIV/AIDS Program (RHAP) works with PEPFAR teams across Sub-Saharan African countries to mitigate the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and improve health outcomes

The USAID/Southern Africa Regional HIV/AIDS Program (RHAP):

- Manages the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) programs in Swaziland and Lesotho totaling over \$80 million per year;
- Provides targeted technical and program assistance to USAID country programs in Southern Africa; and
- Hosts and manages HIV-related award mechanisms to which countries can buy-in.

Southern Africa remains the epicenter of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. An estimated 12.7 million people in the region are HIV infected. USAID's regional health office serves a region with a high degree of population mobility, multiple languages, weak health infrastructure and low human capacity development.

According to UNAIDS in 2014, Swaziland had the highest adult HIV prevalence in the world at 27.7%, followed by Lesotho at 23.4% and Botswana at 25.2%.

Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe have generalized epidemics with adult HIV prevalence of over 10 percent. Angola, an outlier, has a concentrated epidemic with adult prevalence of 2.4 percent. While the rate of new infections is declining in every country, and the number of people living with HIV who are on antiretroviral treatment has increased significantly since 2004. There are still enormous challenges before the goal of an AIDS-free generation can be reached.

RHAP, in accordance with the most up-to-date OGAC and PEPFAR guidance, is strategically aligned to offer technical assistance focused on high impact interventions aimed at achieving an AIDS-free generation. RHAP, in partnership with the USAID/Washington Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA), coordinates technical assistance, participation on Technical Working Groups, and award management in order to maximize client outcomes and programmatic impact.

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RHAP currently hosts two awards:

- *mothers2mothers Reducing Impact through Support and Education* – focused on: Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV; Early Childhood Development; Maternal, Newborn and Child Health; and linking HIV-positive children to care and treatment
- *Technical Support to PEPFAR Programs in the Southern Africa Region* – focused on: Expert short and medium term technical and program assistance for priority PEPFAR HIV-related health interventions and activities; Expert short and medium term technical and program assistance to scale up antiretroviral (ART) for children and adolescents; and PEPFAR program implementation for key areas to include, but not limited to, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, adult and pediatric care and treatment, orphans and vulnerable children, voluntary medical male circumcision and biomedical prevention.

RHAP, in close partnership with regional institutions such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC), supports programs that:

- Respond to the needs of migrant and mobile populations in the region;
- Develop regional health care policies and codes of conduct, such as those for HIV/TB in the mining sector that are adopted and implemented by the region's member states;
- Through the Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Regional Exchange (SHARE), provides a virtual forum and repository for information sharing and collaboration focused on improving health outcomes related to HIV and AIDS across Southern Africa.