



# USAID SUSTAINABLE HIV RESPONSE FROM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (SHIFT) PROJECT

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The USAID Sustainable HIV Response from Technical Assistance (SHIFT) project strengthens HIV services and helps transition the HIV/AIDS response to host country ownership through targeted technical assistance in six provinces in Vietnam in order to accomplish the country's ambitious "90-90-90" targets. Vietnam was the first country in Southeast Asia to adopt the UNAIDS' Fast-Track 90-90-90 targets, where 90 percent of all people living with HIV (PLHIV) know their HIV status, 90 percent of PLHIV who know their status receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART) and 90 percent of PLHIV on ART are virally suppressed.

## STRENGTHENING SERVICES TO ACHIEVE 90-90-90 TARGETS

Building on the successes of previous USAID projects, USAID SHIFT continues implementation of testing and treatment models in six provinces in the Ho Chi Minh City Metropolitan area and Northern Economic Zone, including Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Nai, Tien Giang, Tay Ninh, Hanoi and Quang Ninh. The project focuses on intensively targeted HIV case-finding among key populations through online and in-person outreach; tracing partners of diagnosed PLHIV; offering diversified testing options for those at the greatest risk; and linking diagnosed PLHIV to quality HIV treatment, thus ensuring 90 percent virus suppression for sustainable epidemic control in Vietnam. USAID's innovative performance-based incentives for health workers and support for HIV treatment through health insurance for PLHIV maximizes efficiency and sustainability of these approaches. The project uses data from recency tests (which determine if a person contracted HIV recently) to identify active transmission chains and epidemic hotspots, thus targeting programming where it will be most effective.

## ENABLING DEMAND-DRIVEN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

What separates USAID SHIFT from previous USAID-funded HIV/AIDS programs in Vietnam is the inclusion of demand-driven technical assistance (TA), where local HIV stakeholders can request and receive project-supported assistance through the TA Marketplace (*Kênh Hợp Tác Hỗ Trợ Kỹ Thuật*), an online platform that highlights TA providers with information on their availability, experience and relevant HIV response skills.

## RESULTS

As of December 2018, the project supported HIV treatment for 30,062 patients, of which 96.8% have successfully achieved viral suppression.

*In the photo: Project and young beneficiaries in an off-line testing event in Hochiminh City (FHI360).*