ON THE FOREFRONT OF THE GLOBAL AIDS CRISIS

USAID has proudly implemented the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) since its inception in 2003.

PEPFAR is the largest and most diverse HIV and AIDS prevention, care, and treatment initiative in the world and has saved more than 17 million lives through accountable, transparent, and cost-effective investments. As a key implementing partner, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) supports country-led efforts to combat the complex challenges of HIV/AIDS in over 50 countries. USAID’s work curtails new infections, provides cutting-edge care and treatment, addresses the needs of vulnerable populations, and revitalizes nations to take control of the epidemic – empowering them on their journeys to self-reliance.

As a result of PEPFAR to date, USAID and other implementing partners have:

- Supported lifesaving antiretroviral (ARV) treatment for more than **14.6 million people**.
- Supported HIV testing for more than **95 million people**.
- Enabled more than **2.5 million babies** of HIV-infected mothers to be born HIV-free.
- Provided care and support for nearly **6.8 million orphans**, vulnerable children and their families.
- Supported training for more than **270,000 healthcare workers** to deliver HIV and health services.
USAID’S GLOBAL STRATEGY TO REACH EPIDEMIC CONTROL

Today, 37 million men, women, and children are living with HIV. USAID, through PEPFAR, is working to achieve the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS’ ambitious 90-90-90 goals, which state that by 2020, 90 percent of all people living with HIV know their status, 90 percent of all those who know their status are on treatment, and 90 percent of those on treatment have viral suppression.

HOW WE DO IT

USAID demonstrates its leadership by strengthening national health systems to meet these goals and achieve epidemic control. We support local, indigenous partners to provide high-quality testing, care and treatment; and rely on faith-based organizations - with networks that extend deep into communities - to reach at-risk and vulnerable populations.

To meet these targets, USAID:

- Encourages individuals to know their HIV status through expanding HIV testing and self-testing;
- Ensures that HIV-negative individuals remain healthy by expanding access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PREP), voluntary medical male circumcision, and the use of microbicides;
- Ensures that those who are HIV-positive adhere to treatment through multi-month dispensing of life-saving ARV medications, and;
- Works to increase TB diagnosis in HIV positive patients and viral load monitoring.

WHY WE DO IT

Through PEPFAR, the U.S. has supported a world safer and more secure from infections disease threats. We have demonstrably strengthened the global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to new and existing risks - which ultimately enhances global health security and protects America’s borders.

USAID’s HIV/AIDS program saves lives, protects people most vulnerable to the disease, and promotes the stability of communities and nations, while advancing American prosperity and security. America is safer and stronger when people have opportunity, when we have trading partners, and when nations around the world can support the health needs of their people.