



MEETING TARGETS and MAINTAINING EPIDEMIC CONTROL (EpiC)

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Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) is a five-year, global project funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). EpiC Vietnam's goal is to deliver efficient, affordable, results-based technical assistance and direct services while closing remaining gaps in Vietnam's efforts to meet 95-95-95 epidemic control targets: that 95% of people living with HIV know their HIV status; 95% of people who know their status are on treatment; and among those treated, 95% to have a suppressed viral load and reduced likelihood of passing on the virus.

TRANSITIONING DIRECT SERVICE DELIVERY & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

EpiC finds and diagnoses HIV among high-risk populations by implementing online and in-person outreach, offering diversified testing options, and linking those who are screened HIV positive to confirmatory testing and treatment. The project also supports HIV-negative individuals at continued risk to initiate HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a powerful preventative treatment. Once patients are on treatment, the project's clinical and community-based providers help ensure that every patient receives the best care possible, including assistance to adhere to lifelong treatment. The project implements clinical interventions in six provinces and HIV testing, PrEP, and outreach efforts in five provinces. Direct service delivery efforts are supported by tailored technical assistance to national authorities, provincial leadership, facilities, and community-based partners, helping them achieve HIV outreach, testing, and treatment targets.

INSTITUTIONALIZING A PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

In support of the above work EpiC is expanding continuous quality improvement efforts, program quality monitoring, and the use of domestic financing to pay for HIV treatment and clinical care in six provinces. Continuous quality improvement response teams bring together provincial HIV stakeholders to conduct regular reviews of provincial HIV program data, prioritize responses to client feedback, and continually improve implementation. EpiC is also partnering with other PEPFAR implementers to roll out a national case-based surveillance system and program quality monitoring standards that will improve national, provincial, and international efforts to track and address the HIV epidemic.

EXPECTED RESULTS

As part of its direct service delivery efforts, EpiC Vietnam will reach and test nearly 25,000 clients this year, confirm and link nearly 4,500 individuals to HIV treatment, enroll and sustain 1,800 on PrEP, and provide differentiated care to 40,000 patients on treatment.

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