

BRAZIL

STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Brazil aims to contribute to achievement of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) overall goal to reach HIV epidemic control. CDC Brazil’s program focuses on key populations (KP) that report the newest infections and the highest HIV prevalence rates in Brazil’s concentrated HIV/AIDS epidemic. Health systems strengthening, early diagnosis of HIV infection, linkage to care, and rapid and same-day engagement in treatment are the pillars of PEPFAR activities in Brazil.

CDC Brazil provides technical leadership and direct assistance to Brazil’s Ministry of Health (MOH), State and Municipal Health Departments to enhance HIV programming, monitoring, and evaluation (M&E), and epidemiological surveillance. It leads and supports research and trainings, knowledge exchanges, and decentralization of HIV services to the primary care network through human resource capacity building, health systems strengthening, and direct service delivery.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CDC collaborates with municipal health departments to expand KP access to HIV self-testing through a request-and-delivery web platform and mobile app. Users may choose to receive HIV test kits by mail or pick them up in a health facility or in digital dispensing lockers strategically placed to ensure privacy and confidentiality.
- CDC supports health facilities, which fully adopts the PEPFAR concept of differentiated health service delivery models, including extended hours, sexually transmitted disease diagnosis, rapid antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation upon an HIV positive test result, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- CDC introduced the concept of HIV navigators to reduce discontinuity of treatment in the country. Navigators are professionals with high experience on public health system and are responsible for outreach to HIV patients with the objective of re-engaging them in antiretroviral therapy (whether at primary or specialized health care unit).
- CDC continues to develop HIV diagnosis in the country by index testing and recency testing. The first strategy involves identifying partners of people living with HIV (PLHIV) to increase outreach to sexual contacts. The second strategy aims to have a more accurate understanding of the dynamics of the new infections to drive the prevention and testing efforts in the country.
- CDC provides technical assistance to develop forefront strategies related to HIV treatment, including a “HIV Virtual Clinic”. Due to COVID-19 restrictions at HIV health facilities, the virtual clinic aims to provide on-line consultation and home-delivery of ART for PLHIV.
- CDC provides technical assistance to the MOH in supporting the Brazilian National AIDS program to reduce HIV prevalence and incidence estimations among KP through knowledge, attitudes, practices, and behavior surveys in addition to HIV incidence studies in the country.
- CDC supported the national survey of catastrophic costs associated with tuberculosis (TB) and supports TB screening and treatment of latent TB in HIV services.

Key Country Leadership

President:
Jair Bolsonaro

Minister of Health:
Marcelo Queiroga

U.S. Chargé d’Affaires:
Douglas Koneeff

CDC/DGHT Director:
Paul Rashad Young

[Country Quick Facts](https://worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)
(worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)

Per Capita GNI:
\$7,850 (2020)

Population (millions):
212.56 (2020)

Under 5 Mortality:
14/1,000 live births (2019)

Life Expectancy:
76 years (2019)

[Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic](https://aidsinfo.unaids.org)
(aidsinfo.unaids.org)

Estimated HIV Prevalence
(Ages 15-49): 0.6% (2020)

Estimated AIDS Deaths
(Age ≥15): N/A

Estimated Orphans Due to
AIDS: N/A

Reported Number Receiving
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)
(Age ≥15): N/A

[Global Tuberculosis
\(TB\) Epidemic](https://who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)
(who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)

Estimated TB Incidence:
46/100,000 population (2019)

TB Patients with Known HIV-
Status who are HIV-Positive:
11% (2019)

TB Treatment Success Rate:
71% (2018)

Estimated TB Mortality:
3.2/100,000 population (2019)

DGHT Country Staff: 5

Locally Employed Staff: 5
Direct Hires: 0
Fellows & Contactors: 0



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