

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) support for HIV epidemic control includes strengthening HIV prevention, care and treatment programs, and health systems capacities. Specific activities include implementing evidence-based demonstration programs to identify cost-effective service delivery models and expanding prevention and treatment services for key populations.

The partnership between the CDC and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic began in 1995 to strengthen the capacity to detect, prevent and control disease and respond to public health threats in Central Asia. In 2011, CDC began implementing activities supported by the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). To help the Kyrgyz Republic achieve HIV epidemic control, CDC supports the Ministry of Health’s (MOH) Republican AIDS Center (RAC) and Republican Psychiatry and Narcology Center (RPNC) to implement interventions and activities that are focused on key populations.

CDC supports the MOH in the following areas of HIV prevention: medication-assisted treatment (MAT) of opioid addiction; HIV counseling and testing; laboratory strengthening; HIV care and treatment; strategic information systems; and strengthening public health functions to address other health priorities.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CDC provides technical assistance (TA) for antiretroviral therapy (ART) services at 22 RAC supported sites that provide care and treatment services to almost 4,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV). In these sites, CDC’s support is focused on improving the quality and coverage of ART and promoting treatment uptake and adherence.
- CDC works with the RAC to provide high-quality treatment and care services to those infected with HIV. In 2021, CDC supported the RAC to develop and revise clinical protocols and testing algorithms to implement WHO’s “test and start” ([www.aidscenter.kg](http://www.aidscenter.kg)) strategy and achieve the UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals - 95 percent of all PLHIV will know their HIV status; 95 percent of all PLHIV will receive sustained ART; and 95 percent of all people receiving ART will have viral suppression.
- CDC has supported the RAC in developing and executing a Bio-Behavioral Survey for key populations to understand trends in the HIV epidemic, including prevalence of HIV, viral hepatitis, and other STIs in key populations and the interrelated behavioral dynamics.
- CDC works with the RPNC to provide high-quality MAT services to PWID in all MAT clinics in the country where PLHIV receive integrated ART/MAT and other priority prevention and care services through a “one window” approach. Retention to ART improved to 98 percent in 2021, a 30 percent improvement since 2016, and viral load (VL) suppression has improved from 44 percent to 88 percent.
- CDC developed an electronic HIV Case Management System that all HIV/AIDS centers use nationwide to have reliable, real-time data on HIV epidemics.
- CDC supports the MOH in meeting minimum standards for International Health Regulations core capabilities that are benchmarked against the Kyrgyzstan National Action Plan for Health Security.
- CDC provides TA to HIV/AIDS laboratories in Kyrgyzstan to develop and implement laboratory quality management systems in preparation for accreditation of international laboratory standards set by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO 15189 for medical laboratories.

## Key Country Leadership

President:  
Sadyr Japarov

Minister of Health a.i.:  
Jarkynbek Kasymbekov

Chargé d’Affaires, a.i.:  
Sonata N. Coulter

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Patrick Nadol

**Country Quick Facts**  
(<https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/kyrgyzre/public/overview>)

Per Capita GNI:  
\$1,180 (2021)

Population (millions):  
6.69 (2021)

Under 5 Mortality:  
17.5/1,000 live births (2020)

Life Expectancy:  
71.8 years (2020)

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

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 0.2% (2021)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): <200 (2021)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 4,100 (2021)

Reported Number Receiving  
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)  
(Age ≥15): 4,846 (2021)

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

Estimated TB Incidence:  
105/105,000 population (2020)

TB Patients with Known HIV  
Status who are HIV-Positive:  
3.3% (2020)

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
81% (2019)

**DGHT Country Staff: 5**  
Locally Employed Staff: 4  
Direct Hires: 1  
Fellows & Contractors: 0

**Our success is built on the backbone of science and strong partnerships.**

September 2022 | The CDC Division of Global HIV & TB activities are implemented as part of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); non-HIV related TB activities are supported by non-PEPFAR funding

