



# PEPFAR

U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief



## Global HIV/AIDS

Today, an estimated 34 million people worldwide live with HIV/AIDS, with more than two-thirds living in developing countries. Nearly three-fourths of the **2.5 million** new HIV infections in 2011 occurred in these countries.

### CDC's Role

CDC provides support to over **75** countries (see map) to strengthen their national HIV/AIDS programs and build sustainable public health systems through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

### Public Health Impact

CDC uses science to save lives and, through PEPFAR, has helped support\*:

- Life-saving antiretroviral treatment for nearly **5.1 million** people (as of September 2012)
- HIV testing and counseling for more than **11 million** pregnant women
- Antiretroviral drug prophylaxis to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission for nearly **750,000** HIV-positive pregnant women, allowing approximately **230,000** infants to be born HIV-free
- Care and support for nearly **15 million** people, including more than **4.5 million** orphans and vulnerable children
- HIV counseling and testing for more than **46.5 million** people, providing a critical entry point to prevention, treatment, and care
- Medical circumcision procedures for approximately **2 million** men (cumulatively through September 2012)

\*Fiscal year 2012 unless otherwise indicated

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## CDC plays a unique role in the fight against global HIV/AIDS

**A**s the U.S. science-based public health and disease prevention agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plays an essential role in implementing the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

CDC uses its technical expertise in public health science and long-standing relationships with Ministries of Health across the globe to work side-by-side with countries to build strong national programs and sustainable public health systems that can respond effectively to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and to other diseases that threaten the health and prosperity of the global community at large.

Ensuring global health strengthens U.S. health, economic, and national security. Improving the health of people in developing countries also impacts the productivity and political stability of those nations. This results in a safer, more prosperous, and secure world community that benefits Americans at home and abroad.

### Unmatched scientific and technical expertise

With over 60 years of expertise in epidemiology, surveillance, laboratory systems, and public health services, CDC works with Ministries of Health to strengthen their national HIV/AIDS programs by:

- **Leveraging CDC's science and technical expertise** to translate research findings into innovative programs and to assist countries in building capacity for data-driven decision making that maximizes disease impact and cost effectiveness.
- **Establishing and strengthening public health systems and services** including high quality laboratories and surveillance systems for rapid detection and response to HIV and other emerging global health threats.

### Critical leadership for transitioning sustainable programs to country ownership

CDC works side-by-side with Ministries of Health in 45 countries to build their programmatic and fiscal management capacity so that partner governments are in a stronger position to lead and manage their national HIV/AIDS programs by:

- **Providing direct technical assistance and knowledge transfer through long standing relationships** with Ministries of Health. This in-country presence has resulted in increased performance, capacity development, country ownership, and public health impact.
- **Building a trained local workforce** through daily mentoring to over 1,100 locally employed staff by CDC's highly trained clinicians, epidemiologists, public health advisors, health scientists, and laboratory scientists. CDC also provides training programs and funding to local educational institutions to establish a pipeline of qualified, well-trained public health professionals.

# On the path to an AIDS-free generation

CDC's approach to the fight against global HIV/AIDS is to work with Ministries of Health in foreign countries to strengthen their capacities and systems to deliver quality, cost-effective services for sustainable health impact. Three key interventions have recently been identified as pivotal for drastically reducing new HIV infections: (1) prevention of mother-to-child transmission, (2) voluntary medical male circumcision, and (3) scaling up treatment of HIV-positive persons to stop the transmission of the HIV virus to others. Implementing these high-impact interventions in combination now puts us on a path for achieving an AIDS-free generation. CDC already supports all of these interventions and is working with countries to implement and scale-up this combination-prevention strategy.

## CDC Focus Areas



### Expanding quality HIV/AIDS care and treatment services and transitioning them to country ownership

Care and treatment services, including antiretroviral drugs, help prevent new HIV infections, save lives, and provide hope to people and countries crippled by HIV/AIDS. CDC helps countries plan, implement, and evaluate effective services for HIV/AIDS care and treatment. These resources are leveraged by linking them to other mainstream healthcare services (e.g., tuberculosis). Applying this integrated health care approach strengthens a country's entire health care system as well as HIV service delivery effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.



### Implementing effective HIV prevention programs to halt new infections

Preventing new infections is critical for stemming the global HIV/AIDS pandemic in the absence of an HIV vaccine. CDC works with countries to implement a multifaceted prevention approach to build synergies between prevention, care, and treatment programs to reduce the number of new HIV infections. Focus areas include HIV testing and counseling, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, voluntary medical male circumcision, medical HIV transmission related to unsafe blood and medical practices, and sexual HIV transmission in special populations including youth and HIV-infected persons and their families.



### Building high quality laboratories and a trained local workforce for HIV diagnosis

A strong national public health laboratory system is essential for responding effectively to HIV and other diseases and health conditions. CDC works with countries to build high quality laboratory networks and systems that are critical for HIV diagnosis, treatment, and associated care. CDC helps ensure that laboratories produce quality diagnostics and surveillance services for HIV/AIDS, and works to develop integrated laboratory systems that address other public health threats like tuberculosis. CDC also provides countries with technical assistance to prepare for laboratory accreditation including training and mentoring laboratorians to increase local workforce capacity and ensure quality test results.



### Strengthening local surveillance and epidemiology capacity to support strategic planning

Information from health surveillance activities allows countries to make informed decisions about HIV service needs and program implementation. To assure data-driven decision-making, CDC works with Ministries of Health to build their capacity to design and implement HIV/AIDS surveillance systems and surveys, and to monitor and evaluate the outcomes and impact of their national HIV/AIDS programs. These activities maximize program impact by helping countries identify the characteristics of their local epidemic including the populations most affected for more effective program implementation.



### Developing and integrating robust health information systems to support HIV/AIDS program implementation, cost analysis, and resource planning

CDC strengthens the capacity of Ministries of Health to use information technology to collect and analyze data from multiple sources (e.g., surveys, statistical analysis, surveillance, patient monitoring, and program evaluation) to make sound evidence-based decisions about their HIV/AIDS programs. CDC applies rigorous economic analyses of country programs to identify and replicate interventions and best practices that are cost effective and efficient, and to estimate the health impact, cost savings and net societal cost and benefit of programs. CDC also helps country teams and headquarters plan, monitor, and evaluate PEPFAR human resources.

