

STRATEGIC FOCUS

CDC has had a long-standing partnership since 2002 with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Ministry of Health (MOH). Since the launch of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in 2003, this partnership rapidly expanded and today in alignment with 90-90-90 global objectives, strategically focuses on:

- HIV prevention, care, and treatment: summarized in "test and start" approach
- Integration of HIV and TB care and treatment
- Strengthen public health system, health information systems, laboratory capacity, and health workforce development.

Strengthening Public Health Systems

CDC provides technical and financial assistance for sustainable epidemic control to the MOH in the areas of service delivery and policy development. Through CDC support, MOH is strongly empowered to provide comprehensive and integrated HIV services in Haut-Katanga and Kinshasa provinces.

Strengthening Laboratory Systems

CDC builds capacity of laboratory functions including diagnostics and quality management systems. CDC scales up laboratory infrastructures to meet the increasing needs for viral load and EID primarily in PEPFAR focus areas and secondarily in other surrounding provinces. Moreover, CDC sets an in-country development program for laboratory accreditation. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, five more laboratories (including TB national molecular lab) will be enrolled to a total number of 11 engaged in the accreditation process.

Strengthening Surveillance and Health Information Systems

CDC supports the innovative use of HIV electronic reporting system (MESI) and provides support to health management information systems.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ART Services: CDC has helped strengthen the scope and quality of ART services for adults and children. As of FY 2016, CDC has 23,821 PLHIV on treatment. CDC also significantly contributes to the adoption of "test and start" approach and new national HIV management guidelines.

Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT): CDC strongly contributed to eMTCT plan, option B+ pilot and scale-up phases, all resulting in increased availability of option B+ Services in DRC. In FY 2016, CDC had 4291 pregnant women on ART.

TB/HIV Integration: CDC helps in the development of Tuberculosis infection control national plan and promotes Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT) and highly supports TB case identification (including through Xpert).

Viral load: CDC increased capacity and access for EID and VL. In FY 2016, supported laboratories processed 10,398 samples for VL.

Key populations: FY 2016, resulted in 20,172 FSW and MSM were proposed a prevention intervention and 11,409 tested for HIV, resulting in 370 positive. Of these positive, 319 were initiated on ART. The remaining HIV negative clients were supported to stay negative.

Key Country Leadership

President:
Joseph Kabila Kabange

Minister of Health:
Ilunga Kalenga

U.S. Ambassador:
Robert Whitehead

PEPFAR Coordinator:
Nicole Shabani

CDC/DGHT Director:
Raimi Ewetola

Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI:
\$2,540 (2015)

Population:
77.27 million (2015)

Under 5 Mortality:
98 / 1,000 live births (2015)

Life Expectancy:
59 years (2014)

Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence (Ages 15-49): 0.8% (2015)

Estimated AIDS Deaths (Age ≥15): 19,000 (2015)

Estimated Orphans Due to AIDS: 330,000 (2015)

Reported Number Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15): 122,268 (2015)

Global Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemic

TB Treatment Success Rate: 89% (2015)

Estimated TB Incidence: 324 / 100,000 (2015)

Estimated Who are HIV Positive: 12% (2015)

Country Staff: 26

Locally Employed Staff: 20
Direct Hires: 6
Fellows & Contactors: 0

